

Editorial Comment:

Everyone Has Points In Library Squeeze

It's sort of like a squeeze play. Nobody seems to be particularly at fault—and since everyone seems to be acting in good faith, it is rather hard to decide what should be done. However, since it is the

students who are in the midst of the squeeze, it seems as if something must be done.

Forewarning came last year, when Love Library attempted to close the downstairs study hall. Student protest was so great that the plan was shelved. However, it has been taken down again, this time flying under slightly different banners.

First hint of trouble came when the Student Council was told that if it did not take some action to cut out card playing, the room might have to be closed temporarily. Council members then agreed to make periodic checks on the room.

The first check was made yesterday. Five groups of card players amiably agreed to put the decks away. Okay, so far, so good.

It later became apparent, after checking with library officials, that closing the study lounge where vocal study is allowed, is imminent anyway. Probable date of the closure, which library officials say is necessary to make room for more books, is scheduled to more or less coincide with the date of the opening of the new Union addition.

Now, while it is true that the expanded Union will take care of the card players and the commuters who eat lunch in the study lounge, the new Union will not provide the most important function of the present study lounge. That is a place where students can study aloud. At present, the downstairs lounge is used predominantly by students working problems, where group thought often is necessary, and by students studying jointly for exams.

This sort of study cannot be done upstairs in the Reading Rooms where silence is the rule. The Union will not provide any such place for "loud" study since Union officials feel that the Union should be a place of relaxation rather than study.

Okay, so everybody has a point . . . the card players can move . . . the library needs the space . . . the Union wants recreation . . . the students want a place to talk and study . . . Anybody have any suggestions?

Wanted—Ten Thinkers

Five applications! That's all that have been so far turned in to the Union Activities office for the Union Advisory Board.

Interviews for this new concept in Union management will be held Saturday.

The Union Advisory Board will be composed of ten students—there will be two Greeks, a boy and a girl; two dorm residents, a boy and a girl; two Lincoln student commuters, a boy and a girl; a graduate student; a married student and an international student.

Their job will be to sit down with the Union Activities Committee once a week and advise them on what to do with the student body's money. There will be no poster painting, committee meeting busy-work involved.

It is strange that on a campus which makes much of its maturity and its right to govern itself—in a state which makes much of its frugality and financial independence—ten people cannot take the time to insure that right to govern and that financial independence.

It is more than strange—it is disgusting. The Union Activities Committee, from which the idea for an advisory board first came, has worked long and hard to present an ideal implement of student self-government to the campus.

And the campus has ignored it.

The campus got it on a silver platter—they didn't even have to fight for it like they fought for the Tribunal—there isn't even any work involved in it like there is with the Tribunal.

All it takes is someone who can think. Surely, there are ten people who can think left on this campus.



Daily Nebraskan Letterip

Informed?

To the Editor:

I can see only two reasons for the editorial in Tuesday's Rag which questioned the high school administrator's alleged "featherbedding". (1.) Either the writer was woefully uninformed or else (2.) he was simply scratching for some space filler. He began by lamenting the waste of the student's time. In regard to the interruption and use of studying time, the conference took exactly one hour of each freshman's time. The rewards passed on to the future freshmen should make that hour spent well worthwhile.

The writer felt that the administrators should have waited a day and held their conferences at home during vacation, rather than travel to the University at the expense of the local school board. This suggestion was hardly feasible.

If the writer had bothered to examine the situation he was debating, he would have found that the individual student conferences took place only in the morning. In the afternoon, the high school administrators met with the chancellor and the deans of the various colleges. In this meeting, the administrators relayed not only the students' feelings on their secondary education, but also their suggestions and ideas on how the University could improve its own teaching techniques.

To the confused author of the off-base articles on

"featherbedding", I should like to offer one suggestion which he might try applying in the future. When writing try first and foremost to find out what you're writing about.

L. L. Greenwald
(Editor's note—The Daily Nebraskan was in possession of all the facts concerning the high school administrators' visit to this campus when we wrote the editorial in question. These facts did not change our minds about that visit. Neither does Mr. Greenwald's letter.)

Stupor

To the Editor:

Doodness Dwacious. I have never written a letter wip before as I am to soft of persion who doesn't do that soft of thing. But I feel that I weally must protest the tywannical actions of the Administration. Ot has gone too faw. It is not content to let the students do anything they want, but, wathew, insists upon, with-

out consulting student opinion, enforcing the laws of the state of Newbaska. It has gone so faw as to say that thewe cannot be dwinking on campus. It administration must be brought to wealize that those students wodding awound in caws and dwinking beew in the Elgin Pawking lot are matuwe, gwonup, adults, and should be tweated as such. It must be brought to wealize that a student, like e v e w y gwonup, matuew, adult needs to have a drink in the evening befowe he can go to sleep. It must wealize that a student like e v e w y gwonup, matuew,

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So far every printed opinion on some very touchy subject floating around campus has been couched in a great deal of journalistic compromise. I do not hold to this sort of thing, nor do I believe that this wishy-washiness will solve the questions of a genuinely concerned college undergraduate. What is said has not coincided with the facts. What is privately thought has warped the facts into a jumble of crooked reason. Between the office of laws in the faculty subcommittee on social affairs and the personal feelings of a University student there is a canyon of apprehension and misunderstanding. I have done nothing, nor has any other student, to breach this canyon. I hate this thing which I call creeping Big-Daddyism with an unreasonable passion, and I have opposed its existence in both the campus leader and the administration. Thus I join the camp of those who oppose. However this will not create any more good will with the administration or change any laws.



Borland

The arguments on both sides are unreasonable and tempered with a great deal of personal prejudice. What I want more than anything is to see this argument come out in the open. I think there is a need for frank, specific opinion divorced from the usual banty of words which obscures sensible understanding.

This is what I mean by compromised opinion. It is the kind of thing you see every time a University official is interviewed, and the kind of thing you see in the private opinion voiced through the editorials and columns of this paper. Since I have asked for realistic thinking, I must admit that no official, except Terry Carpenter, wants to take any strong stand on any touchy subject. This will have to be recognized when we turn to the administration for understanding.

What I have said may seem obscure be-

cause I have chosen to generalize and moralize in the accepted fashion. To be specific: The letter in Tuesday's Rag attacking a recent column by Judy Truel is the kind of biggoted thinking which indicates just how strongly people feel about how students should conduct themselves. Dean Colbert's crack about parties in Plymouth Church basement shows how much concern he has for student opinion of him or his underlings. Next, my own biased dislike for the administration policy shows how far this breach can be carried.

I have voiced this dislike, and I need not run through the scores of campus opinions which have done the same. Furthermore, the action of the Registrar acting without even sampling student opinion, and the refusal of department heads to admit to unjust grade discrimination on freshmen, is proof of the breach between student and teacher.

The canyon which exists is one mostly of lack of sympathy. We are far more intolerant of the Administration than they are of us, yet it is up to them to make the first move. We have no one through which we can speak.

I suggest that the Student Affairs office start practicing grass-roots politics. I would be the first one to listen if Deans Colbert and Halgren outlined the actual situation as it really exists. There is a very apparent crack-down on all students at Nebraska, and there is assuredly some logical explanation. I would abide by the rules if I knew why, after my four years here, they are suddenly being tightened around my neck. What is the answer? Are somebodies mommies and daddies pressuring the Regents? Is the recent Sheriff's crack-down on teenagers hitting the Student Affairs office? There is quite obviously pressure coming from somewhere. With the coming of spring I want to know just how many times the woods will be raided and just how much longer I have to hide. I would welcome any ruling on what I as an individual must and must not do. If I ask friends to a pre-nuptial stag I sure as shooting don't want to register it.

Roger Borland

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