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**Editorial Comment:** 

# **Tighter Courses OK But** Why Not for Everybody?

The long suspected has received official recognition.

University courses are getting harder. And they are getting harder because we, fellow students, are an improved product. We are supposed to be smarter than the folks who were here five or ten years ago so we need harder courses to challenge us.

This is all very complimentary and should make anyone with good grades light up like a neon sign. He should really be proud if he received above a seven average because now more than ever before . . . brother he earned it!

Except for one or two disturbing factors, that is.

The first of these is revealed in the

**Torre** Case-Threat **To Press Honor** 

Newspaper people are generally a pretty stubborn and closely-knit lot and when one of their kind gets in hot water, action and sentiment can reach rather great heights.

In addition, the question of whether freedom of the press does or does not provide protection against revealing of a confidential news source in court trial has been one of long-standing interest to the fourth estate.

When New York columnist Marie Torre refused to name the sources of a story about Judy Garland which allegedly contained repetition of damaging statements, Miss Torre was sentenced to jail for contempt of court.

Newspapermen all over the country arose to decry this action by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals which endangered the sanctity of confidential sources of news, legally recognized in 12 states.

But the outstanding and perhaps the most unfortunate fact about the Torre case is that the Supreme Court refused to grant review of the lower court action.

The Supreme Court refusal not only might affect the 12 states with confidential source sanctities, but the occupational standards of the newsman who must be relied upon largely by his honor and integrity.

The case should be and is worthy of the Supreme Court's consideration.

# from the

column, Porkupines which appears elsewhere on the page. There it becomes evident that some departments are not tightening up at all.

This is too bad. The Daily Nebraskan has no quarrel with the tightening up policy because it only means that our degrees will mean more to us when we graduate. That it may be harder to get the degrees is the price we pay for learning more.

Consistency, however, is the problem.

A degree in Teachers College should not be more easily gotten than one in Arts and Sciences. This is especially true when we realize that teachers are the ones who will train students at lower levels who will one day have to face a tougher course at the University.

Now, of course, we recognize that any teacher who is certified by the Teachers College must have completed a certain amount of hours in the field which he will teach. This means that the teachers college grad has also had work in the other, tighter departments. He has gone through the mill with the rest of the folks, so to speak.

But should it be easier to learn how to teach than it is to learn what to teach? Is teaching easy?

Teachers College is taken as an example here and we don't mean to pick on it in particular. The point we are trying to make is, however, that the policy of tightening up coursework, when left to the individual departments, is basically unfair

If the University is going to tighten up courses in one area why not in all?

## He's Right

A letter from Charles Keyes, senior student member of the Faculty Senate subcommittee on Student Publications, Tuesday set the Daily Nebraskan editorial page straight.

Friday, Feb. 13, the Nebraskan stated that Pub Board had neglected to appoint a circulation manager at their last meeting. A circulation manager, Dick Whitcomb, was appointed but was forced to drop from school because of ill health.

The error arose from a conversation between a Pub Board member and a member of the Daily Nebraskan staff, and we are happy to correct it here.



## **Daily Nebraskan Letterip**

Who? To the Editor:

I would certainly like to write to the letterip column about the Buckshot thing that appeared in Tuesday's paper except that I don't know who wrote it.

It would be nice if the individual who issued such a tempting challenge were known to the public. I hope that he has the audacity to reveal himself or is he afraid of the wrath of the aroused multitude?

**Jim Seacrest** 

(Editor's note-Buck Shot was written by Melvyn "Buck" Eickleberry. An oversight in the production of the paper resulted in his name being left off the column. "Buck" assures us that he is definitely not afraid to face the "wrath of the aroused" so long as it is limited to the Letterip columns.)

**Patience** Needed To The Editor:

Being a cosmopolitan student I also would like to add some comments about the problem of mutual understanding between the American and international student

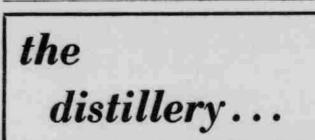
Some of the criticisms in last week's letterips were quite true. There is a general tendency on this campus for the American and international students to go their separate ways. What causes this so-called segregation? Before one can answer this question it is necessary to explain why each group acts the way it does. I shall make a mere attempt at answering this question, and if I should be wrong, I hope someone will correct me. Upon his arrival in this

preted as snobbishness by some American students. All the foreign student wants is to be accepted as an equal, but he encounters quite a few barriers. Some of the international students come from quite well-to-do families and upon their arrival they find that they are not accepted by the so-called elite (sororities and fraternities); he resents this, for he expected a friendlier welcome. It is a human mistake to idealize a country about which one hears such favorable propaganda.

insecure and this is inter-

In all fairness, however, I am sure that the fault lies on both sides. It takes time to achieve mutual understanding and for some persons it does not come fast enough. They tend to criticize everything under the sun, just to relieve their disappointment. Criticism is very good, but only if it is valid and not based on prejudice and mere resentment, for then one tends to get only a distorted picture of the facts.

It seems to me then that the key word for mutual understanding is patience. When the American student hears any unreasonable criticism from a new interna-tional student he should bear in mind what causes all this resentment. That does not mean, however, that he should accept all the criticism against the United



Oh that academic rag! That ragtime melody humming in my ears, blotting out whatever else I hear, like wet chicken feathers stuffed in the gears of a

to make two suggestions which might help towards States, quite to the con-trary, he should correct the better understanding beinternational student if he tween the American and is wrong international students: I would advise the inter-1. A weekly foreign stu-dent column in the

national student not to give up too easily, for it took me two years to adjust myself. But I have found quite a few nice American friends, who are very understanding and very interested in international students.

In conclusion I would like

# **Porcupines**

The magic number nine has an overpowering influence in today's academic work at Nebraska. This number holds the same awe

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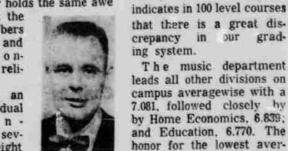
privilege of becoming Phi followed by Mathematics, 4.366; Chemistry, 4.543; Beta Kappa, and Chancel-Political Science, 4.633; and lor Hardin recognizes the Physics, 4.653. Other departoutstanding academic accomplishment at the honors ments range from 4.910 to 6.520. convocation. This person is labeled genius by employers and students. percentagewise, the educa-

> Mathematics, Chemistry, Political Science, Physics, History, and English. This points out one fact, the value of a nine is not equal from one department to another.

This not only holds true for department but for professors as well. Some professors give nines away in wholesale lots while other instructors refuse to give a nine believing that a nine

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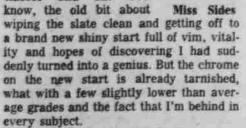
Last week I bravely entered the literary world-feet first, eyes ahead, noble purposes absolutely oozing out all over.

This week the purposes are forever buried under a landslide of letterips and rather forbidding glances from History II teachers. The University is great, classes are great, everything's wonderful and I'm probably hopelessly intimidated. I may even have to borrow Linus's blanket, for a while, that is.

This is undoubtedly the gloomiest time of the entire year. The landscape consists of mud puddles which can turn into treacherous ice ponds, dirty patches of snow, and gaunt, bare trees, which look like they too are freezing

to death. I've been trying for days to think of something distinctively good about this time of year but have failed on every issue I could think up.

Last semester I told myself I'd be happy at this time, starting new classes and all. You



It wouldn't be so bad if I'd meet a cheery soul once in a while but everyone else looks gloomy too.

What this all adds up to is general depression and frustration. What we all need is something new to think about or something new to do. Most of the frustration is caused by plain old boredom.

Maybe that's why Beatniks are catch-

### **By Gretchen Sides**

ing on lately. I've been hearing reports that they've really started organizing here on the University. The Daily Nebraskan staff has been out scouting for all members of the cult but hasn't been having much luck. Perhaps it's an underground movement. Well, underground or above ground or whatever, the idea of Beatniks at staid, conventional old NU is intriguing. I can see it all now, future University students, spouting poetry, clad in togas, lumberjack shirts or whatever Beatniks wear.

Well, at least they're different and right now anything that's different seems rather refreshing. But seriously, if you see a Bona fide Beatniks floating around campus be sure and tell him to stop in at the Daily Nebraskan office where a reporter is waiting, typewriter ready, to give a report on University Beatniks to the campus, which is undoubtedly waiting for the news.

## -Outside World-**Ike Wants Dulles' Stay** If Possible

Though suffering from a recurrence of cancer, John Foster Dulles is being urged by President Eisenhower to stay on as long as he feels able.

#### **Dimes Out**

Bingo and nickel and dime roulette and slot machines will be barred when Cuba's gambling casinos reopen. Castro's government feels that this will

#### keep the low income group who supported these games out of the casinos.

**Obscenity Ruled** The Nebraska State Supreme Court has ruled that the book, "Peyton Place," is

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country an international student has to make many adjustments. Just to mention a few, there is the language barrier, a new culture, acquiring new friends, etc. Slowly he realizes that it is not as easy for him to make these adjustments as he expected. He then tries to seek out other international students who are in the same "predicament" or tries to act "real American." Of course, this does not remedy the situation, for in the first place he cannot change overnight and secondly adjustment does not mean that

pletely. In some cases the international student is shy and

one has to change com-

### Scented Ink **Troublemaker**?

Editor and Publisher had an interesting story in a recent issue about newspapers using scented ink in newspaper advertisements.

The magazine reported that chocolate odors have been added to ink in running cake ads, vanilla for vanilla wafers, mint for a whiskey ad and even an insertion order for Lysol.

It is interesting to picture the mass warfare between the advertising and circulation departments of a newspaper if the ad people got too carried away by their scents.

And imagine the printer who reported home to the little woman after working on a perfume ad.

'Important' **Cosmo Club** Meet Tonight There will be a meeting of

the Cosmopolitan Club at 7:30 p.m. tonight in 316, Union.

The meeting is being held because of the recent concern over foreign students, as evidenced by the numerous articles in the Nebraskan Letterip. The Executive Committee of the Club said the meeting would be important and may be a turning point for the organization and for the future handling of grievances on the part of the foreign sludent body.

clock block the passage of time. So I wander from Burnett to Andrews and home again and wonder why the clock stopped working. I don't mean all the clocks, just one little clock. The clock that shows what time it is at Nebraska University, and maybe several other universities around this lousy country.

I can wake up in the morning and hear that academic rag deep in my demented mind, and know the clock has stopped again. I think I know the reason why. The pillars of this institution have all turned into a mother hen. And often I've wanted to ask that big, fat, protective mother hen to get her cotton-picking wet chicken feathers out of my clock!

Not being able to read a good clock is like not being able to read a good book, or like a good joke, or look at tight levis welking around the girls dorm come spring.

I think other people can hear that academic rag. They sense it and try to call it something like apathy, or they say it is the sound of students revolting against campus playboyism. They are dead wrong in their reasons because they have put on the academic rag and begun to use group reasoning. They have bundled all the clods on the registrar's enrollment sheet into one big reason why.

Well, at least I know why the gears are not working at this university. I got on a relative jag and found the reasons why. That's Borland's theory of relativity, and it works. I don't wonder how that academic rag sounds to me as a group, I wonder how it sounds to me as a me. It sounds like many typewriter keys colliding in one big bang. It sounds like the labored breathing and scores of tiny coughs of hundreds of students crouched in Ed 61 mass - examinations. It sounds like the tap of youknow-who's heels patrolling the halls of fraternity houses FREE

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cow that education has become. I didn't skip the IFC Ball because I had to study. I never study. I simply do not relish the idea of beady

acute paranoia. It is supposed to develop our minds, not envelop them with some academic ragtime as if it wanted to drown us out or foul our gears. There is no one out there in the street, hiding behind the trees and waiting in alleys to spring at me. I have one mother and that's all the protection I need.

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car and my coat because

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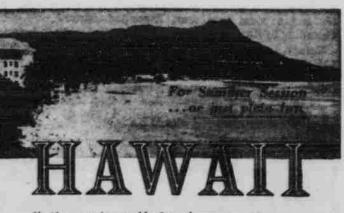
on my head.

If apathy exists in me it is only a side effect caused by not being given anything really to do, or really to say. I don't want to have my brain scoured because I voted not to support refugees, or have my pockets searched, or have to register my parties in the dean's office. The next thing you know we'll have hall moni-

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sciences. However, please also remember, each grade of nine saves Dean Colbert's time!

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