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everyone who is

charge of these functions is

bored stiff by them. In the

meanwhile, we will continue

to spend time telling high

school graduates how to use

a card catalogue and what

to say to the lovely young

lady behind the counter

when one wants a book from

We will not consider the

figure these things out for

himself and that if he is not

capable of getting through col-

lege he will probably not be

here long enough to learn

where the library is anyway.

We will also solicitously

provide little dances and little

picnics so that the little class-

mates can get to know each

other. This is very big hearted

of us, but it fails to take into

account that if sex has not

The centrifuge of this so-

cial whirl is slightly nauseat-

ing, and we would be doing

a greater service for to-

getherness in the class of '62

if we would just give them

an unsupervised . night so

that they could go over to

This will serve as enough

of an introduction to me.

Through the next 30 years or

the pillars and neck.

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Editorial Comment-

Aid to Education

There appears to be some question as to whether the State Board of Education will accept the \$325,000 slated for Nebraska in the recently approved federal aid te education bill. The legislation was backed by President Eisenhower and managed to win easy congressional approval despite opposition by Nebraska representatives to the national government.

The legislation calls for a \$900 million four-year program, but so far only \$40 million has been appropriated for use in the first year. It is in this \$40 million that the \$325,000 is included for use in Nebraska secondary schools to advance instruction in science, mathematics and foreign languages.

Dr. W. Ray Hill of Seward and Hamilton F. Mitten of Fremont said they were opposed to accepting federal aid, reportedly because they fear accompanying federal control. Nebraska teachers, meanwhile, seem to express little or no fear of possible federal control if the money is used in the state. The Nebraska State Education Assn., which claims the membership of nearly all elementary and secondary teachers, has come out strongly in favor of accepting such aid.

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Donald F. Kiine, NSEA executive secretary, and Howard F. Schroeder, the association's president, urged the board to accept the funds. But definite action was delayed until a "working plan" showing how the funds will be used can be presented to the Board of Education. This plan probably will be ready for a board meeting late in October.

Realization of the tremendous advances being made in Russia's education system was the spearpoint that aroused national legislators to pass the four-year federal aid plan. Launching of a Sputnik was the first rude awakening to the fact that Russia is more than a land of well trained foot soldiers.

Kline, writing in the Nebraska Education News, summed up the effects of this Russian show of knowledge and power. He wrote: "The plea for goals set by educators was a partial response to the cataclysmic importance attached to the appearance of Sputnik I on Oct. 4, 1957. It was a part of the great debate about who was to blame in all things technical and mechanical and scientific.

"The fault was not Republicans or Democrats, the presidency, the Pentagon, the Congress, the rivalry between the services as far as most Americans were concerned. It was education. Once the blame was established complaints were made about the sophists of modern education and the second guessers began their field day."

We at the University will recall how this second guessing started with an attack against Teachers College, the system of dual matriculation, and the requirements for method courses. Most of the attackers of the education system in Nebraska failed to note how poorly financed it is. They failed to admit that Nebraska schools must be almost completely supported by local communities, even in areas where finances are inadequate to maintain good schools. They failed to note that Nebraska schools receive less state aid than almost any others in the United States. But despite these facts, educators supposedly were the ones completely at fault. America, Nebraskans and a few dissatisfied instructors in other University departments had found a good scapegoat and kicked it as hard as possible before it had a chance to get back to its feet after an unwarranted flurry of assaults. ٠

Morris Jacobs of Omaha is one State Board of Education member whose statements made sense when the board first considered federal aid. He said he was opposed to federal aid but other local agencies get it so "I'm not going to fail public education by making it the whipping boy for those opposed to federal aid."

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Kline of the NSEA has asked the most sensible question of all: "Will Nebraska taxpayers' money, already appropriated, be returned to Nebraska in the form of matching funds or will it go to some other state to assist in the education of non-Nebraska children?"



MR. MUM is the creation of Irving Phillips, who has had a long career as playwright and cartoonist-gagman. Mr. Mum manages to be amusing and whimsical without any words at all, while he plays the role of today's bewildered man.

Phillips is former humor editor of Coronet and Esquire magazine's humor staff. He has written a dozen plays, including "Gown of Glory" and "One Foot in Heaven." He also wrote four movies and more than a hundred television plays.

The Briar Patch

By R. M. Ireland

Being a nominal Republi-| He considered the United can, I was somewhat dis. States to be "imperialistic, mayed this summer to find war-mongerish, and antithat the vast majority of Eu-

It was a very disgusting ropeans not only dislike John and shocking experience when

position in the leadership elite physical surroundings, and of Egypt.

'World's Champion Olive Pusher" (It is quite apparent that no one in their right mind has ever duplicated such to squelch all rumors that he ber one European neighbors, will do a repeat show on the

> suffered a bruised proboscis in his infamous descent in challenge like a true cham-

In Rome we talked with Mr. R. B. Henkle, world-famed

Objections Sustained ... By Steve Schultz

My mother has sewed name1 tags on my towels and unmentionables and I am ready to spend another year at the well-spring of culture getting soused on intellect or whatever is handy. I have paid my \$240 for the privilege, of having classes to cut. I have a pen from a lovely young lady who assures me that I have fact that anyone capable of done my bit for a top-drawer getting through college will

h o m ecoming, and - F have fended off an ambitious young man who tried to se 11 me a ticket to the freshman barbeque by askhim ing Schultz whether they

had notified the parents of the reared its ugly head in the freshman they were going to life of an 18-year-old, it probbarbecue.

In short, I am my nasty self and I am back at school. So a pseudo-hearty handshake and a half-hearted "how was your summer?" to you too.

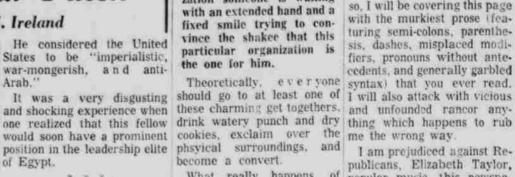
Sec. 18 One of the appalling aspects of coming back to school is the number of open houses which face one during the first few weeks. At every door of every organization someone is waiting with an extended hand and a fixed smile trying to convince the shakee that this particular organization is

become a convert.

Mr. James L. Harpstreith, course, is that no one goes per, the advance of science, holder of the dubious title of to anything. I remember that people with automobiles that in my own new student days I can't borrow, advertising in -lo, those many years ago general, little boys in red -I went to one of these soir- sweaters who try to sell me ees, watched a movie con- things, other columnists, the a performance), has asked me cerning something or other, Chicago Tribune, places and resolved never to go to have to wear neckties and another. I never have. I rec- take a shower before I go to, Apparently Mr. Harpstreith tion to all entering freshmen. favor of. I have an office in One would suppose that the Crib behind the cigarette eventually whoever is in smoke; I am rather proud of

publicans, Elizabeth Taylor, What really happens, of popular music, this newspaommend this course of inac- and anything that anyone is in

would get the message that in the jaw. PEANUTS DO YOU THINK THEY DON'T HAVE ANY WORLD'S



charge of these functions my straight nose so hit me

From the Editor A Few Words of a Kind . . . e. e. hines

If anyone thinks that being a campus queen has become a matter of small significance because of the prolific produc-

steps to the microphone to thank the United States for honoring her and exclaims how proud she has been to represent a country of honest, kind, industrious (I had expected this reaction) but are beginning to lose faith President E I senhower also. The English, who are

Foster Dulles

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be our num-Ireland seem to have the most con- capitol steps.

tempt for Mr. Dulles who so ably stomped on Prime Minister Eden during the Suez Rome and cannot meet the crisis.

As one chap put it, "we pion. think Dulles is a principled man but we don't like h i s principles."

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tion of such ladies, he is right. And now, after seeing a televised portion of the

Miss America Pageant several nights ago, I am convinced that the Miss America title also runs close to the rim of insignificance.

In the first place, Miss America contestants have no edge on beauty. A walk around the campus or a tour through Lincoln's department stores could turn up girls just as

lovely as the semi-finalists in the Miss America contest.

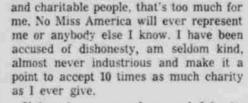
In the second place, at least a thousand young co-eds on the University campus are as graceful as most of the young ladies who strutted out on the stage to show how they looked in formals.

As for swimming suits, I don't know. I bought a new swimming suit two summers ago and have used it all of three or four times. In my trips to water tanks I reaffirmed, through careful observation, my belief that a woman usually doesn't look much better in a swimming suit than she does in a skirt and blouse. And most girls were never meant to be bathing beauties.

But what about the talent portion of the program? Talent is the one thing I am convinced a Miss America does not need. Only one of the 10 semi-finalists could sing. The rest thumped around in ballet shoes, played pitter-patter on the piano keys, recited a dramatic reading in junior high school fashion, or proved that a lousy singing voice is something not owned solely by me.

Ultimately, an honest observer must admit that the only real purpose of the Miss America contest or any other beauty contest is to assemble as many fairly pretty girls as possible or reasonable in a specific area at one time to wear as few clothes as society will allow. It's all very much like a half-hearted strip show with a sheriff's deputy standing in the aisles waiting to raid the joint if any girls gets too bold.

Then, when a retiring Miss America



If America ever needs a symbol for its womanhood, it has one in Eleanor Roosevelt, Nancy Hanks or a million other conscientious ladies, many of whom never owned a bathing suit or got near a beauty contest.

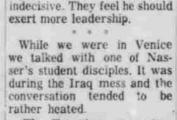
The word getting around the world of education is that school is getting longer and longer for elementary and secondary school pupils. Supposedly the nine-month term is a relic of the horse and buggy days when practically every youth had farm tasks to keep him busy and out of trouble. Ten months may soon, educators say, be the length of youngsters' school terms.

Educational leaders and several million parents might think this is a tremendous idea. I, despite my increase in years, can recall nothing more wonderful than the last day of school before summer vacation, or anything more dreadful than the first day of school the next fall. The only conclusion in my book is that it must be getting less and less enchanting each year to be a kid.

When the world reaches the place where a youngster has to give up his almost sacred swimming, hiking or ball playing time in order to learn a little more about mathematics, space satellites, and impending total destruction that is the time to wonder if life is really worth living. Huck Finn and I would never have stood for it.

Congratulations are in order for Bev Buck, last year's editor of the Cornhusker, and Jack Pollock, former editor of the Nebraskan. The dazed couple said "I do" just last Saturday in the Presbyterian Student House Chapel. They'll set up home in Sidney, land of spreading oil wells.

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The Egyptian was saturated with anti-American slogans and information he had picked up during his education in Cairo.

NOTES THROUGH A RANGE

OF SEVEN OCTAVES ...

PEANUTS

bottle cap collector. Mr. Hen-The President apparently is kle had just culminated a publosing some prestige although licity stunt involving a wornhis decision to send troops inout, supposedly "blond" to Lebanon was greeted fa-American athlete, 132 Spanish steps, and an olive and was

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Mr. Henkle related to us the exploits of his youth when he was the leading bottle cap entrepreneur of the midwest.

"I think bottle cap collecting is especially beneficial for our youngsters. It affords them an opportunity to get down in the dirt and grovel around," Mr. Henkle stated.

> Mr. Henkle said he retired from the wilds of bottle cap collecting some years ago when he discovered what the caps were protecting.







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