

Editorial Comment:

# Convocations Committee Doing Extraordinary Job

The University will host another very distinguished guest April 1.

He is Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review, an outstanding weekly journal dealing with the ideas and the development of our national culture.

Cousins is a very-widely traveled man and the author of several inspiring books. He has received many public service awards. His foresight in national and international matters has drawn acclaim from many political and social leaders throughout the world—as well as readers of the Saturday Review.

President Eisenhower has called Cousins "a distinguished editor who stands as a symbol of America's creative, crusading, sensitive mind."

The synthesis is that his appearance at the University is one that shouldn't be missed if at all possible.

The Student Union convocations committee, which is bringing Cousins here, has obtained the Coliseum for the 11 a.m. speech the Review editor will give. The committee also has provided for an afternoon question and answer session.

Cousins' appearance tops off a list of noted speakers that the University has enjoyed hearing in this academic year, including Dr. Tom Dooley and C. Northcote Parkinson.

Both Dooley, the doctor who gave so much to the people of Laos, and Parkinson, the economist whose fresh thinking has won international attention, were brought here by the same convocations committee that is bringing Cousins.

Their effort has been tremendous—it certainly has taken a great deal of work. The whole University owes this small group a vote of thanks—and can give it by turning out in force for the Cousins All-University convocation on April 1.

While in the vein of convocations and service, it might be well to mention the efforts of NUCWA (Nebraska University Council on World Affairs).

When NUCWA was reformed this year, it appeared that a primary motive may have been political since almost the entire state of new officers came from the junior class.

But despite what the primary appearance or initial motive was, the group has turned out two fine convocations and appear to be on the way to developing another of interest.

Next week NUCWA has planned a program by the Committee on Political Education; the five-state director of the group is expected to speak.

Earlier this year, the group put on a panel symposium on unions and a faculty discussion of the "population explosion."

What with these convocations, a revised Student Council Constitution due, torrid activity by Young Democrats and Young Republicans, a Kosmet Klub show in the of- fice, fraternity help instead of hell weeks, a new Red Cross "walking blood bank" planned—and many other new or worthwhile projects finished or in the formative stages—quite a bit can be inferred about the attitude of the student body.

It's a healthy one from all indications. And what with the University itself undergoing a self-study, the only result can be good.

It should be enough to dispel a lot of the "inferiority complex" that many people insist is prevalent throughout this campus and the state of Nebraska.

# We're Sorry, Tribunal; You Were Misquoted

Apologies are in order for an article in the Friday edition of the Daily Nebraskan concerning the cases heard by the Student Tribunal last semester.

It was a king-sized blunder and we admit it.

No, the Tribunal did not recommend 28 students be "dismissed" from the University. The truth is that it only felt that the cases should have been dismissed.

We're sorry that the error occurred and can only print a retraction. Newspapers have to be open about admitting their mistakes. It's only fair.

If other groups also err, we're sure they feel this way, too.

From the Editor's Desk:

## It Seems to Me . . .

By Carroll Kraus

Situation normal nearly reigns on campus after the State High School Basketball Tournament last weekend which sent hordes of preppers swarming to Lincoln.

Their enthusiasm was contagious and as an easy chair TV basketball viewer, I found myself rooting for teams I'd scarcely known existed after meeting a player or a student from one of the towns represented in the tourney.

High school days, it seems, are really days when everybody in school sticks together. For instance, cheering at basketball games back in the old Columbus High crackerbox gym was so loud at times, especially the year we went to state, that you could scarcely hear for a half hour after you left the game.

And seeing all the high school people this weekend reminded me, and I suppose many others, of their old prep days—the games, classes, activities, and also, the class spirit.

Back in high school, it seemed like the freshmen were classified as green; the sophomores know-it-all; the juniors conservative; and the seniors revered.

Sophomores and juniors especially, it seemed, had a tremendous unity. Thus with such a situation, it was natural to have a body of officers for each class.

Perhaps the officers were just elected as in a popularity poll; and perhaps they didn't do much besides plan the frosh-soph hop and the junior-senior prom. But they were respected by their classmates and what they did do went over smoothly.

A friend of mine was president of the senior class here at NU back in the early '50's when class officers were elected here, too.

But in the second semester of 1954, the Student Council of that time failed to approve a class council constitution as a substitute for a falling officer system.

The constitution was voted down, it was said, because the University was too diversified and departmentalized to form an effective organization based on classes.

The chairman of the Student Council judiciary committee said loyalty to NU could best be obtained by strengthening and unifying loyalty within the colleges.

Arguments went that seniors attend freshman classes and that high school or a small college was the place for a class officer system, not a big University like Nebraska.

And the Student Council at this time argued that its favored discontinuance of the class council because of a lack of purpose.

But the class council did have a purpose; perhaps the council was shot down because it failed to carry out its goals of increasing loyalty to the University through encouraging class loyalty.

A hard-working, clear-thinking class council, however, might be used to create an effective, active alumni group while the alums to be are still receiving their college education.

It would take fresh thought and dedicated students, that's sure, to effectively run a council to organize an alumnus group to be.

But the idea seems worth consideration. NU's alumni are hot and cold. You'll see a lot of the hot at football games in the fall and you'll hear about their contributions and gifts.

But the percentage of cold is too high, from my talking to and observing the goodly number of NU alums I do know.

When a student still in college is brought to realize what the education he is getting, what the University really and concretely is doing for his future, he's apt to be a more avid alum than otherwise.

The job is too big to be left to the alumni association. Despite all the arguments to the contrary, perhaps a system of class loyalty could be built up now—as a prelude to a stronger alum group and greater University.

John Hoerner wishes to tell his reading audience that his Letterip in Friday's paper was not the official word of the Student Council.

Although he is Council treasurer, he says the views expressed were his own.

Fraternities undoubtedly got a goodly amount of rushing done during the basketball tournament.

But a few students sort of dirty-rushed both themselves and the University Friday afternoon. They stood in front of their house and indiscriminately snowballed cars and passers-by of both sexes.

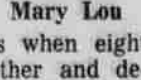
Real mature.



# The Huskers

By Mary Lou Reese

"Senioritis" is the established right of seniors on this campus. Any senior has the unwritten right to be a "victim" of this "dread" disease and do practically nothing for at least one semester—more likely a year if classes aren't too tough.



Mary Lou

So it's news when eight girls get together and decide to work harder than ever during their senior year—when none of them become victims of "senioritis." These Mortar Boards are doubly Huskers because they gave up their last-semester "privileges" to devote their time to a dormitory-full of freshmen.

Ask a Raymond girl how she likes Diana Maxwell, Gretchen Sides, Sue-Ann Schnable, Karen Peterson, Polly Doering, Gretchen Saeger, Dorothy Glade or Jane Savener. You'll be asking a rare exception if she doesn't tell you most emphatically that "They're wonderful!"

"They get all their own work done in the daytime so they can help us evenings."

"They invite us in for coffee or when they have cake or something or just to sit and visit."

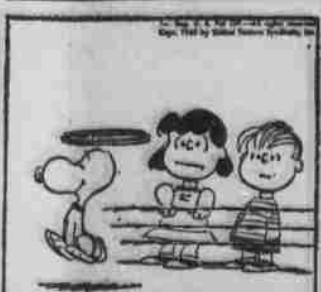
"You can go to them with any of your problems."

Do they respect the girls? "You just have to. They're all so good to us and they have so much experience with studying and activities and things, and you just have to like them."

The new counseling program should be a whopping success if the first six weeks is any indication. And if all the counselors in years to come can match the stride these Huskers have set.

Getting all their work done in the daytime really made me stop and think. Of course, they're pretty smart girls, but most of them are too smart to waste their last semester on sluff courses. Somewhere along the way these girls have learned the secret of efficient studying, and passing it on to freshmen women would be worth more to the University than the free board and room they are given.

But these girls just don't stop there. They drop in on their proteges, just to visit and be sure everything is going well. And lend an ear when needed or help solve a problem or just give encouragement or congratulations. Or give away a cup



# Survey Shows Flunkout Not Caused by Activities

Princeton, N.J. (I.P.) — The belief that academic difficulties in college usually stem from too great a participation in extracurricular activities is not supported by facts.

That is the consensus of a survey recently completed by Dr. Jeremiah S. Finch, Princeton University's Dean of the College.

## Few Pursuits

In fact, the study showed that, of those students required to withdraw from the University for academic reasons, more than half engaged in few or no extra-curricular pursuits.

In submitting the report to the curriculum committee of the Board of Trustees, Dean Finch observed that academic attrition is "almost always the result of lack of interest and lack of motivation" rather than an undue exposure to ac-

tivities outside the sphere of the classroom.

He attributed the major share of academic difficulty to "immaturity and a failure to respond to the challenges of academic work."

The study shows that of 52 men required to leave Princeton by reason of academic deficiency in the last college year, only four showed an adverse effect from time spent in extra-curricular activities or employment.

In addition, 27 of the 52 engaged in little or no extra-curricular activity.

Dean Finch disclosed that the 52 withdrawals represented only 1.78 per cent of Princeton's total enrollment and he declared that such a small percentage is "gratifying" to the administration because it indicates that the University is doing its job well.

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