

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.

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.

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

Consistency, however, is the problem. A degree in Teachers College should not be more easily gotten than one in Arts and Sciences.

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.

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.

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

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Letters may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 200 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

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?

Upon his arrival in this 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.

In some cases the international student is shy and

insecure and this is interpreted 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.

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.

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 international student he should bear in mind what causes all this resentment.

States, quite to the contrary, he should correct the international student if he is wrong.

I would advise the international 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

to make two suggestions which might help towards better understanding between the American and international students:

- 1. A weekly foreign student column in the "Daily Nebraskan." 2. A room in the new addition of the Student Union where the American and international students could meet in an informal fashion.

Marina

Porcupines

The magic number nine has an overpowering influence in today's academic work at Nebraska. This number holds the same awe that the numbers three and seven convey to religion.

When an individual maintains a seven or eight average, he has the privilege of becoming Phi Beta Kappa, and Chancellor Hardin recognizes the outstanding academic accomplishment at the honors convocation.



Prokop

Comparison of different University departments in the spring semester of 1958 indicates in 100 level courses that there is a great discrepancy in our grading system.

The music department leads all other divisions on campus average-wise with a 7.081, followed closely by Home Economics, 6.839; and Education, 6.770. The honor for the lowest average goes to the History Department with a 4.142 followed by Mathematics, 4.366; Chemistry, 4.543; Political Science, 4.633; and Physics, 4.653.

An interesting fact is that percentage-wise, the education department gave more nines than did the combined departments of 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 indicates perfection.

The solution to this problem is closer scrutiny of the grading in certain departments and a loosening up policy in other sections to balance out the unbalanced grade ledger.

It's time our education department started to crack the whip on the ease with which nines can be acquired and its lack of ones. The mathematics and history departments must learn that giving a few more nines and less ones would indicate the true ability of more students.

Want to be a Phi Beta Kappa? One word of advice, stay away from the sciences.

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

Roger Bolland Robert J. Prokop



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Sideslines

By Gretchen Sides

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

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.



Miss Sides

Last semester I told myself I'd be happy at this time, starting new classes and all. You know, the old bit about wiping the slate clean and getting off to a brand new shiny start full of vim, vitality and hopes of discovering I had suddenly turned into a genius.

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-

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.

Well, at least they're different and right now anything that's different seems rather refreshing. But seriously, if you see a Bona fide Beatnik 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—like 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 obscene.

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.

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