

# Why Ignore What's Here?

Someone asked the other day why students rarely visit Morrill Hall—why the Planetarium, the art galleries and the wonderful museum displays are virtually ignored by the same students who 15 years hence will be "bringing the kiddies" to "see the elephants."

The glib answer is that most New Yorkers have never been to the Statue of Liberty . . . the grass is always greener . . . and so on.

This may be the answer, but somehow it seems too easy. Packed into this one building—so close and so cheap—is a wonderful seeing and thinking experience. The University has the largest mammal collection in the United States. The choice pieces from this collection are on display throughout the halls of the building. Who sees it? Geology students waiting for class, art students on the way upstairs, and the thousands who drive to Lincoln to look at this very building and the Capitol.

# Rex Knowles—Friend

Mention "religion on campus" or "student house" and invariably the name of Rex Knowles come first to mind.

Pastor of the Presbyterian chapel, counselor, speaker, friend—Rex Knowles has been all these for 12 years to Nebraska students. When Mortar Board wanted a single person to speak for all the religious houses this fall, the request almost automatically went to Rex Knowles.

This has been typical of the student reaction to the man who has been so successful in fulfilling the role of a man amid the hustle of campus.

As of second semester, he will leave the University to go to a Presbyterian College in Kentucky. There he will be pastor of the Chapel, as well as a professor and counselor. Thus the move will be a step forward in the particular gives which Rev. Knowles can give to a campus.

# Christmas Is Coming

Christmas is coming but who can think about stuffed goose, cranberries, lots of presents, Christmas trees, mistletoe and kisses, holly and bells, tinsel and snowmen, reunions and friends, sleeping and playing Mom's best silver, relatives running loose, that once a year card from the old friend, candlelight services, time to visit the dish who moved in next door last October, or the sharp guy you've wanted to meet since Thanksgiving,

The Planetarium, too, is a neglected part of campus. Last year about two percent of the enrolled students attended even one Sky Show. This year the figure is closer to one percent.

The movies just aren't that good that there is never an evening to go and have part of the skies explained as they "move" overhead.

Whether one "ought to" or ought not make the effort is almost irrelevant. It is assumed that college students would have a normally active curiosity and a normal interest in things quote cultural unquote.

A tour of Morrill is an interesting experience in itself—regardless of the educational value thereof.

And the Planetarium definitely deserves going over to see at least one Sky Show. The Christmas Star currently being presented would be a good beginning.

ward in the particular gives which Rev. Knowles can give to a campus.

He will be essentially the hub of the campus religious life—a job which he can fulfill so well.

His loss will be deeply felt here. As far back as Spring of 1952, he was named "Outstanding Nebraskan" by the Daily Nebraskan in recognition of his contributions to the campus.

Since arriving here he has not only added to the religious side of the campus, he has added a Ph.D. to the listings after his name. Hastings College also bestowed on him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

The Christmas wish of the campus to Rex Knowles is good fortune in Kentucky and Best Wishes for every New Year.

kid brothers and sisters hanging around again, logs burning in the fireplace; unharrassed evenings "just watching TV", New Year's Eve, one last fling before hitting the books again, shoveling snow or wishing it was a white Christmas and all that jazz when time is so short right before vacation and freedom from hour exams and papers and book reports so we've written a tiny editorial so you'll have more time to study 'til Friday.

# M. E. Speaking

By Carroll Kraus

Adjustment, how to study, what college to attend, how much social life, activities.

These are the problems a freshman has to face if he stands a chance of ever getting a college degree, Robert Jameson writes in the Saturday Evening Post.

And intertwined with the former dilemmas are the questions of whether and how much of drinking, dating and driving.

And Jameson says two out of three frosh can't solve their problems and consequently never graduate.

Jameson's writing shows a good insight into just what does arise when a high schooler goes college.

But it seems he may be raising a little too much alarm when he says only one of three will graduate. This may or may not be true; I prefer to think the percent of dropouts and flunkouts isn't that high.

In addition, his figures seem to be taken from the ranks of those who go straight through for four years, with no consideration given to males who take an army hitch after a year or two and come back.

And the dropout of college women is pretty large not so much because they

couldn't pull the grades but that they did pull a husband.

Preparation is the only answer that can feasibly make the academic transition easy. High schools just don't teach a lot of things the student should know to pass his freshman courses.

So prospective collegians have to dig for themselves to get a little education that isn't prescribed by their prep profs. Somehow someone will have to get this across if the less brilliant high schoolers want to get through even a year.

They'll have to find out to study by themselves, too. Counseling courses help but studying is an individual thing. Time schedules for instance work for some like a charm; for others, they only hinder.

Social life and activities are again something you can't prescribe rights and wrongs to. Combination PBK-activity leaders can't be the carbon copy; neither can the book worm who pulls down 9's but doesn't have a date a year or belong to any organization.

It all boils down to the fact that it's up to the individual in whatever he earns for himself collegewise. The waves of counselling shouldn't be either dismissed or held as the iron-clad, only solution.

Who says this is a conforming world? It's up to individualism to accomplish anything anymore.

Overheard in the Crib: "Who was that girl I saw you outfit last night?"



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# Errant Thoughts

by caesar

dear di  
I was a little surprised to read your review of the latest issue of scrip magazine now I will grant you that the masses must have their peanuts so there isn't always room in the rag to write an adequate review of such a publication but I wonder at the glibness of some of the criticism which is never really backed up by examples

not valid  
I have read the review several time dear di and must confess that I am not exactly sure what your complaints are your plea for less somber writing is not a valid criticism of this issue for that which is good need not be funny although I will grant you that the elitist waste land concept is perhaps too prevalent in all modern literature

and exactly what plots were stale this is never made clear I am given to believe that since you do not mention stastnys story elsewhere that it is also stale but I am inclined to go along with jaffe in that it is the treatment that seems the more important after all most of shakespeare noble bard is a rewrite job of somebody elses plot

and my personal opinion is that the best contribution to this issue of scrip is jcoles the trucks several of his lines such as quote grabbing some hiway tourists have left unquote and quote hot as a cargo wrapped in its own tatau unquote are exquisite examples of real perception and feeling  
so I dont know if I disagree with your interpreta-

tions or not boss because in the final analysis I just dont know what they are even though the general tone seems unfavorable you pass out a lot of praise which is never backed up very well either

not very fair  
I guess my main feeling on the subject is that the way the review was handled was not very fair to anybody not to scrip because you said it was in many ways the poorest of the three issues which isn't the finest accolade ever bestowed and not to the reader because it does not really tell him anything about the material and not even to you because it leaves the impression that little thought actually went into the writing of the review which I am confident is not so

when the next issue comes out and im sure scrip will bear up under the adverse comment perhaps page two of the rag can dismiss the comic strips and say nothing columnists for a day  
and boss it is interesting to note the current squabble between old hb and the purchasing department though little can be said because the proof which is necessary to avoid slander is undoubtedly buried deep in the administrations mountainous maze of carefully hidden secrets it should be pointed out that this is the second such incident the department has been involved in this year  
may the new year bring you a better basketball team  
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