

## New Seats In Spite Of Low Sales

### Peterson Urges Stadium Growth

Val Peterson, President of the University Board of Regents, said last week that he will suggest at least 5,000 new seats be added to Memorial Football Stadium despite low responses to an advance season ticket drive.

Peterson said he will urge the expansion at the Regents meeting this month.

"It looks to me right now like the Regents might approve a 5,000 seat addition. I personally favor adding that many, and maybe 10,000," he said.

Peterson based his recommendation on three factors: some 3,700 football ticket orders now on hand for the 1965 season cannot be filled; increasing student enrollment and faculty expansion that will require about 1,000 more seats, and more than 160 requests for reserved tickets for the next two seasons.

"All of these figures point to a need for more seating," he said. "Furthermore, I firmly believe the people of this state want more seating in the stadium."

It has been estimated that at least \$100,000 would be needed to construct an additional 4,600 seats, and \$500,000 to build 17,000.

Peterson said financing of any addition would be done on a sound basis. Details could be worked out by the school's fiscal officers, he said.

The proposed new additions would close in the north end of the stadium. If only 5,000 seats are added the running track would remain intact. Otherwise the track would have to be removed.

The Nebraska stadium is now the fourth largest in the Big Eight Conference. A 5,000 seat addition would make it the third largest and a 7,000 seat addition the second largest.

The Regents, at the urging of Peterson, launched a drive earlier last month to expand the stadium which now seats about 45,500. The drive was intended to determine the need for more seating but only 175 advance tickets have been sold.

Peterson said the price of the ticket package, \$55 per person, "probably ruled out many fans, especially those with a wife and children who would like to attend University games."

He said that more fans probably would have responded to the drive if the ticket sales had been on a one year advance basis.

"We discussed this possibility before announcing the drive. It was determined that the two year sales would give us a better financial indication, however," he said.

Peterson, a former three-term governor said he is sure "there's a demand for more tickets in the state."



A, B, C's . . . Dean Militzer yesterday presented to the Student Council suggested modifications in the grading system at the University from a 9 point scale to a letter system.

## IFC Sanctions New Day, Award

A new Rush Week schedule and an award for outstanding Greeks — IFC accomplished a lot last night.

After three weeks of debate, changes and discussion, IFC passed a new Rush Week schedule adding an extra day to the previous three day Rush Week.

The new schedule which will start Friday, Sept. 3 with the rushers checking in the night of Sept. 2 will last until the night of Sept. 6 with open rush Sept. 7.

Under the new plan rushers will visit 14 houses the first day for 30 minutes each and 14 houses the second day for the same amount of time. The rest of the schedule is basically the same as the one in previous years except that the third day of parties will be on a Sunday and will include a half-hour united church service.

### Officer Slate Named For YWCA Elections

The YWCA officer slate has been announced.

It includes Linda Cleveland, president; Linda Mahoney and Donna Eschliman, vice president in charge of programs; Cheryl Crosier and Sue Potten, publicity; Ruth Chestnut and Andrea Block, secretary; Barb Miller and Kathy Stankey, treasurer; and Jean Jaspenson, district representative.

Officers will be elected at the mass meeting to be held March 13. Other nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

## Militzer Suggests Adoption Of Letter Grading System

By Priscilla Mullins  
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The A-B-C grading system was proposed by Dean Walter Militzer of the Arts and Sciences as a substitute for the present 9-8-7 system employed by the University.

Speaking before the Student Council yesterday, Militzer said "I have never been happy with the 9 point system since it was begun at the University in 1947."

Nebraska is the only major college in the United States, with the exception of a few smaller colleges in Nebraska, which uses the 9 point system, according to Militzer.

In the Big Eight and Big Ten schools, Nebraska is the only institution using this system, he said.

"It is necessary to use the more commonly used means," he said, pointing out that it is difficult for colleges to convert grades from one system to another when students transfer.

When students are being considered for fellowships and graduate positions, there are a great many transcripts to be gone through by the judges, Militzer said, and it is so much easier to have all A's and B's to glance at in these considerations.

Militzer said that he was not proposing a system of A plus or A minus, but just letters themselves with no distinctions between them. A through D would be passing grades in the proposed system, and F would be a failing grade.

In telling the Council about the Iowa system, after which he patterned his idea, Militzer said that Iowa has a distribution curve telling how many students fall into which grade range.

On the elementary level, which includes freshmen and sophomore courses below the 100 level, the percentages of students receiving each grade break down into 9 per cent receiving A; 28 per cent receiving B; 41 per cent receiving C; 18 per cent receiving D; and 4 per cent receiving F.

At the intermediate level, which includes courses at the 100 level and some 200 level courses, the break down was 11 per cent A; 31 per cent B; 42 per cent C; and 24 per cent D.

The advanced level break down, which includes 200 and 300 level courses for seniors and graduate students, was 14 per cent A; 33 per cent B; and 43 per cent C.

Continuing his point on the need for a change, Militzer said that a "grade is really a judgment of one human being on another. Thus, it is

not a mechanical process, but a personal matter."

The usual argument against the A-B-C system is that it doesn't give enough points on which to assign grades, he said. "However, I am of the opinion that four points are enough."

Militzer said his main objection to the 9-8-7 system is the fact that there is "a bit of artificial competition in it which I have deplored over the years."

When the system was first begun, a 9 represented the upper 3 per cent of the graduating class, he said, but the tendency over the years has been to go up, so that now a 9 represents an A, which is usually thought of in terms of 9 and 8.

The difference between the two highest grade averages in the sororities last year was in the third place behind the decimal point, he pointed out. "Isn't this silly?"

Militzer said that students shouldn't be out to set marks in grades like they do for the 220 yard dash.

Answering questions from the floor, Militzer said that the transition, if the system is approved by the Faculty Senate, would not change the grades already on the record. He said that the records would just start with the new system next year.

When asked about the effect on the over-all average which the University main-

tains, Militzer said that an "honor point system" would go along with the letter grades. "A doesn't multiply by five very well," he said, so a number system would have to accompany the letters.

The main question behind the whole grading situation is how closely can you grade a student, according to Militzer.

He cited an experiment at Carleton College, where students may elect to receive a 'pass' or 'fail' grade on as many as seven courses. This is to combat the traditional fear of students that they should stay away from "strange but interesting courses to protect a carefully nurtured B average."

In response to the statement that the 9 point system shows that the instructor takes time to break the grade down finer, Militzer said the grade "reflects our own judgment."

This judgment could vary from one instructor to another.

When asked if the 9 point scale doesn't encourage students to work more for grades, Militzer told of the cheating situation at West Point. He said that an officer who attended that institution told him that due to the rigid grading system on every phase of life, there was more cheating.

"There is less of this pressure with the A-B-C system, and even less with a 'pass' or 'fail' system."

"You ought to be striving to get more education and not striving so much for grades," he said.

In other Council business, President John Lydick said that he had received word from the president of the Big Eight Student Government that the University has been selected as the site of the Big Eight Quiz Bowl tournament to be held this spring.

Student Opinion Committee chairman John Cosier reported the results of a general knowledge survey taken on the campus.

Cosier said that the results are based on 91 per cent of the 132 people the committee intended to contact.

The first question asked was "who is president of the Student Council?" Of the people contacted, 28 per cent knew.

The second question asked for the name of the chancellor of the University. Ninety-three per cent knew this.

In response to the question "who is one of the representatives from your college on Student Council," 32 per cent knew the answer.

## Summer School Bulletins Out

The University's summer session bulletin and class schedule is off the press and is available through the Office of Admissions.

Dr. Frank Sorenson, director of the summer session, announced that several three-week programs and a special six-week program would run concurrently with the regular eight-week classes.

Applications and registration forms should be filled out prior to the June 14 registration date. Classes will begin June 18 and conclude August 6.

Over 5000 students are expected to enroll for this year's summer session. More than 500 1965 high school graduates are expected to attend.

Anyone interested in attending the summer school may obtain a bulletin and catalog of class schedules by writing Director of Admissions, 109 Administration Building, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

## Superior Students Offered Advance Courses

### . . . Through Honors, Career Scholars Programs

By Rich Meier  
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Opportunities for superior students are offered by the University's Honors Program, and the Nebraska Career Scholars Program.

Superior high school students are invited to enroll in the honors programs of the University by the various departments and the University counseling service for freshman, the Junior Division, as first semester programs are planned. Most continue in the honors program through their freshman and sophomore years.

Sometimes in their sophomore year those who have outstanding records are invited by the Nebraska Career Scholars Program to become members. Opportunities for accelerated progress toward upper division courses and master's degrees at the conclusion of one year of graduate study are afforded by this program.

In all the honors courses there is encouraged individual exploration and study beyond the requirements for the regular course.

In the Arts and Science College there are seven departments having special sections or honors courses. How the program is set up is left to the individual departments.

There are two ways a freshman may be selected for participation in the various honors courses: on the basis of his high school record and various other tests, before he arrives at the University, or by his performance in an introductory course.

According to Mr. Lee Chaffield, director of Junior Division, the math department was the first to instigate a special separate honors course.

"When it first started it was a three semester sequence, paralleling the three semester regular calculus course," Chaffield said. Students were selected on the basis of their high school record and entered directly into Math 130.

"Now it will be a two semester sequence with its participant selected from Math 18, or 114, under the new numbering system."

He outlined the other honors courses now available. "History 1 and 2, Philosophy 20, and Political Science 10, cover the same material as the regular course, but in special sections giving the opportunity for greater depth.

The English department has a special honors section for freshman, with different topic coverage.

The chemistry department selects superior students

for Chemistry 24, from the freshman first semester course.

"Zoology and biology have special laboratory sections with the student attending the regular lecture section."

Superior students also have many other opportunities beyond the honors courses.

They may make use of advanced placement devices available in all the colleges. These allow the student to take the final and receive credit for the course without having actually enrolled in the class.

Dean Walter Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Honors and Graduation with Distinction, told what is being done with superior students in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Most of the freshmen in Arts college who have qualified for honors courses, and have a good grade average, are designated as the freshman honors group. For the sophomores there is also a group of students designated as the sophomore honors group."

"We have had two meetings in the fall semester with each of these groups."

"In the second fall meeting of the freshman honors group Professor Dewey discussed theories of knowledge."

"In the meeting with the sophomore honors group, Dr. Robert Knoll discussed what science is about as seen by someone not closely connected with it. In both of these meetings there was opportunity for discussion from the floor."

"We will have another of these meetings in March and we have a mailing list of about 70 for each honors group, inviting them to attend. These meetings are very informal, and anyone may attend," he said.

"The purpose of these meetings is not curricular or extra-curricular, but is to get the person interested in ideas. To point out to them that their courses are very useful means to learn ideas, and not to make passing courses synonymous with learning."

But the most important aspect of these meetings, he emphasized, "is to get these superior students together, to let them know that there are others here interested in learning for the sake of learning."

The honors program gives more individual attention to the student. He has the opportunity for contact with the staff, and thus does not lose his individuality.

Dean Wright told of two cases, one in anthropology, and one in the foreign language department, where a juni-

Eighty-one per cent of the people were able to explain what "Dead Week" was.

Eleven per cent of the persons contacted were able to tell what system of representation had been adopted by the Constitutional Convention.

Seventy-seven per cent knew the name of the head basketball coach.

When asked for their opinion on the recent Student Council action on discrimination, 43 per cent of those contacted were familiar with the action, but many would not express an opinion.

Because of the lack of knowledge about the discrimination action, "it is difficult to generalize a campus opinion," Cosier said.

"As yet we have not pursued this point and if a report on this will be meaningful, we will certainly make this information available."

Reporting on the Senator's Committee, John Kenagy told of three parts to the program. First is a builders tour for the senators. This is for the purpose of showing them the facilities at the University, Kenagy said.

The second phase of the program is to send letters to the senators which contain lists of all the students from their districts who are attending the University. "This will shock some of the senators," Kenagy said.

The third part of the program is a series of dinners which will be held in the dormitories and Greek houses. The students and senators will have a chance to talk during these dinners, Kenagy said.

Bruce Beck and Art Ruzanic were selected by the Council as the new Graduate College representatives. Stephen Marshall also interviewed before the Council.

Parking Committee Chairman Bill Poppert told the Council that there will be a meeting concerning the inter-campus bus situation. It will be held Monday at 8 p.m. in 232 Nebraska Union, and all interested persons should attend.

## Junior IFC Ball Tomorrow Night

The Junior Interfraternity Council will hold their annual ball tomorrow night from 9 to 12 p.m. at the Lincoln Hotel.

The Jr. IFC Queen will be chosen from the following six finalists: Lynn Beckman, Alpha Xi Delta representing FarmHouse; Sherry Adams, Pi Beta Phi representing Alpha Gamma Rho; Sue Dowe, Kappa Alpha Theta representing Phi Kappa Psi; Jackie Freeman, Kappa Kappa Gamma representing Beta Theta Pi; Pam Wood, Delta Gamma representing Kappa Sigma and Helene Weinberg, Sigma Delta Tau representing Sigma Alpha Mu.

Last year's queen Carolyn Rankin will crown her successor. All 23 queen candidates nominated by the fraternities will participate in the procession during intermission. Couples will dance to the music of the Primers and refreshments will be served.

The Interfraternity Council Executive Committee will be the guests of the Jr. IFC for the evening.

Tickets are \$2.00 per couple and are on sale at the Union Booth.

## Legislature To Decide On University Budget

The Legislature's Budget Committee will begin hearings on the University budget requests March 15.

Budget Committee Chairman Richard Marvel of Hastings said Tuesday that hearings for the University will take at least a week.

The University has requested a total biennial budget of \$62.3 million and Gov. Morrison has recommended a total of \$59.8 million for the upcoming biennium. The University received \$50.3 million for the present biennium.

Marvel said the first budget package will be sent to the floor about April 1. The first of two packages will include the University, state colleges, the Departments of Education, Public Welfare and Public Institutions.

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