

Editorial Comment-

Happy Paradox

If an incidental observer were to note the manner in which students are objecting to the planned change in registration, he might consider that University of Nebraska students were a wild and uncompromising bunch. Fortunately, however, there is evidence to indicate that students' negative evaluation of the alphabetical registration plan is only a part of their concern.

A tabulation of contributions by student organizations through Wednesday indicated that more than \$2,500 had been contributed or pledged to the University Foundation in the campus drive. Individual contributions will not be tabulated

until Friday when the first groups of pledge cards are turned in to Builders from the various dorms and Greek houses.

The Nebraskan has already voiced great favor for the drive and would like to echo this support again. The organizations that contributed are to be complimented for their support. One factor however, could bog down the student drive. There is a possibility that students belonging to organizations that make pledges will see no reason to make personal pledges.

No one would suggest that a student go out on the financial limb to make a pledge for the Kellogg Center, but if any student has a desire to make a direct investment in a better University the drive is a suitable way to do it.

A for Green Apples

It appears that at least one prediction may be safely made on what 1959 holds for the student: Alphabet will mean more than seniority when cards are pulled. The Student Council has passed a resolution which makes it very evident that, in spite of heated opposition, they won't stand in the way of "progress."

There doesn't seem to be much reason for the Daily Nebraskan to rant on and on about this point. Every student complains. Almost none has enough real interest to state his views on the change in a letter to the editor or appeal to the Council. The Council tells Hoover how little they

care for the matter and then give up the moment he walks out the door.

Registrar Floyd Hoover is to be respected for appearing before the Student Council in an effort to justify his stand on the matter. More matters of concern to the student should be discussed by such administrators in Council meetings. He is not as worthy of praise for feeling that the change "wouldn't matter" to students. If Hoover and more administrators would stop and realize that they are dealing with a group of mature college students instead of a deck of cards, University morale could not help but improve. A lot of things do matter.

No Man Is an Island

Betty Wilson, campus adviser for the YWCA, has chosen to submit the following selection from "The Spirit of Christmas" by Henry Van Dyke because "it is meaningful to me and I think it should be shared with the rest of the campus."

It is a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forgive what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you

are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kind feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.

From the Slot

I hate snow. This is probably because it used to fall in great quantities on my outdoor basketball court at home making large quantities of the old bend and pitch exercise necessary.

The other day someone was wishing it would snow a foot. Well, today, it tried, but the weather eventually gave up and settled down to just being cold.

Let's knock off this extraneous wishing.

The last time I wrote this column, a couple of nasty, dirty old misspelled words got in. This immediately occasioned a communication from Madison.

Not only that, but my sister, who occasionally appears in the Daily Nebraskan office, has started looking over my shoulder while I write. So at this time, and in view of the Christmas season, I would like to say, "Call off the Gestapo, father!"

If there is anything more outstanding about Big Eight basketball than the caliber of the teams involved, it is the poor sportsmanship of the fans.

Before every game, the public address announcer in the Coliseum asks the crowd to please exhibit the kind of sportsmanship

they would expect their team to receive away from home.

The fans, knowing full well what kind of crowds the Huskers will play before while on the road, pour it on the visiting teams and coaches. Last Monday, against Marquette, they even went so far as to strike Eddie Hickey, the visiting coach.

However, there is a sort of latent feeling of fair play lurking below the surface of each Cornhusker fan. They will sometimes reveal their true nature by cheering for the underdog.

Since in the past, Nebraska has usually been the underdog, the denizens of the Coliseum haven't needed cue cards to tell them when to lend vocal support.

But against Northwest Missouri and Montana, a pair of foes hopelessly out-classed by the more active and aggressive Cornhuskers, the crowds occasionally waxed silent as if in confusion.

It is a good thing that Nebraska finally got into the meat of its schedule. Otherwise, Husker fans might have switched en masse to the opposition teams.

Seriously though, it would be nice if those attending the next home game could manage a slightly more courteous attitude toward the opposition, the referees and anyone else who is not patently a Nebraska partisan.

Having now completed my weekly joust against a prominent campus windmill, I will now pass on to pleasanter things.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



—YES, ED, I WISH I HAD BEEN ABLE TO GET A COLLEGE EDUCATION. IT GIVES A MAN THAT CERTAIN SOMETHING THAT SETS HIM ABOVE AND APART FROM THE AVERAGE.—

Conservative Estimate

By John Hoerner

Students relied heavily on their elected representatives Wednesday as only three cared enough to show up at the open Student Council meeting to protest the alphabetical registration system.



The meeting, to me, was a big disappointment, the outcome of which you can see on page one. The discussion moved rapidly from one phase of the subject to another and from specific cases to general discussion so fast that it was hard to follow what anyone was saying except that Dr. Hoover was for the new system and most of the council members were against it.

The fact still remains that there are a given number of classes in a certain subject. These classes are held at specified hours. It is evident from this alone that all students can't possibly have the schedule which is most ideal for them.

Dr. Hoover seems to feel that the most important factor in this case is getting the registration done smoothly and as long as every student gets the classes he needs everything will be fine.

The point which needs to be brought out, however, is that not only is getting into the class of importance but the time at which the class is taken is of vital importance to some student.

Under the old system, one of seniority, students with the higher number of hours had first crack at the classes they wanted. . . when they wanted them. They may not have been able to get the exact schedule they wanted but at least they had first crack.

Under the new system the ones who get first crack at an ideal schedule are those whose names begin with A, B, C. . . etc.

The only advantage of the new system that the council could find Wednesday was that it would save a little time in registration.

Is there any student on campus who wouldn't rather stand in line the whole cotton-picking day than have a screwed up schedule for the rest of the semester.

Anyone can see that getting in first is most desirable. Surely there is a more equitable way to do this than by letters of the alphabet.

It appears too late now to do anything about it this semester but we still have a chance. Dr. Hoover has agreed to work with the Student Council and accept any constructive suggestions which they have to offer after they have had the opportunity to watch the new system in action.

I've been trying to get this in for three weeks, maybe I'll hit this time.

If you want to be happy for an hour, get drunk.

If you want to be happy for three days, get married.

If you want to be happy for a week, roast your pig.

If you want to be happy for a lifetime, learn to fish.

Old Japanese Proverb.

International Meeting In Chicago

International students throughout the Middle West have been invited to attend Chicago's Holiday Center program Dec. 20-31.

The program, sponsored by the Young Women's Christian Association, will be held in the YWCA, 59 E. Monroe St., Chicago 3, Ill.

The program will include tours of the Chicago Natural History Museum, the Art Institute and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Other tours include Inland Steel, an advertising agency, the Conrad Hilton Hotel, and The Chicago Tribune.

Christmas and New Years Days the students will be offered hospitality in Chicago homes.

Interested students should see Dr. George Rosenlof's office for further information.

Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 300 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

Fraternities Beware

The recent interest of fraternities in academic standing is certainly commendable. I should like to point out, however, that there is considerable danger involved in some of the contemplated actions arising out of this interest.

We are all aware that it is easier to get good grades in some courses than in others, depending on the course material, the standards of the instructors, and (ideally, primarily) the abilities and interests of the individual students. We are also aware that the most valuable courses to an individual student are not necessarily those which he finds easiest.

Grade Record We are further aware that a student's grade record will be of considerable importance in the short range (a few years) and that in deciding whether or not to take a difficult (for him) course he must weigh the long range educational value of the course against the negative value of the expected below-average grade.

My point, then, is that in attempting to encourage students to become better scholars we must be careful not to place still shorter range importance on the grade average.

Now, the situation can become very bad if a student has to consider group loyalties when choosing courses and loads. Most students are to some extent willing to take personal risks (below-average grades) for the sake of personally desirable goals (certain courses and perhaps high loads) but might be very reluctant to extend a risk to their friends ("social probation") for the sake of personal goals.

I therefore beg of the fraternities, that in whatever action they finally take to improve their grade averages, they very militantly refrain from putting pressure on their members to take easy courses or postpone difficult ones, or take small credit hour loads, for the sake of high grades.

Competition for good grades among various groups and individuals can be a good thing, provided the stakes are not too high.

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CAMPUS CHATTER

By Wendy Makepeace



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