

Editorial Comment

The Problem of Pleasing

Newspaper offices often become nostalgic places when the end of a reign comes around. College papers fall heir to this sentiment, naturally, more often than any other publications. And at the Daily Nebraskan at the end of a semester we have occasion to look over the work we have done or have failed to do during the past five months.

apropos for us to mention that our anxiety in this matter, or any other important matter, is not created from the thought that we must keep the Tribunal in the limelight. More important is the thought that the newspaper might be of some service to the University by helping to make the Tribunal a success.

The Outstanding Nebraskans

Once a semester the Daily Nebraskan selects two persons who have worked for the University throughout the preceding semester and in the case of the student throughout the four years he or she has been at the University.

Sharp, who has worked diligently in her activities to promote the welfare of the University are both deserving of the honor. Certainly no one can argue that the nominees for the award are all, in a sense, outstanding Nebraskans. Others who have gone unnamed are also outstanding.

Semester Roundup Few Burning Issues Plagued NU As 'Family' Moved With Caution

By DICK SHUGRUE, Editorial Editor

He who lightly assents seldom keeps his word.

Lao-Tze

This semester has been one of light assent at the University, but it'll be some time before students will discover whether the words of the Chinese philosopher come true. Often light assent may just reflect caution, both among the student body and the faculty-administration. If so caution has certainly been exercised on the campus over the past five months.

There were some high spots during which both the ire of the students and the faculty shot to new attitudes. There were times when the old laissez faire got a good workout.

At any rate here are the major editorial issues which the student newspaper organized on during the first semester:

At the outset of the fall term the Nebraskan kicked off the ball of controversy by stating that the University's spirit has changed little in essence, much in external demonstration over the past twenty-five years. But the paper stated that the "win or lose, we're with you all the way" spirit still prevails among the majority of the student body, contrary to what the state newspapers were saying.

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is a private interest organization and as such was not qualified to have a personal representative on the council.

Finally during the semester the Rag lifted its eyes and asked the student body to accept the responsibilities of honor.

The administration had sent a directive to instructors describing the way in which examinations were to be given and how to avoid student cheating.

The newspaper believed that this was a clear demonstration of the administration's lack of confidence in the honor of the student body.

The Nebraskan called for a vote of confidence in students by themselves and their superiors through the establishment of an honor system on campus.

The Gadfly

-Sara Jones

The Student Council's stand of opposing Kosmet Klub's desire for Council representation may be misunderstood by some students because of a misunderstanding of the reason for any organization having a Council position.

Certain groups were asked to elect representatives to Student Council not because the organizations would be benefited but because the Council would be benefited by the presence of such members.

Fourteen Council members represent the various colleges of the University and at one time they constituted the entire membership of the Council. But a student representing the College of Arts and Sciences cannot have much contact with his constituents because they can never be found together. Consequently the Council felt it was losing contact with the student body—that it couldn't know student opinion on important issues.

To remedy this, the Council decided that groups which regularly meet together should be given a representative on the Council. Since living units (which are represented on many of the Councils) are primarily Greek, the campus activities seem a better place to start. A committee of faculty and students were set up to draft the new constitution.

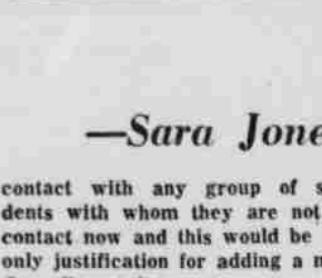
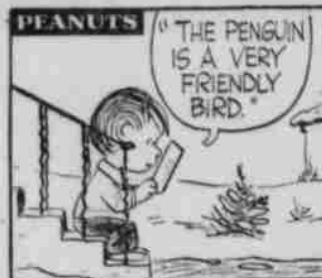
Speaking before the Student Council last week, one of the faculty members of the committee explained the criteria by which organizations were chosen and why Kosmet Klub did not meet this criteria.

In the first place Kosmet Klub consists of a small group of fraternity men. But the Council has contact with fraternity men through the IFC and with a similar group through Corn Cobs.

Secondly, the shows which the Klub presents are of interest to whoever likes that sort of thing, but as far as being of real service to the University, the Klub falls a bit short.

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But the Council would not be benefited by having the Klub's present. They would not be in



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Good Luck during final exams and watch for fashion tips from Gold's again next semester ! ! ! !

from the editor—

First Things First...

by Jack Pollock

Without any great fanfare, the end of the semester seems to have rolled around. The flu epidemic is over, the Mitchell case is dead, students on some faculty subcommittees now have the right to vote, construction on the Union addition is starting and the Faculty Senate is probably on the verge of appointing a special subcommittee on applause.

On the first of next month—April's fool day of February—the mid-term graduates are shorn from their educational sanctuary and step into the business world. The grads appear to have many masks. In their own eyes they appear fresh, virtuous, progressive and educated. To their parents, they appear mere youths barely out of short pants but with diploma in hand. To the faculty, they seem mere infants in the world of education. To their employers, . . . only a look of bewilderment . . .

With the end of the semester comes the end of the present Daily Nebraskan regime. The majority of the staff will remain on the paper—but in different editorial positions. Jarring issues were not quite as evident this

semester—no Mitchell case, the Unicameral budget story was finally over last summer, no national elections, but the students will be voting on a Student Tribunal.

To those who have constructively criticized the Daily Nebraskan this past semester, thanks. To those who merely criticized and criticized again, I say, perhaps your literary talents could better be put to use at the Rag office. Creative talent has never been turned down.

It appears that as each semester rolls around, it has gone by a bit faster than the previous one. For those who desire a slower moving world or for those who need excuses for getting to classes late, I will my ever-late timepiece (semi-automatic).

To the members of the Faculty Senate, the administration, other staff members, representatives on the Student Council and others with whom we have supported policies or disagreed with, we trust our appraisal of the issues were for overall betterment of the University community as a whole.

To students with a perennial negative attitude . . . onions. To Barb Sharpe and Duane Lake, our Outstanding Nebraskans, congratulations. To the administration and our advisor, for free editorial reign, thanks. With that, and with finals, that should be the end of first things first—at last.



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star Duane Lake Barb Sharpe

The Student Council was given a pat on the back for getting the Student Tribunal committee off to a good start. Council president Helen Gourlay put law student Dave Keene in charge of the group which was to investigate every student tribunal in the land and the charters which made them possible.

Keene continually called for suggestions from the student body to help in constructing a charter. The Daily Nebraskan supported the work of the committee with the belief that the charter passed by the students during the spring semester was impractical and slanted.

By the end of the semester Keene and his committee had come up with a charter which the newspaper believes will give the students a solid amount of self-government.

An old thorn in the side of the academic freedom, the case of C. C. Lyde Mitchell, a former chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics, versus the College of Agriculture was given some renewed vigor when the Liaison Committee was handed the task of making recommendations for the disposal of the case at the bidding of the Faculty Senate Committee on Privilege and Tenure.

Fast Close The Daily Nebraskan urged that the Mitchell case be finished and fast. But the liaison committee made no specific recommendations and was laid to rest without the proper rites.

The paper expressed the thought that the situation could have been handled with more definite action and commented that until some formula for action in this sort of case is established there would be trouble in faculty administration affairs.

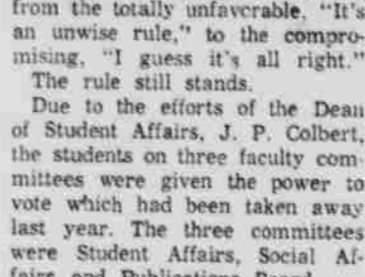
The chancellor delivered, what to the Daily Nebraskan, was a disappointing State of the University address early in the semester.

What was equally disappointing was the lack of attendance on the part of the student body. Possibly 500 students attended the convocation. The chancellor neglected to point to the specific problems which the University is presently facing. The Rag, on the other hand, called for complete confidence in the chancellor on the part of the students and in turn

a declaration of the true state of the University by its chief administrator.

Spirit stepped into the picture again when the state newspapers, led by the Omaha World Herald and the Lincoln Journal, stated that spirit was a thing of the past at the University.

Pure Nonsense The Daily Nebraskan called these spook hunts by the big papers pure nonsense saying that even if there were a drop in overt spirit, it was because students have come to school to study rather than to play around. In reality the only major objec-



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To the Editor: Our University of Nebraska is noted for providing fine backgrounds for educations which will aid the student for the rest of his life. It would seem, then, that some type of relative importance should be set up to determine those courses which the student takes. Namely, the system of "pulling cards" is one which very often imposes heavy burdens on the student.

Many students are forced to work their way through college. Consequently, when ROTC sections are closed, the student is forced to completely re-arrange his schedule, usually cutting out valuable work hours. The circle is a vicious one — the student must work to attend classes, but he can not work because of those classes. It has been found that the ROTC department is, as is expected of them, usually stubborn and steadfast in their refusals in aiding any of their "loyal cadets." Students have begged, pleaded and cried to arrange some type of mutual agreement with the department to make their college life easier, and their lives in ROTC as bearable as possible. In this case, it is not a matter of waiting for the red

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