

University Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Regents that class attendance is mandatory at this University. Most students, contrary to popular opinion around this state, hold to this rule, and many professors, contrary to the opinion of many class-cutters, take attendance into consideration when the time comes for the final red marks. The great majority of this University's regular three-hour courses meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Taking this into consideration, we are disappointed in the disillusionment expressed by Governor Morrison when only 60 students showed up Monday at 10:30 a.m. to hear him discuss the value of politics as a profession with Kansas Gov. William Avery. We did not attend; we had a class in which a cut might mean the loss of a theme assignment, a quiz or valuable lecture information.

It would appear that the governor could take a lesson from this "display of apathy." Apathy is here—we cannot deny—just as it is everywhere across the nation. Apathy was only a small part of the reason that only 60 students showed up for the governors' forum Monday, however. Or, stated more accurately, political apathy was only a small part of the reason. Apathy must be subverted, not attacked.

The governor should be pleased to see students going to class. While a few comments from the governor of Nebraska and the governor of Kansas might be a contributing factor to forming the well-rounded student, a few comments from a professor might mean the difference between passing and failing a course.

And many of the older students were completely alienated from all political speakers last year when a much-heralded panel between Sen. Paul Douglas and three newsmen turned out to be little more than a little affectionate banter among old friends.

Apology To Avery

We are sorry, however, that Gov. Avery did not receive a better reception. Judging by newspaper accounts of his comments, he really had something to say, and it is unfortunate that Gov. Morrison's tirade comprised the greater part of the news stories. We would welcome the opportunity to hear Gov. Avery's political philosophy again some time, and hope that other students feel the same.

The blame for this fiasco must go to the Nebraska Union talks and topics committee and its nightmarishly unrealistic scheduling and rather mediocre publicity. True, the Daily Nebraskan—lost in the hectic week of student elections—failed to mention the event until Monday, but we do not consider it our duty to encourage students to leave their classrooms. Nevertheless we are partially responsible, because maybe some of the few without Monday morning classes would have gone had we run a story Friday. We apologize to the students who relied on us, and will assume about 5 per cent of the blame.

We planned to attend the convocation this morning, because someone had the forethought to call off classes for the honors convocation. Were classes held, we would attend them, and completely support any student that chose to do so.

• FRANK PARTSCH

CORKers

by Lynn Corcoran

Ah, it's the time of the year when birds sing, trees wave in the gentle warm breeze, and water balloons traverse the air between the houses of the Xi's and the Phi's. The entire episode is a carefully calculated plan of the Xi's to water the arid Mesabi they call their lawn.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"SOMEONE IS GETTING CARELESS ABOUT PULLING THE SHADES AGAIN."



"WHATEVER IT IS, IT ISN'T PAPER."

CAMPUS OPINION

Circus Music

Dear editor,

As a typical overworked graduate student, I must spend most of my waking hours on campus. After all these years of being a student at Nebraska, I am getting used to being trampled by the herd entering Burnett every hour, and the Union coffee no longer sears every inch of me that it slithers through. . . . But, I will never adjust to the righteous simple minded clanging of that damn bell tower every hour on the hour!

I thought "School Days"

was a song for children until the Carillon informed me otherwise. And isn't "The Man On the Flying Trapeze" circus music? A few days ago a professor of mine began a lecture with a discussion of the scapegoats the Germans made of the Jews in World War II.

The Carillon brashly broke in with "I Love You Truly." There were mutters about sending a demolition crew over to the Tower!

Why must we be bombarded with such simple minded tunes? A university

is supposed to be a dignified, relatively tranquil institution of higher learning. If we must be subjected to music to move us harmoniously (I have heard that lately cows are being exposed to the virtues of music too), why can't we hear something befitting the atmosphere, as selections from Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," and the like.

I warn you, Carillon-teer, learn some better music, or we'll lock you up in your Tower, and cut off your bell-power!

Ringling Ears

Should Student Government Study World?

(ACP) — Should student governments have the right to pass resolutions on off-campus issues, such as United States action in Viet Nam?

Philosophically, the answer must be an emphatic yes, says UCLA's Daily Bruin.

The University is supposedly a community of scholars, a training ground for leadership and a critic of society. To deny students the right to speak out as a body on the issues of the day is to deny the validity of the University.

The inane and puerile arguments put forth in opposition to a student voice, including the oft-repeated one that "student governments are financed by compulsory fees and therefore should remain non-partisan," don't hold water. By the same reasoning, one could deny the right of the U.S. Senate to express political positions. Taxes certainly aren't voluntary.

Indeed, the only argument of any merit—and for the present sufficient to win the point—is that student governments don't repre-

sent student opinion. Though Berkeley might be an exception, for the most part student body officers are elected on promises to improve hamburgers in the Coop, not on promises to keep the United States out of war.

However, campaigns on

such substantive issues are only a matter of adopting the proper outlook, an outlook we endorse and heartily recommend. Certainly the quality of hamburgers in the Coop is important, but an awareness and interest in the survival of the world is much more important.

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