

Editorial Comment:

As the Public See Us

It's not just kids who "say the darnedest things!"

The director of research at Stephens College is quoted in the Intercollegiate Press Bulletin as saying that any "get tough" policy in college admissions is meaningless.

"A college may become known as 'the school for egg-heads' and it will attract students, who are looking for an intellectual haven," said Dr. Lewis Mayhew.

Hence Dr. Mayhew concludes that the student selects the college—not the college the student.

If this were literal truth, one would expect a mass exodus of college registrars and recruiters once the enlightenment reached them.

This comment seems like the ultimate in the defeatist approach—the final victory of the status quo.

To comment that "get tough" policies are meaningless is to attempt to shift the students who can't make it in an "already

tough" school to some other school. It seems like an attempt to sidestep the vital issue, which is the one hammered into the American public on the radio, in bus advertisements and by pamphlets and magazines, the bludgeoning enrollment in colleges today.

Thinking educators have come up with a twofold solution to the problems of the war-baby enrollment. First, expand and enlarge facilities. Second, "get tough" on admissions and course requirements.

No self-respecting school should ever be caught admitting that it could not jack the demands made of the students in an attempt to improve the quality of the student body and the finished product.

Dr. Mayhew is correct in saying that the public image tends to stereotype the college. It is further true that in most instances that impressions of the college are passed from present students to prospective students.

The public is not a blind glob which is immune to trends and changes. It may take more than overnight to change the "public image," but the changing is not the impossibility which Dr. Mayhew has implied.

Even Without the Augurs

In the early days of auguring, one often had to depend on the flight of a bird, the color of the innards of a lamb, or some other equally esoteric sign.

Only the selected few, trained carefully in the knowledge of their predecessors, were allowed the secret of prophecy and augury.

Powerful guys, these augurs.

Their modern counterparts inhabit some of the most widely read inside pages of our newspapers. We call them sports writers.

Haven't checked them recently on NU's basketball prospects.

Didn't seem necessary. "We'll bet on Herschell and Maxey and crew and let the augurs tell what they may about K-State and conferences.

Like it looks like a great season in the Coliseum . . . like . . .

Say You're Kidding!

"All you people in organizations can go jump. I don't like society and I won't join. To prove I'm not alone in the way I feel, I'll introduce you to the rest of the people in MY club. They all think the way I do."

Perspective

Remember perspective. Large things are large. But small things are also large if seen close up.

—Japanese poem



Errant Thoughts

by caesar

dear di well kid being quite on the ball you undoubtedly realize that christmas is just around the corner such a realization came to me the other day and i immediately started making a list of gifts and those to whom i would like to send them i submit my listing to you for any help you may be able to give me in procuring some of the items to jack nielsen a potato patch to dig in behind the d u house to andrews hall higher water fountains to sam jensen membership in the democratic party to the beta house some grass to n us football team the ability to stay quote up unquote for two games in a row to dear di an all american rag to sam hall i thought id be able to get him something but now i doubt it to dick masters deodorant so that he can continue to sweat it and still be popular to frank hallgren bruce brugman and marv breslow to the theta chis fewer d g shades to auf less politics and more fund raising to ernie hines fewer words to the red dots more mortar boards to lynn wright blinders to john hoerner knee pads so he wont hurt himself practicing to stan kaiman a four page ad instead of his usual three to the campus cops a drink to k k a decent date for

the spring show and a few more innocents this year to karl shapiro a creative writing course to the nes better luck to the student union coffee spoons to aws stricter hours because of the wild n u women to corn cobs some spirit to tassels anything at all they can use it to john heckt a by line for his letterips to the nebraska research and resources foundation a book entitled the power of positive thinking to jean morrison membership in the republican party to the boys dorm the alpha phis to bob paine a nourishing sandwich to the aopis faster answering of their colored phones to the campus a few more queens to the theatre people a few more pseudos and to the student council less talk more action and better representation yours in xmas merriment caesar

Biochem Speaker On Ag Campus

A top biochemist from Bethesda, Md., Dr. Simon Black, will be on Ag campus Wednesday at 4 p.m. to speak on the subject "Biochemistry of the New Sulfur-Containing Amino Acids." Black is chief of the Amino Acid Biochemistry Section of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Biochemistry and Nutrition building.

Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 500 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

Library Hit

Recently we have read articles about the extension of library hours, the raising of library fines, and a statement by an anonymous library staffer to the effect that students should do less studying and more research in the library. Perhaps, then, it is time for some student criticisms of the library. Fines are plenty high already. The notion of raising them seems to be based on the idea that students can afford to pay more in these prosperous days. My own thought would be that fines should be based on the amount the library loses (or other students lose) through the book's not being available. Strangest of all in the area of fines are those assessed on bound volumes of magazines. These may be checked out overnight, and are due back at 9 a.m. the next morning. The fine is 25 cents for the first hour and a nickel an hour thereafter. Yet I have several times observed the magazine that I broke my neck getting back on time sitting on the shelf behind the main desk

for several days before it finds its way back to its proper place.

And if the library is really interested in getting its books back, and not in the revenue that fines bring, why don't they set up a bookdrop for night returns? Library hours could always be lengthened, but especially poor is the practice of closing early Friday and Saturday nights.

Finally, it seems to me that a rather valuable piece of equipment is going to waste. This is a Russian typewriter installed in the Technical Service. The Technical people are quite reluctant to let Russian students use the machine.

With increasing enrollment and expansion of the Russian Dept., I submit that the typewriter should be placed somewhere in the library where bona fide Russian students could use it at all hours.

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From the editor's desk:

On Campuses 'n Things

By Diana Maxwell

A move to the left—crunch. A turn to the right—smack. Standing still—grind—a heel into the instep . . . probably bruised for life. Lovely dance though. Ooops—an elbow to the forehead.

But everybody looks splendid . . . (Even if that girl I'm hiding from does have the same dress) . . . hate.

And the bandstand with the voice in red and the grey platinum hair went round and round and round and round . . . with the fountain spilling and spilling . . . hope Elgart's boys have strong stomachs—that's one long spin . . . Ah hah! A clear space. Ten steps, un-banged, bruised, or impaired. Dancing can be fun.

Closing in . . . Maybe Elgart will play a rhumba or something to clear the floor. But everyone does look tremendous . . . especially the Honorary C and Service Queens . . . excellent choices this year . . . there's sunshine at AOPI with two scorers and the Gamma Phis with the top prize twice in a row . . . Bandstands in the middle of the floor are ic-rely—fairly drip with atmosphere—but it'd be nice to have some room to move in, too.

But everyone does look lovely . . . And the male population votes Yes to Cadence Countesses . . . Legs are in this year . . . Hum . . . two other girls are avoiding each other . . . cute dress anyway . . .

and look at all the guys dressed just alike. Ladies room looks like a corsage box storehouse . . . But everybody does look lovely . . . And tradition did wear a long gown . . . And even with crowded floors, Balls are great.

After hollering and hollering about the too-many-queenshness of our campi—it was all futile—the Daily Nebraskan has decided to add to the bevy. So . . . we're having our own little contest.

This one is not designed to get people to buy tickets to a dance or a show, though, and there won't be any campaigning.

Sony Whalen is masterminding this contest, which is part of a national competition.

The gal who wins will have a chance at a fantabulous trip to New York City. More later.

I read with disgust an article in a recent issue of the Texas A&M paper, the Battalion, that a special committee was being established in College Station. Some of the members of this committee would be taken from the college.

This in itself was fine. The gimmick was that this little committee was to determine the acceptableness of content in matter presented for readership in College Station—i.e. a little group of censors.

The motives behind this sort of group are noble, I suppose. They want to keep pornography and real smut off the news-stands and out of the book stores. But Milton's "Areopagitica" floats into mind and I think again that Censorship by any other name is still a malignancy on society.

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