

## Are Classes Tougher?

# Three Colleges Claim No Course Tightening

By Doug McCartney  
No crackdown is in process on campus.

At least that is how the controversial "is it getting tougher to breeze through" question was answered by top men in three colleges.

**New Light**  
Views from the Colleges of Agriculture, Law and Dentistry add a new light to views presented in the Nebraskan Wednesday by other colleges that the University is setting tighter.

"I would question that basically the courses are harder,

at least, for the serious minded student," according to Dean W. V. Lambert of the College of Agriculture who emphasized that to his knowledge no official scholastic crackdown was in progress at his college.

"We have strengthened requirements in the sciences. We try to weed out courses that are not as useful as they once were, but there have been no radical changes in agriculture," he said.

**Uniform Studies**  
Lambert added that the College administrators were continually examining the curriculum and made an effort to keep studies uniform. He pointed out that the College of Agriculture doesn't have this problem to the extent existing elsewhere.

In contrast to the policies of other colleges, Lambert said that in agriculture students will have more related electives than in the past.

"We need to strengthen students in the sciences and social sciences," he said. He also said he thought there was some feeling among

the faculty that training in English could be made more useful.

He said that his instructors had free reign over grading.

**Experience Keyed**  
"I hope all the teachers try to base their grading on experience over the years. All instructors should have reasonable standards of excellence," Lambert said.

Two colleges that feel they are tough enough at present are Dentistry and Law. "We always tried to maintain stiff standards," according to Prof. Ralph Ireland of the Dental College. "But it's a lot harder than when I went to school because of the addition of basic sciences," he said.

In a dental student's freshman and sophomore years, a grade of 4 is passing; in his junior and senior years, it must be 5. National Board Examinations are required to enter the college.

However, in some clinical courses, Ireland said he believes grading to be unwise.

**Two Grades**  
"It would be much better if clinical practices could be graded 'satisfactory' or 'unsatisfactory,'" he said.

"I think everyone on our faculty is very conscientious about grades. Everyone has contacted me about giving just grades," he added. "However, we let the teachers decide."

Ireland said his instructors took thinking into account when grading laboratory work.

"We consider — did the student think — and base part of his grade on this."

In the College of Law, Prof. Allan Axelrod stated, "We try to be as fair as possible about grades."

He said that law studies were continually reviewed and changed, but there had been no major change in the last five years.

He added that in Law College the caliber of students was about the same.

## Water Loss Hurts State, PBK's Told

Nebraska's greatest economic loss is the water which is allowed to escape unused or only partially used, a Nebraska soil and water conservationist told Phi Beta Kappas Thursday.

Stanley Matzke, assistant to the manager of the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District at Hastings, discussed Nebraska's water economy at a meeting at the University.

Matzke praised Nebraska for its headway in water conservation and water development over the last half century, but he stressed the need for continued emphasis of the program.

## Board of Regents:

# Grants, Resignations, Absences Accepted

More than \$83,079 in research grants and \$7,500 in fellowships were approved by the Board of Regents Wednesday.

Among the grants was a one year bequest of \$31,817 from the U.S. Public Health Service to study the possible role of air pollution in lung cancer.

The grant was given to the Institute for Cellular Research under the direction of Dr. Donald Pace of the department of physiology.

The Board also approved an eight month leave of absence for Dr. James Olson, chairman of the history department, to complete a biographical study of the Sioux chief, Red Cloud.

The leave, which will be spent in Europe, will start June 1 and end Jan. 31, 1960. His work will be supported by a Woods Faculty Fellowship.

**Thompson**  
A leave also was approved for Dr. Gerald Thompson, assistant professor of economics. He will spend the next school year as one of 40 fellows selected throughout the nation to attend the Institute of Basic Mathematics for Application to Business.

The classes of the Institute, from 2 to 5. One of them earned a 5 in English 3. Although this group was small, Dean Chatfield said that the results of the summer course seem to be an accurate way of identifying those students who are willing and able to improve themselves in this area.

**Screening Device**  
"Apparently it (the experimental summer course) has some value as a screening device," the Junior Division director said.

More important to him, Dean Chatfield emphasized, was that the program was useful in improving methods of advising students.

"The more we can find out about students, the better we can help them understand themselves," he said.

Since the program has proved successful, it will be repeated next summer. The program will be expanded to include a Math X review course.

The English A course was given last summer to students in the Lincoln area who had taken placement tests in June and were classified as English A students. Those who took the course, came to the University to take a test and passed, were reclassified as either English B or English 3 students. Those failing the summer course remained classified as English A students.

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## Senior Women To Vie

### Queen Primary Wednesday

Thirty-four senior women have been chosen candidates for the May Queen primary election Wednesday.

The election will be held from 11 to 6 p.m. in Ag and city Unions. Only junior and senior women can vote.

Ten finalists will be selected the primary election and from these 10 a May Queen and her attendant will be chosen at the All-Women's Election March 4.

The coeds for primary election are:

Ruth Gilbert and Lois La Rue, Alpha Chi Omega; Phyl Bonner and Patricia Boyd, Alpha Omicron Pi; Janet Dworak and Sandra Shoup, Alpha Phi; Joyce Evans and Sondra Lee, Alpha Xi Delta.

Jana Hruska, Reba Kinne and Susan Rhodes, Chi Omega; Pat Arbutnot and Glenda Klein, Delta Delta Delta; Mary McKnight and Donna Scriven, Delta Gamma; Katherine Gilroy, Gamma Phi Beta; Ann Pickett and Sally Wilson, Kappa Alpha Theta.

Beverly Owens and Sonia Sievers, Kappa Delta; Sandra Boyd and Billie Prest, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Kathleen McCrory and Frances Jensen, Pi Beta Phi; Sandra Kully, Sigma Delta Tau; Linda Fahrlander and Paula Roehrkasse, Sigma Kappa.

Sharon Johnson, Zeta Tau Alpha; Ann Marie Klein and Mary Otto, Towne Club; Joyce Leners, Ruth Roubal, Caroline Skopec and Karen Smith, Independents.

## Talent Show Plans Begin For 1960

Plans are underway for next year's Big Eight Talent Show.

This year's show played to more than 500 at the Union Sunday night.

According to Paul Herman, show chairman, more than 2,200 saw the show in its four days on the road. The show found the most responsive audience here and the cast tremendously enjoyed their stay here, Herman said.

While the cast was here they attended the KU-NU basketball game and then attended a special party at East Hills.

Next year the tour will probably include Oklahoma State, Missouri University and possibly Colorado University, Herman said.

## Grade Reports

# Trial Summer TV English Courses Good Freshman Screening Device

An experimental English A course offered on KUON-TV last summer seems to have been a good device for screening freshmen, according to Dean Lee Chatfield, director of Junior Division.

Results of the progress of those freshmen that took the summer course have been released by the Dean.

**Falling Results**  
Of the six freshmen that failed the English A course offered via TV, four failed English A taken this semester, one passed with a 2, the other passed without a grade.

Of the 14 students that passed the summer course, only two failed English B. The 12 remaining students earned grades varying

from 2 to 5. One of them earned a 5 in English 3.

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## Council Offers Solution To Registration Blues

### Council Proposal

The committee on registration, as a result of our investigation of the alphabet system of registration, have that the Student Council recommend to the administration that the alphabet system be discontinued and replaced by the system offered by Dr. Floyd Hoover at his first meeting with the Student Council.

This system would consist of the administration's pulling the cards for all students, seniors would hand in their work sheets first indicating second and third choices of courses and sections.

The administration would group these work sheets roughly according to hours and proceed to pull the cards for seniors.

Persons requesting certain schedules because of employment or other reasons would be required to state the name and telephone number of employer, or persons who can verify the validity of the other reasons.

This procedure would be repeated for the remaining three classes.

It is this committee's carefully considered judgment that this system would offer the following advantages:

1. The system of priority would be maintained.

2. Each student would be relieved of the mechanical details of registration. Those who would prefer to pull their own cards will have the privilege of doing so in September.

3. Latitude of choice would be allowed students because they would be required to state first, second, and third choices of courses and sections desired.

4. This system would give the University more time and opportunity to provide additional courses and sections.

This committee assumes that all students will comply with the Senate's 2/5 rule for scheduling classes. It also assumes that each student will fill out his work sheet in detail including the bottom half of the worksheet.

It must be understood by all concerned that the possibility of opening new sections or expanding existing ones is contingent entirely upon the availability of instructors and facilities.

### Electronic Elections Foreseen

Future Student Council elections will be tabulated electronically, according to Council action Wednesday.

Voting will be done on IBM cards resembling previous ballots. The cards will be tabulated by an IBM processor which automatically sorts out ineligible ballots.

**Hand Checked**  
According to E. H. Moses, manager of the University IBM Services, ballots which the machine rejects will be tabulated and checked by hand.

Moses suggested having one IBM card printed for each student registered. This would provide an accurate record of the number of students voting by colleges and would also eliminate any possible discrepancies in the number of ballots used.

**Results**  
The results of elections, under the new system, will be available within two hours of the time polls close, Moses said.

Anyone who doubts the accuracy of the system is invited to watch the data processing, he said.

Council members said the new system will involve no increased cost and will save time and work in counting ballots.

**Schreiber**  
Hunter and his wife are both University graduates. The scholarships are being offered in memory of Mrs. Hunter's brother, Arthur Schreiber, a 1907 graduate.

These grants will be offered yearly to a senior who is a resident of Nebraska and "has made the greatest contribution to the development of qualities of leadership among his fellow students at the University."

The Board also accepted the bid of Kingery Construction Company to remodel the second floor of the horse barn. Kingery's bid was \$20,696.

Four resignations were also accepted and six appointments to the Agricultural College staff, three appointments to Arts and Sciences, one to the library, one to Teachers College and three to the College of Medicine were made.

**At Student House**  
The play will be presented at the Lutheran Student House, 535 No. 16th St., at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Since seating capacity is limited, reserved-seat tickets are being issued for both performances. These free tickets may be obtained at most of the student houses or by calling the Lutheran Student House.

Schultz described the story of the play as follows:

John Faustus sells his soul to the devil in return for 24 years of earthly power. This power granted, he proceeds to use in it a variety of ways—to obtain Helen of Troy for his mistress, to visit invisibly the Pope in Rome, etc.

**Sudden Realization**  
At the end of the 24 years, Faustus suddenly realizes what he has sold his soul for, but he is unable to call on God to save him.

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### Social Side

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## Scholars' Luncheon Saturday

Fourteen University women will be honored for high scholarship at a luncheon given by the Mortar Boards Saturday noon at the University Club.

Honored will be the top three women in the sophomore, junior and senior classes plus the top two senior women in each college.

Sophomores with the highest averages are Carol Vermaas, Teachers; Port Porter, Teachers, and Sonia Anderson, Arts and Sciences.

Junior women who will be honored include Pat Arnold, Teachers; Carol Crate, Arts and Sciences, and Mary Walters, Agriculture.

The top two senior women in Arts and Sciences are Phyllis Bonner and Carole Van Haeften while Nancy Copeland and Glenda Klein rank highest among the senior women in Teachers College.

Sonia Seivers and Dorothy Schidler will be recognized as leading the senior women in Business Administration. Top Agriculture seniors are Lois La Rue and Doris Eby.

## Pre-Pulled Cards Plan Includes All Students

By John Hoerner

The Student Council has presented a class priority plan to University Registrar Floyd Hoover, in an effort to solve the long-debated registration problem.

The new proposal involves the Registrar's staff doing the

work of pulling cards for all students.

**Seniors First**  
Students would fill out new worksheets giving their first, second and third choices for all courses and sections.

These worksheets would be grouped by hours within the class and the cards pulled, seniors first, then juniors, etc.

If the card pulling staff is unable to fill the orders given by the student on his worksheet, they would contact him by letter or by phone about making substitutions of his choice.

**Answers Objections**

Bob Blair, chairman of the Student Council registration committee, explained to the Council that five basic complaints had been received in the Council's investigation of the alphabet system.

These were:

1. Seniors had trouble getting cards which they wanted or needed for graduation.

2. Students didn't get the classes they wanted when they wanted them.

3. There were a few long lines which slowed down the registration process.

4. There was too much "running around" campus getting signatures and permission to enter closed sections.

5. It was inconvenient to go back at a later date only to pay fees.

**Remedy Situation**  
Blair explained that the proposed system would remedy these situations as much as possible.

He pointed out that it was the unanimous opinion of the Council registration committee that this system was the only system that would give the students what they have been asking.

To the problem of seniors not being able to get courses, Blair said that under the proposed plan, seniors' cards would be pulled first with hour priority within the class.

**Two-fifths Rule**  
In this way, Blair said, a senior would get maximum opportunity to obtain the courses and schedule which he desired.

As far as getting courses

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## 'Dr. Faustus' Soul-Selling Sunday

### Schultz Directs Reading

"Dr. Faustus," described as one of the all-time classics of the theatre, will be presented as a playreading on campus Sunday.

"Dr. Faustus," next to Shakespeare's tragedies, is probably the most monumental achievement of the Elizabethan theatre," according to Steve Schultz, director.

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DR. FAUSTUS SEEMS to be charming the Duchess as the Duke looks on. John Hall plays the man who sold his soul to the Devil and seems to be selling himself to the Duchess, played by Ann Prentice, here. Sitting and watching is Pete Struve, who plays the Duke. Dr. Faustus will be presented at the Lutheran Student Center Sunday night. Steve Schultz is directing the play.

Steve Schultz, Clown; Grover Kautz, Ralph; Bill Duffey, Vintner; Ann Prentice, Duchess and Lechery; Jo Couch, Good Angel and Covetousness; Sharon Peterson, Evil Angel.

C. T. Weatherford, Chor-us; Faye Oeljen, Pride; Gwen Scrivener, Wrath; Sharon Peterson, Envy; Stephanie Sherdeman, Gluttony; Sunny Copenhagen, Sloth.

Andy Backer, Wagner; Ron Hagen, Valdes; Roger Struve, Cornelius; Tom Perry, First Scholar; Larry Long, Second Scholar.