

## Editorial Comment Downs and Apathy

Did you get your share of downs? To meet your quota you would have to get somewhere between one and two hours of downs. The figure released by the office of the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Frank Halgren, was 1.782. This, he said, was the median of the percentages of down hours per man in fraternities. No figures are compiled for the non-fraternity males, but they would be comparable to those of the Greek men. Last semester the all-fraternity average was but a few points above the all-university male average.

What is the cause of so many down hours, and is this a creditable criteria for judging the University student to be apathetic? This is no answer with any amount of authority. But, to most it is evident that the average college student "just doesn't care."

Neither this University nor the other American universities were always plagued by this sense of apathy. All indications seem to show that at one time, "universities were permeated with an atmosphere of excellence. They used to not just talk about a thing called

"spirit" but to live it in all phases of their college life.

Whatever things may be said for the well-rounded, smoothly adapted, broadly interested young college man of today must be said multifold for the equally undistracted, single-intentioned student of the past whose sole reason for being at college was to learn.

We have not only lost the spirit and industry in our present universities, but we have also lost the sense of competitive spirit. Not the competition of individuals, of number three man with number two man, and number two with number one, but rather that competition with tradition. The sense of competition the American universities must preserve is the consistent and sometimes ruthless competition with the great, never-to-be-beaten rival tradition. We do have tradition, and it is for us to but try to equal it.

Education is only born in the classroom: it comes to life in the air of the university community. The tradition, the spirit and the sense of competition cultivate this life and contribute the "last full measure" to true education.

## 'Big' Government?

The following editorial is another in our series of editorials from the leading newspapers of the nation. This one is taken from the Wall Street Journal.

Government, the Tax Foundation keeps reminding us, continues to grow in costs and services, ranging from payrolls to pamphlets. Since there doesn't seem to be very much anybody outside Government can do about it, we do wish Government would at least heed its own advice.

Take the Federal payrolls, for example. The civilian employees of the Executive Branch in 1947 numbered 2,116,000 and their pay amounted to an average of \$162 in taxes for every family in the country. Now—10 years later—an estimated 2,140,000 people on the civilian Federal payroll of the Executive Branch are paid an estimated \$11,066,000,000—or \$253 in taxes for

every family in the country. Don't know about you; but we could use that extra \$93 we pay in taxes.

And we think you could probably use some of the costs of Government paperwork—including the printing of advisory advice. The Government uses 5,400 freight cars of paper every year for printing, duplicating and office purposes—including such pamphlets as "Tools for Food Preparation and Dishwashing."

"Tools for Food Preparation and Dishwashing" contains some advice we don't think housewives need at all but, as we started out saying in the beginning of these comments, we certainly do wish the Government would heed its own advice when it comes to overloading the taxpayers with costs and services.

The advice goes like this:

"Dishpans should be large enough to hold the dishes but not too large for the sink."

## The Religious Week

- By SYLVIA STEINER  
Religions Editor  
Methodist Student House  
1417 R St.
- Friday, Dec. 13  
Party
  - Saturday, Dec. 14  
8 a.m. Work Party
  - Sunday, Dec. 15  
5 p.m. Supper and choir Christmas Program
  - Tuesday, Dec. 17  
7:05 p.m. Kappa Phi  
7:30 p.m. Sigma Theta Epsilon
  - Wednesday, Dec. 18  
7 a.m. Cabinet  
7 P.M. Protestant Christmas Service at Presby. House.  
Baptist-Christian Student Fellowship  
1237 R St.
  - Friday, Dec. 13  
6:30 p.m. Installation Banquet at First Christian Church, speaker Gustave Ferre.  
Meet at University Pastor's home for caroling afterwards.
  - Sunday, Dec. 15  
5 p.m. Supper, worship, and forum "analysis of the Christmas Story," Dr. Patterson, speaker.
  - Wednesday, Dec. 18  
7 a.m. Cabinet  
7 p.m. Protestant Christmas Program at Presby House  
Congregational Presbyterian Fellowship  
333 No. 14th
  - Sunday, Dec. 15  
9:30 and 11 a.m. Worship  
5:30 p.m. Special Christmas service and program caroling.
  - Monday, Dec. 16  
7 a.m. Breakfast and bible study: Genesis  
3 p.m. Contemporary Theology  
6 p.m. Graduate
  - Wednesday, Dec. 18  
7 a.m. Cabinet  
7 p.m. Protestant Christmas Service at Presby House  
Evangelical United Brethren Student Fellowship  
Student Union
  - Sunday, Dec. 15  
4:45 p.m. Christmas Party, meet in lobby  
Newman Club  
1602 Q
  - Sunday, Dec. 15  
Masses 8, 9, 10, and 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. Newman Club supper
  - Wednesday, Dec. 18  
7 p.m. Carolling  
Weekday Masses 6:45 a.m. and 7:15 a.m.  
Saturday Masses 7:15 a.m. and 8 a.m.  
Confession 7:30 p.m. Saturday and before all masses.

- Legion of Mary  
4:15 p.m. Tuesday and Friday  
8 p.m. Tuesday, Ag Activities Bldg.
- E'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation  
Tifereth Israel Synagogue  
32nd and Sheridan
- Friday, Dec. 13  
8 p.m. Friday evening services
- Saturday, Dec. 14  
8 a.m. Sabbath services  
South Street Temple  
20th and South St.
- Friday, Dec. 13  
8 p.m. Friday evening services  
University Lutheran Chapel (Missouri Synod)  
15th & Q
- Friday, Dec. 13  
7 p.m. Married students pot-luck supper  
Sunday, Dec. 15  
10:45 a.m. Pre-Christmas Worship  
5:30 p.m. Gamma Delta supper and caroling
- Tuesday, Dec. 17  
7 p.m. Christian Doctrine
- Wednesday, Dec. 18  
7 p.m. Choir
- Thursday, Dec. 19  
3:30-5:30 p.m. Coffee hours  
Ag International  
3257 Holdrege
- Sunday, Dec. 15  
5 p.m. Supper, worship, caroling and Christmas decorating  
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship  
Student Union
- Friday, Dec. 13  
7 p.m. Carolling
- Tuesday, Dec. 17  
7 p.m. Bible Study at 317 No. 18th
- Thursday, Dec. 19  
7:30 p.m. Fellowship  
Lutheran Student House  
535 No. 16th
- Friday, Dec. 13  
6 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Club Christmas Supper  
Dr. R. Videbeck, speaker
- Sunday, Dec. 15  
9:45 a.m. Bible classes at 1200 No. 37 and 535 No. 16th  
8:30 a.m. Choir sings at Veterans' Hospital (Meet at Student House)  
10:30 a.m. Coffee and rolls  
11 a.m. Worship  
5:30 p.m. L.S.A. Christmas supper  
6:15 p.m. L.S.A. Christmas Candlelight Service  
7:30 p.m. Carolling to shut-ins Cocoa and cookies at the house after carolling
- Wednesday, Dec. 18  
7 p.m. Protestant Christmas Services at Presby House  
Choir party at House after Services

## A Nebraskan Series AEC's Rickover Attributes U.S. Education Lag To the Failure to Adapt to Changing Needs

This is the second in a series of articles featuring excerpts from the speech delivered by Admiral H. G. Rickover at the dedication of the Naval Nuclear Power Training School in New London, Conn. Adm. Rickover is chief of the Naval Reactors Branch of the Division of Reactor Development under the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

One of the great defects of our educational system is that it does not respond to changing national needs for specific kinds of professional people. Because of the considerable latitude allowed to the student in selecting subjects, not only in college but even in high school, he may be so unprepared to study for a given profession as virtually to bar him from it unless he has begun deliberately to prepare himself for it in high school. For example, we need a great many physicists now. But a youngster who has taken no physics and little mathematics in high school, as is true of most of our high school graduates, and who then takes the usual two years of liberal arts in college is, in effect, precluded from becoming a physicist. And yet in today's rapidly changing technological civilization it is absolutely essential that the educational system be sufficiently elastic to permit students to shift quickly into study for those professions most needed at any given moment.

Matthew Arnold, the poet, equipped with that curious versatility so noticeable in England's educational methods which proved most useful when England finally established her own public secondary school system. We might profitably study these reports ourselves today.

The significant aspect of the continental educational system is that it is efficient and inexpensive when measured against the results obtained. That is not surprising when we consider that in its basic form it was invented by Prussia after her defeat by Napoleon in 1806. At that time, the country lay prostrate under the heel of the conqueror; her richest lands torn away; her treasury empty. Poor though she was, Prussia had to bring the entire country rapidly from the 17th to the 19th century, or forego all hope of

ever rising again. A small band of devoted men did the country over from top to bottom, including a thorough and rapid reform of her educational system which had deteriorated badly.

Prussia was one of the first countries to recognize that a modern state must have a citizenry with at least an elementary education; that she must have leaders sufficiently educated to deal with the problem of the coming industrialization. She was one of the first to make elementary education compulsory and free, and to put all of education under state control. Being a poor country she could not afford the leisurely, luxury education for her leaders which wealthy England had developed in the closed circle of (privately endowed) "public school"—Oxford and Cambridge. "Public School" students were

taught by Oxford and Cambridge men and then themselves went to Oxford and Cambridge if they wanted more education.

Continued Tomorrow

## Into The Limelight dave rhoades

In a building where people usually come to view ice hockey, operas, and dances, one man commanded the emotions of about 2,000 people Tuesday evening by preaching the healing power of God, emphasizing, "God can heal — I can't!" Thirty-nine-year-old Rev. Oral Roberts presented his "spirited evangelism" through prayer and testimony amid a continuous chorus crying: "Praise the Lord" and "It's good!"



Rhoades

Earlier, Robert F. DeWeese, Roberts' right hand man, prepared those attending for what was to follow, asking the people to clap their hands and then commenting, "Now don't your hands feel warmer?" After a rather dull rendition of a hymn, he said: "If you sang for a living, you'd starve to death!"

Then the Rev. Roberts strided quickly to the center, clutched the microphone and smiling said: "All those who love the Lord say 'Amen'." And the chorus rang clear: "AMEN!"

Later, Oral Roberts sat in a folding chair with his expensive suit coat off and commanded "Be healed!" As he pressed his large hands on the head of a boy to heal his eyes and with the palms of the audience uplifted, Roberts ordered the youngster's sight to be "healed with God's saving grace." A woman who had to be carried to the auditorium because of arthritis walked shakily down the platform feeling that "Wonderful Power!"

Mr. Hart Armstrong, the Crusade's public relations man, told me in an interview during the three hour service that Roberts is always mistaken as a "Faith heal-

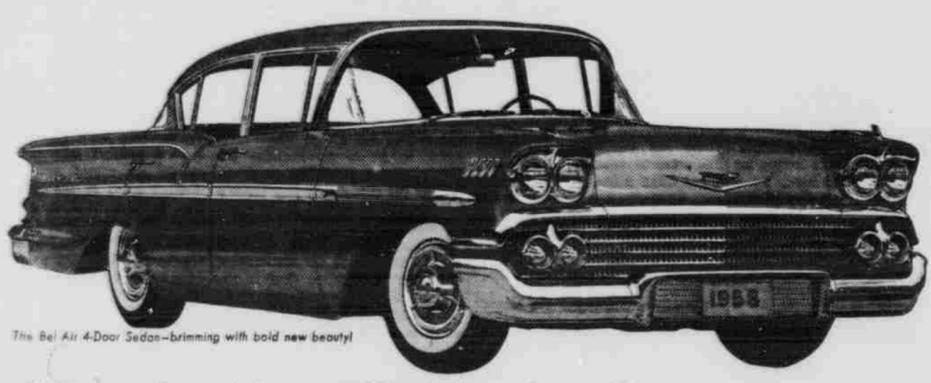
er." "Not Oral—only God—heals," he commented. At one time during the service, Rev. Roberts asked those who desired him to pray for them to raise their hands, then to stand, and a moment later, to come forward to the platform. After 100 or so had gathered around him, Roberts asked how many had come to "give their hearts to God?"—certainly asking a question they supposedly had not come to answer. At another point in the service, DeWeese called for "those who had been saved by Roberts' ministry to come to the stage." Again a misleading question was asked: "What was your affliction and how were you healed?" The answers came back: "cancer," "spine ailment," "stomach upset." In answer to this, Mr. Armstrong readily admitted that sometimes misleading questions were asked to get the people before the battery of TV film cameras. He said, "Sometimes we give them a push to receive a more natural expression of their faith. We also want to give them something specific to talk about when they come forward instead of the usual testimony of the joy of Christian living."

Most students visiting this campaign now at the auditorium would view quite critically the proceedings. Many are already commenting on this "emotional Faith-healer" and the value of his program. It is perhaps easy to be skeptic of the value of the "healing and saving nature" of the Crusade. Like other crusades of this type—and even church ministries, for that matter—the follow up on the individual's decision is all important. Nevertheless, one cannot be skeptical about the value of his ability to stir these people to feel a closeness to God and hope with Oral Roberts that they remain alive to the message he booms as he grasps the microphone and clenches his fists: "All things are possible through Faith."

Gift of Love...  
Her CHRISTMAS  
Diamond

\$40 to \$4,000

**SARTORS**  
Quality For Over 50 Years  
1200 "O" Street



The Bel Air 4-Door Sedan—brimming with bold new beauty!

## Come try the quickest combination on the road! CHEVY'S TURBO-THRUST V8 WITH TURBOGLIDE



The Bel Air Impala Sport Coupe—one of two new super sport models!

There's never been an engine-drive combination like this one!

Chevrolet's Turbo-Thrust V8\* introduces a radical new slant on engine efficiency with the combustion chambers located in the block rather than in the head. Turboglide\*—the other half of the team—is the only triple-turbine automatic drive in Chevy's field. It takes you from a standstill through cruising in a single sweep of motion. Harness these triple turbines to a 250-h.p. Turbo-Thrust V8—or the 280-h.p. Super Turbo-Thrust\*—and you step out instantly in any speed range. Nothing else on the road goes into action so quickly, so smoothly. Your Chevrolet dealer has the combination!

\*Optional at extra cost.

Only franchised Chevrolet dealers display this famous trademark See Your Local Authorized Chevrolet Dealer

## Daily Nebraskan

FIFTY-SIX YEARS OLD  
Member: Associated Collegiate Press  
Intercollegiate Press  
Representative: National Advertising Service, Incorporated  
Published at: Room 20, Student Union  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
14th & E

The Daily Nebraskan is published Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during the school year, except during vacations and exam periods, and one issue is published during August, by students of the University of Nebraska under the authorization of the Committee on Student Affairs as an expression of student opinion. Publications under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Student Publications shall be free from editorial ownership on the part of the Subcommittee or on the part of any member of the faculty of the University, or on the part of any person outside the University. The members of the Nebraskan staff are personally responsible for what they say, or do or cause to be printed. February 2, 1956.  
Subscription rates are \$2.50 per semester or \$4 for

the academic year.  
Entered as second class matter at the post office at Lincoln, Nebraska, under the act of August 4, 1911.

EDITORIAL STAFF  
Editor ..... Jack Pollock  
Editorial Editor ..... Dick Shugro  
Managing Editor ..... Don Werholic  
News Editor ..... Sam Jones  
Sports Editor ..... Bob Starns  
Night News Editor ..... Carol Frank  
Copy Editors ..... Bob Ireland (chief),  
Carole Frank, George Meyer, Gary Rodgers, Ernie Hines  
Sports Writers ..... Del Baumann, Ron Shabem  
Staff Writers ..... Bobbie Butterfield, Pat  
Flanagan, Emmy Lampe, Herb Probeson, Wynn Smith-  
berger, Margaret Wertman.  
Reporters ..... Jo Agne, Jan Anderson, Carl Hathaway,  
Karen Karver, Roberta Knapp, Marlie Knop, Gary  
Laughlin, Julieanne Weir, Bonnie Reichstadt,  
Suecia Thompson, Ned Tutman, Don Willig, Lee  
Taylor.

BUSINESS STAFF  
Business Manager ..... Jerry Solentis  
Assistant Business Managers: Tom Neel, Stan Kattman,  
Bob Smith  
Circulation Manager ..... John Norris