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Editorial Comment:

Council 'Dead Day' Idea Is Reasonable Request

Faculty-student controversy over final exam schedules is not an issue new to the editorial pages of the Daily Nebraskan.

The whole thing was touched off in May of 1955 when the Faculty Senate approved a one week exam schedule. Student protests were long and loud, however, and the Senate delayed the institution of their action

During the delay, the Student Council conducted a poll of University students which showed them to be 412 to 1 in favor of an exam schedule running two weeks.

Nevertheless, the Faculty Senate switched the calendar to the present eight day exam period during the 1956-57 school year.

The object of the eight day schedule is to give instructors time to grade papers and prepare for second semester courses.

The Student Council has been trying for some time to find a way to get the stadents some extra time to review for exams. Their latest, and we think best. idea is to delay the start of exams for one day. This would create a sort of "dead day" without any exams or campus events of any kind to interrupt studies.

To this the Calendar Committee objects on the grounds that

1. The faculty would not have time to finish the past semester's business before preparing for the oncoming semester.

2. It is doubtful whether or not one extra day of study would make any difference to students

3. It would delay the administration in sending out grades

None of these appear to be really solid reasons for denying the Student Council recommendation for a "dead day" because

1. The faculty would still retain four days without any tests. Some of the preparation for the next semester could undoubtedly be transferred to the "dead day" and such a day would be an ideal time to catch up on faculty work not completed at the end of regularly scheduled classes. Furthermore, as the Council suggested, secretaries would have more time to mimeograph tests.

2. It is certain that an extra day of study would make a difference with students. The claim is that students have Saturday and Sunday to get ready for tests. But many classes had finals on Saturday this semester. Also, a majority of the people contacted by the Daily Nebraskan on this subject reported that they had many of their tests crammed into the first three or four days of finais. Totals of five finals in four days and four finals in three days were not uncommon. An

3. The administration would be delayed only one day in sending out grades. If the grade turns out better, because the student had an extra day to prepare for his test, it is hardly conceivable that the student would complain about the delay. And one day extra isn't going to inconvenience the registrars office now that they save so much time with alphabetical registra-

4. "Dead days" and even "dead weeks" before finals are not uncommon on other campuses. Kansas State allows its stodents an entire week before finals and according to the Kansas State Collegian, the week is a great success.

Some sample quotes from the Collegian incluude this one by a junior speech major: "Even though you study consistently. there's a lot to review at the end. At our house girls are isolating themselves in the dining room, in the laundry, or in a corner of a stairway. Everybody is working hard."

Another campus that uses the "dead day" is Harvard. Somehow, neither the faculty nor the administration are terribly inconvenienced by such days on these campuses. But for some reason, our University has shied increasingly away from inconvenience-for University personnel.

More Sidewalks

Sometimes institutional logic can be just a little strange.

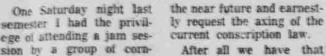
Take for instance the signs the men from buildings and grounds keep putting up on the grass around campus. These little green and white tags urge students to "Please use the walks." They are usually planted in the middle of a favorite shortcut, notably to Swede's and the Temple

Now there is nothing wrong with trying to maintain well manicured lawns. The people at buildings and grounds have been most successful in doing this and there is no doubt that their success has added much to the campus.

But . . . the shortest distance between two points is still a straight line. And students, being human beings, follow the trail blazing instincts of their pioneer forefathers by trying to get where they want to go by the shortest route possible.

So why not put the sidewalks there?

It is true that curving walkways and shadowed bowers make for a lovely campus. At the same time, there is no use trying to fight something that can't be licked. Someone must have thought of that when the sidewalks on the mall between the library and the Coliseum were laid. They are functional enough. Why not continue to combine function with beauty all over the campus?



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After all we have that well known assemblage of zealous soldiers known as the ROTC to protect us in case of sudden invasion.

Pm Leland Briar Patch

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> Besides, most people drafted today would be doing their country a much greater service by selling shoes or collecting bottles from roadside ditches instead of polishing M-I bolts.

Touchy Subject

preciate f i n e rhythm plus I must be polite now for we are dealing with a flavored song and dance 1 touchy subject. recommend your attend-

Therefore may I courteously suggest that the campus police could perhaps supplement their rigorous duties of ticket taping and minor - beer - buyers - gathering by directing the maze of 8 a.m. traffic which daily congregates at 14th and S. etc.

This drastic revolution of the campus protection league would certainly improve dispositions of both students and professors. It would also prevent

many late to class situations

And it would help lower the University's fatality record, an item rising faster than the NU budget.

by John West

Lending Library **Opening Delayed**

The Union pictures lending library opening will be delayed one week. The new opening is scheduled for Feb. 12-13, from 9-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. in the Union Lounge.

KODL ANSWER

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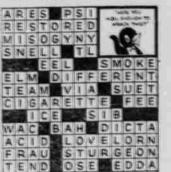
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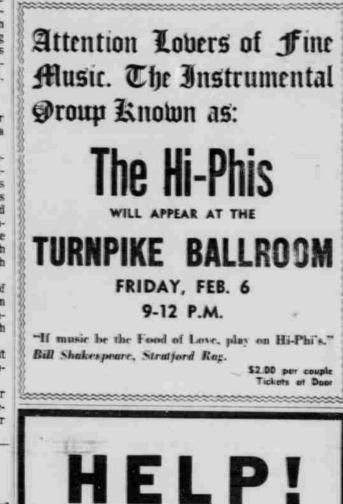
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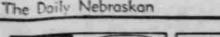
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Crazy, man!

No More Draft

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Friday, February 6, 1959

extra day of study for such people, if used conscientiously, would undoubtedly give them time to be better prepared.

From the

There's a bill going through the legislative mill now which could give a much needed shot of adrenalin to one phase of Nebraska education, LB425 would require that special instruction, facilities

and special adaptive classrooms be provided for mentally gifted students. Under the proposed law, every school district would provide educational opportunities for gifted children. whether by providing tuition to attend a neighboring district, or providing the facilities itself.



Diana

As it stands, the bill

may be a little extreme. Many Nebraska schools already have some sort of program for the gifted. Many are linked with the University and other state colleges. Others, however, have neither the money, facilities, teachers or students to conduct elaborate programs for gifted students. No large, sweeping state program can be put into effect in a school where only one gifted student is enrolled.

However, LB425, as proposed by senators Stanley Portsche of Lincoln, Norman Otto of Kearney and Fern Orme of Lincoln, is definitely a step in the right direction. The gifted child, as a Chicago elementary school teacher pointed out, "is an ace coaster." When classes move slowly, the gifted student is more than likely to develop sluffing techniques that would put a GI goldbricker to shame.

On the other hand, Dr. Marshall Hiskey, head of the educational psychology clinic on campus, assured me that many research studies have shown the tremendous gains that can be taken by gifted students given the proper stimulus. He also struck out at the traditional argument against special education for gifted students, which is that segregating them" will somehow do "irreparable damage" to both the gifted and the average student

The issue is not, however, whether to segregate these students. If's whether to give them an educational "break" by challenging their minds while they are at their most impressionistic peak-in the elementary and high schools. And, in most cases what would be involved is pulling these kids into special classes for an hoar or two a day, or letting them take extra courses above and beyond the minimum for less capable students.

This sort of thing is already being practiced in schools in Lincoln, Omaha, Ainsworth, Kearney, Lexington, etc., etc., etc., As a start, this is great. What is needed now is an overall awareness of the importance of educating the gifted child by awakening him to the excitement of knowledge. This is hard to do when he is able to excell in a class of average students. Unless somehow, he is forced, at least part of the time to compete with others of similar capabilities as himself, it seems like a tremendous temptation for the gifted student to become that ace coaster.

Another point worth considering is the 'average" or "slow" student. It has been said that this student needs the "leadership" of the gifted student. Research in this area has shown that these students frequently develop their own leadership qualities, and actually strive harder when not faced with the impossibility of competing with an especially talented student on his own terms.

Three cheers then for LB 425. It serves to focus attention on this vital area of education.

Diana Max well

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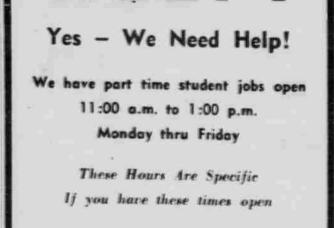
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