

Editorial Comment The Petition Among Us

If the petition being circulated by the Kosmet Klub places the proposal that a representative be allowed on the Student Council from Kosmet Klub, students can expect that other groups will want the same representation on the council.

It becomes evident that the issue is a little clouded as more and more people ask that it be explained. The issue, however, is only this. Kosmet Klub believes that it is entitled to have a representative on the council since events effect the organization which are brought up in the council.

The council members who presented the motion before the floor stated that "an organization which is as strong and which does as much service for the University as Kosmet Klub should be entitled to membership on the council."

The first is that the special interests of the Kosmet Klub are obviously represented at the present time since a member of the Klub who is vociferous enough to present this motion is a representative from the Business Administration College.

The second is that at the present time any organization is entitled to send a representative to the council meeting in order to speak for or against a cause. Because this privilege, this right in a suffragist society, is not taken advantage of too often does not negate the fact that the right still exists.

So the Kosmet Klub can obviously send mem-

bers to a meeting of the council to lobby. Following from this it is obvious that other groups which do service for the University, whether they be Pershing Rifles, The Daily Nebraskan or Orchestra, should be entitled to the same representation as any other private interest group.

The fallacy in the logic here lies in the fact that everyone in the University has a representative on the council. Those who would add to their power would disrupt the balance necessary to a level-headed society.

We suggest the Student Activities committee of the council examine carefully the proposal before it and define literally the position of private groups on the campus. To what extent are they entitled to representation on the council? To what extent have private interest groups gotten hold of power on the council at the present time? Does this call for some soul searching by the council of its regulations which seem vague?

Finally it might be suggested that this move by the Kosmet Klub is strategic evidence in the case of the Students vs. the Student Council. It is a coup de grace in the student action to have the council search the constitution and revamp in keeping with the needs of today.

It is no crime for an organization to desire representation on the council. But it is unfortunate that the structure of the council is such that this representation can be awarded indiscriminately to any private interest group.

But that is the price of a suffragist society.



Senior Survey by ron warholoski

In the process of trying to find out how much money that the Army ROTC made on the military ball, I had a delightful conversation with Colonel Rawie, the new commander of the local defenders of the peace, and it was too good to keep.

I was informed that journalism causes misunderstandings and trouble, that this world is too mercenary and that a return to idealism is needed—all because I wanted to know if the Ball made a profit and how much. It was pointed out that journalism played up the "Vanguard satellite fiasco" all out of proportion and caused our country untold embarrassment; also that our country has become overly interested in the spectacular news such as money, and that idealism in our way of life has declined and is ruining us. I imagine that all this lecture had something vaguely to do with the fact that it was considered unethical to release the amount of profit that was made on the ball. Of course I looked at it from the point of view of news value and didn't see the other obvious (?) implications. I must say that I was surprised at the outburst at ten o'clock in the morning but then I imagine that ROTC people are prepared for an outburst at any time these days.

Well, Oral Roberts finally pulled up his sickening entourage and left our fair city. Good riddance! I wasn't among the "privileged to hear that sacrilegious good soul but I hear from sources that his "performance" was rare. I doubt if Milton Berle could have put on a better show; but then a comedian like Milton is honest with himself and the world and doesn't have hypocritical and mercenary undertones in his performance.

To change the subject, and that last subject is something I would surely like to change, let's turn to the Messiah. If anyone opens his mouth and says that this state is a cultural desert, would someone please point out to him (or her, as the case may be) that the attendance at the Messiah was large, enthusiastic and responsive to the talents of Handel. The show was inspiring and the appreciation proved that some people in this state have a taste for beauty.

What are those rumblings coming from our Professor Robert Fry and his "Religious De-emphasis Week"? From the reports received the program is a riot. We'd like to have the program formulated in detail and printed for the general public so that everyone could benefit by the program.

I have come to the conclusion that college days would be totally black if it were not for the humor provided by "Peanuts". Of course, I advocate reading our little paper for other reasons too, but if no other can be found, then "Peanuts" should provide the incentive. Two qualifications are necessary, however; some brains and at least a resemblance of a sense of humor.

I imagine I am speaking for about 90 per cent of the students when I say that on Friday, I will feel human again. I've always be-

lieved that our fair, little University had an aura of beauty and of the intellectual—when one is driving away from it.

I'm all for starting a crusade again. Let's raise the hue and cry so that the Union will lower its prices on coffee and cigarettes—coffee at least. I can't see why the Union, which is reputed as an organization founded for the benefit of the students, should be charging prices that are so high for the "opiate of the student class." Rumblings have brought it to our attention that the Union would still make money (not much granted, but they don't need to) if the coffee were a nickel. So, how come?

Well, the new AUF officers had board have been selected and the race is on. Elections and the results of same will be pasting the front page of the Rag for several months to come as the final push begins towards the illustrious "Motor Boats" and "Insolents".

Cole Bin Jim Cole

I understand the school library will be open over the holidays, which means I may have a better chance of getting a history essay done, one that I've had the whole semester to do, but one that I haven't been able to muster the getup and go to get up in the morning and go to the library to work on.

For those of us who are led by the power of procrastinating thinking, not only in search of finishing history reports, but also in search of a decent final grade, the eight-day examination schedule is no prodder of exhilaration. Every possible chance for getting something learned in the last hours of the semester should be given us students, and it just can't be done close together.

Which all goes to show that everyone had better look ahead to the week of packed tests and then take advantage of the bookshelves to do some studying during the holidays. And thank this library and the encouragers of open doors

if it's actually going to swing its gates back.

Complaining has reached my ears about my writing, specifically about my writing in this rag. Some of the Good Brothers have told me that this column is not cared about or read by persons around here, certain ones especially, after a few articles that didn't please them.

First of all, it doesn't particularly matter to me if the delicate sensibilities of some activity and political "jocks" at the school are hurt or not even touched. I don't give more than a few blades of grass, and dead grass at that, what some persons say who think they're high and mighty, but in reality are only bourgeois nitwits.

Also, if there are any criticisms, they ought to be addressed to me in person or else announced to the Board of Publications, if the jabber is more than peanuts. Not that honest discussion is to be condemned, rather that the condemned, in all fairness, ought to be hunted up by the condemners and the whole matter talked about by both parties.

If the populace should think that I don't write about what they want to hear or how they want to hear it, recommendations can be made to the editorial editor or to the board of publications, and I can be fired and retired to the bliss of a cloistered life, and sit and ponder (which is really better, anyway).

If anyone is interested, usually my style is a combination, probably, of three definite persons, who, in my estimation, are the zenith of thought and expression, and whom I find it flattering to be able to have available for advice. If any bodybody wants to know, I will tell him their names.

Now let everyone keep the vacation days in virtue and be persuaded toward scholarly pursuits even though a few cans may necessarily need to be sacrificed.

Now I hear the gastric curdling voice of Dick Basco, who no doubt is beefing about something again. So I will have to answer him pronto if I value my life.

Students Approve Continued A-Tests

Analysis of first results of a recent National Poll of Student Opinion show that American college students are overwhelmingly in favor of continued nuclear weapon testing. Eighty-eight per cent of the students interviewed believed the United States should keep on with its work on atomic weapons.

To obtain this information, Associated Collegiate Press asked the following question of a representative cross-section of college students in the nation: "EVERY SO OFTEN A NEW CONTROVERSY ARISES OVER THE SUBJECT OF RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT FROM TESTS OF NUCLEAR WEAPON, AND AT SUCH TIMES THERE ARE USUALLY TWO SIDES EXPRESSING VIEWS, THOSE WHO BELIEVE ALL TESTING SHOULD BE STOPPED, AND THOSE WHO FEEL IT SHOULD CONTINUE. DO YOU THINK TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD BE ENDED, OR DO YOU THINK IT SHOULD BE CONTINUED? WHY?"

Answers received to the question are tabulated below:

	Men	Women	Total
Think it should be stopped	3%	17%	15%
Think it should be continued	85%	79%	82%
Undecided	12%	4%	8%

The reasons given for feeling such testing should be continued were varied, but a belief that national security is dependent on continued testing seemed to be one of the more predominant ones. A sophomore at the University of Vermont (Burlington, Vt.) expressed his view by saying he felt the tests should be continued because "if the other countries are carrying on tests, it is quite necessary that we do the same." Similarly, a Wayne State University (Detroit, Michigan) sophomore co-ed believes it should be continued for the reason that "testing is going on in other parts of the world. It is part of progress, and the

United States should keep up with it." A Missouri School of Mines (Rolla, Missouri) freshman remarked simply, "you have to keep up with the rest of the world."

Quite a number of students who believed the tests should be continued offered qualifications for belief, however. Typical of such comments was one by a freshman at South Georgia College (Douglas, Georgia) who feels "The testing should continue, but slowly and with careful testing of fallout." A Bradley University (Peoria, Illinois) sophomore co-ed feels much the same way—that testing should be continued "only if the atmosphere is not contaminated with radiation," but a senior at Knox College (Galesburg, Illinois) qualified his statement in a slightly different way. He believes that testing should continue "at least until we find a better means of ending the 'cold war'."

A senior coed at Knox College disagreed with her classmate on the issue. She believes all testing of nuclear weapons should be stopped, and that "it is a hindrance to world peace, or even the possibility of any peace." But many others supporting the idea that it would be better to stop testing tended to qualify their statements. For instance, a University of Kentucky (Lexington, Kentucky) junior agreed that the testing should be ended, "if Russia will agree to stop, and to permit mutual aerial inspection." He was supported by a junior at the University of Vermont (Burlington, Vermont) who also feels that testing should be stopped, "only if all countries (do the same). We must continue tests if Russia does."

The small percentage of students who hadn't made up their minds on the issue made no comments other than to say they were undecided.

Attack On Class Attendance by chuck wilson

Last semester a friend of mine maintained above average grades in a certain English course and scored a 7 on the final. The professor flunked him. Reason . . . he attended only about half the classes.

Some will say that I miss the point. They will argue: 1) that attending class is necessary, or at least beneficial, to learning; 2) that students would not attend classes if not required to do so. In view of this, they will argue, attendance must affect grades in order to enforce the requirement, and thereby increase learning.

Rebuttals are in order. Point number one. A tragic number of classes are not as necessary, or even beneficial, to learning as the professors would like to believe they are, or students would like to have them be.

The very fact that a student can maintain an above average grade in a course without attending half the classes gives at least some indication that what the professor said to the students who did attend those classes was not of great value.

I, for one, cannot blame a student for cutting class if he has such a professor and has repeatedly left said class with no better understanding of the subject than that with which he entered. By attending such a class, he would only waste an hour that he could spend more effectively reading the textbook.

Rather than giving little black marks for not attending class, a

professor should strive to make his classes so valuable in understanding the course that students could not afford to cut. Then more students would both attend class and learn.

Point number two. Students would attend classes (worthwhile classes anyway, and that is all that matters) even if attendance was not required. The average Ne-

braska student is not so immature, in my opinion, that he would cut a lot of classes just because he wasn't forced to go.

Most students are here to get an education, and if they can get it in class, that is where they will go. As to those who aren't interested and so would not go to class—well, they won't be here long anyway.

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Christmas means a lot of things to a lot of people. To me it is a time to probe and penetrate. It is a time to ask why. Why do I believe in God? Why do I hope? Why do I seek to love God and to be contrite at having offended Him?

I believe in God because I have no other choice. I feel that it is intellectually unsound not to believe in God. It is a reasonable and logical thing to believe in God and after all I am a rational being.

To say show me is to say that you do not understand the nature of God. It would be like saying that you wouldn't believe in water unless it burned like wood. Water has its properties and wood its properties and God His properties. Why do I hope? There are two reasons. One, when I had fallen deep into despair, I came to a point where I had to hope or be

lost because despair was like a drug which chained the mind and emotions into helplessness. Faced, in a sense, with life and death I chose life. There is another reason I hope. The authority I accept with regard to God says that God forbids me to despair. Forbidden to despair!

Why do I seek to love God and to feel contrite at having offended Him? Do not be shocked. It is the only reasonable thing to do considering His properties and my relationship to Him.

One does not just up and love God and feel contrite at having offended Him. I sometimes wonder how deep my feeling goes in this matter. Since I believe that he will consider what I ask; I ask that I may come to love Him and be contrite at having offended Him what ever it takes. I have to ask. Where else can I go? And so I believe and I hope and I pray.

Research at Nebraska

The Daily Nebraskan reported Tuesday that an appropriation has been given to the University for research in heart problems. In the same edition of the paper we reported that the University Research Council had recommended faculty summer research fellowships in fields ranging from home economics to law.

It is significant that the United States places a strong emphasis on research in the fields which are vital to our culture. Vital? Yes, it is vital in a system where free enterprise reigns supreme that individual curiosity in the arts and sciences be allowed. It is important that an individual be allowed to pursue knowledge in an obscure field for from this knowledge, this experimentation comes the better life which free peoples everywhere cherish.

The question may arise, "Why don't we sacrifice the powder puffs for missiles, the butter and margarine for bombs and submarines?" Of course it is a valid question in light of the scientific leaps and bounds taken by the Soviet Union in the past few years. But Americans can look with pride to the joint magnificence they have developed under the free enterprise system.

In the United States, some may say, success comes from chaos. Here in our land the indi-

vidual is free to choose what he will study and how long he will study it. His hopes and ambitions are satisfied not through force but rather through free will—the will to live and the will to succeed. That is the mystery of American success. "It is the mystery of free people everywhere.

So we look with pride on the University instructors who have been awarded grants to do research in the arts and the sciences. We trust that through their efforts the nation will share in the riches of this bountiful universe. Perhaps this is the inevitable result of free enterprise.

Overdue Statement

We were very pleased to receive a holiday schedule from the University library stating that the doors would be open during a liberal amount of the Christmas vacation.

After the up-in-arms attitude of some of the students at the University during the Thanksgiving holidays, this welcome schedule from the library will be a boon to the study-minded students at the University.

There's no question that library people are entitled to some free time during the holiday season. The schedule allows for that as well as for the research to be done by students who linger around the campus.

from the editor—

First Things First...

by Jack Pollock

As students begin practice this week for two solid weeks of play time, the campus scene becomes one big Christmas party . . . with vesper, concerts, basketball, and parties. It's time to dust off the books purchased during New Student Week, many of which have collected little but dust since that time.

After packing my weekend toothbrush for an abbreviated holiday last year, I sat down to watch the coeds load cars, station wagons and some special U-Haul wagons. There seemed to be four main categories of luggage: (1) clothes, (2) Christmas presents, (3) books and (4) more clothes.

Christmas seems to be a holiday period when students go home with ideas of cramming a one-semester course into two short weeks of study—and then never open their books. I solved the problem of not taking any books home last year—just came back 30 days early.

Yesterday, this column received more than its usual massacre, with deletion of the top portion on the attributes of Film Society and the fact that a couple of movies on this year's

schedule are just opening in the U.S. this week. This is OK, but the following portion said that 67 per cent of the coeds at a Georgia school disapproved of kissing on the first drink. I believe this should have read "disapproved of kissing on the first date." Questions anyone?

I still contend the biggest mistakes appearing in this paper are those announced in the Social Column on pinnings. But I note some keep coming back with new pinnates semester after semester.

Unsuperstitious students at the University of Detroit scheduled their Military Ball on Friday the 13th this year. I note their tickets sold for \$5 per couple, with Blue Barron providing the music "live," and that the dance was held in the school gymnasium. The queen's initial appearance was made through an arch of 20 crossed sabers.

The "Asian Student" reprinted this from the Hong Kong "Standard" recently as a suggested addition to the dictionary: Sput'nik v.i.—niked,—niking. 1. To outsmart. 2. To steal a march. To surpass in cunning.—As in: He sputniked me and got a date with June. Syn., see frustrate.

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Fashion As I See It



by Wendy McKeown

Put stripes of black, gray, and white or brown, tan and white of various widths and you have Vic Gene's popular box jacket. Imported rayons from Italy make up the material of this fashion hit . . . in sizes 10-16. The hemline is turned up around the jacket to match the wide cuffed three quarter length sleeves.

Sportswear, second floor Gold's is the location of the Campus favorite for 14.95.

