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A Postscript

This may be the last we have to say editorially about the faculty evaluation book. If student interest were to indicate what ours should be, we would let the book rest in peace.

But one thing more needs to be said, or rather asked. Why?

Why were only 3,000 question-naires out of 35,000 returned? Most questions don't have simple answers. We think this one does. Students just don't give a dom don't give a darn.

The ASUN committee, which has worked on the book more than six months, under the direction of Ladd Lonnquist, is baffled. The committee researched, polled and questioned other universities with faculty evaluation books. And then they determined a program for a faculty evaluation book which they felt would satisfy the needs of Nebraska.

The faculty evaluation book is one of the most meritorious projects undertaken by ASUN this year. And, as such projects often do, it ran into trouble-in the form of faculty resistance supposedly be-cause of the question of legal liability.

Well, the liability problem was ironed out and the Committee on Student Affairs gave approval for the book. The rest was up to the students . . . and the students failed miserably.

The old stigma of apathy is still pre-sent at the University, no matter what leaders like Kent Neumeister, Larry Frolik and some of the senators do to present effective and meaningful programs in student government. The ASUN poll on student apathy bears this out.

The faculty evaluation book need not be a dead issue. There is still time this semester to revamp the program and get the book out. Lonnquist has tentative plans to pass out revised questionnaires in classes during Dead Week. The hope is that if students are too lazy to pick up a questionnaire and fill it out, maybe they will take the time if it is put in their grubby little paws.

We wonder if this plan, too, will be met with similar student response. We would hope not.

We are not optimistic about the fac-ulty evaluation book's chances for success, unless a radical (and we use "radical" with the best of connotations) change occurs in student thinking.

We are sorry that students who have criticized student government's ineffectiveness in the past, are the same students who don't care when a program of value is planned. These students don't deserve a faculty evaluation book.

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Sorry About That!

LIBEL COULDN'T KILL IT-YOUR APATHY DID ...

Faculty

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Being a compendium of farce, absurdity and comment, selected arbitrarily by the Editor . . .

Thought for the day: Will the weather be good enough to take the top down on my convertible this weekend?

The Daily Kansan (University of Kansas) carried on the front page a picture of "Nebraska's Nate Branch (with Ball)". The cutline read . . . "Even he couldn't help the Huskers."

Nor could the three fans who were there.

how) to restrain myself.

Nebraska Union Rule of the Day: "State, city and University laws and regulations are to be observed at all times, including the prohibition of alcoholic beverages, gambling, etc."

1 saw two students flipping for a cup of coffee yesterday. My conscience normally would move me to report this gambling infraction, but I managed (some-

Castle

Hastle

problems. Consider these excepts from one issue of the Daily Illini:

"On our now distinctly unprogressive campus, it may be stated that students do not have the opportunity to move to-ward a mature pattern of student life . . ."

"Student Senate continued to fumble around this week while other student organizations tried to get a few things accomplished . . .

"Janitors to strike Monday midnight

Nebraska could probably cope with (and does) the first two of the University of Illinois's problems . . . hope we never see the day when the third strikes us.

Excerpt from the minutes of the AWS meeting: "Lynn has received the acceptance of the (campaign) rules (for presidential candidates) from Kent Newmaster (sic.)"

Sounds like AWS is a trifle unhappy about ASUN's interference in their election process.

Fox's Facts BY GALE POKORNY

This morning when I was rudely jarred out of a beautiful and sound sleep by my automatic clock-radio, I was suddenly overcome by that attitude familiar at one time or another to all of us, namely to heck with higher education, I'm going back to sleep!

However, before I was able to stumble across my carefully concealed radio and shut the accursed instrument off, (I purposely hide it each night before I turn in anticipating my weaker moments which for some reason or the other usually correspond to getting up in the morning) some character sounding suspiciously like the voice of fate some character sounding suspiciously inte the voice of fate (possibly doom) started singing about all those guys with the green berets and all that fighting and stuff and in short, after hasty reconsideration, I decided that maybe I had better get up and go to class if I knew what was good for my health.

But soon, my mind was on other things. After cutting my gums with my electric toothbrush, tearing a new pair of socks with my electric shoe shiner, and burning my tongue with coffee that my automatic coffeemaker consis-tently makes too hot, I began to ponder mankind and the trap technology in general was making for him (or us).

We've all heard the solemn predictions that in a few centuries (if we're still here) we will all be physically immoble, fat, with oversized heads to accommodate the brains that have taken precedence over body (apparently they overlooked me) etc.

The thing that seems to be a prime tool in this subtle underground battle of the scientist versus Charles Atlas is the computer.

Just last week, as I was scanning the pages of the Rag, I found an article explaining the latest sinister use devised for the computer, scientific date matching. (Does she or doesn't she, only six thousand technicians at General Electric know for sure).

Apparently a couple of Harvard students are using an IBM to match couples and shortly they will have to use another IBM to keep track of all the money they are making.

Now stop and think for a minute (ouch), the uses of the computer in this manner, given the right information at the right time are limitless.

Imagine getting up in the morning, groping your way over to your private computer, feeding in the necessary data concerning time, weather, day of the week, number of parties in Lincoln last night, and presto out come the odds on your finding a parking place on campus.

Why go when you know you will never be able to park your car, go back to bed. (A lot of sleep could be caught up on this way).

Or how about athletic contests? The coach could utilize the Big Red computer, feeding in such essential information such as, weight of the ball, the number of scream-ing fans, how hungry the players are in comparison to the number of bags of popcorn held by spectators in the front five rows and again the answer would emerge mak-ing costly trips (like the one into bleeding Kansas) unnecessary.

Greek pledges with the aid of an IBM could easily de-termine whether or not they will be activated without going through the strain of pledge training and duty. These fellows need only to feed the machine statistics on such things as the number of dates they had last week-end, the number of white socks they have in ratio to the number of pale blue button down shirts, divided by their grade average and the magic word will appear.

In fact a lot of people here in school could easily figure out if the scholastic battle will end in victory or defeat and if they will graduate or not. A good computer will know, if provided with reliable data on such things as the strength of your trigger finger in ratio to your slide rule thumb, the color of your eyes (do they match olive green), and your ability to duck compared against your willingness to stick your neck out.

(Editor's Note: The following editorial is reprinted from the Daily Illini.) able.)

To some college students the Peace Corps is "idealistic."

To the Selective Service System the Peace Corps is a "draft deferment" in war-

The immediate demands of the Peace Corps.

Peace Corps: Draft strength (about 60 per cent of the Peace Corps is draft-

Another Viewpoint-

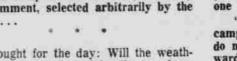
pand in manpower from 13,700 volunteers to 16,000 by Aug. 31, 1967, and later to

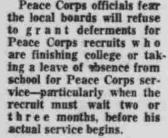
To President John Kennedy the Peace Corps was a place to work in the "national interest" of the United States.

time.

the Vietnamese War are causing local draft boards to review those draft age men seeking admission to

Peace Corps was founded there have been only a few





The Peace Corps had hoped to sign up about 4,000 draft age men to fill out its currently authorized

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These cases obviously will increase as long as the war in Viet Nam continues to escalate. The very need for the Peace Corps is being called into question. Deferments (2-A) were given to Peace Corpsmen because they were thought

al interest.

accepted for training.

In addition, the Peace

Corps had planned to ex-

With the increased man-power demands of Viet

Nam, these expansion plans

While Peace Corps offi-cials attempt to gain "fair

treatment" for returning

volunteers, officials do not

promise permanent draft

In the five years since

However, in the last six

months the number of such

cases has greatly increased.

expand its service areas.

will be cut back.

deferment.

Fact three - the Army's cases of the Selective Serefficiency in handling the physical and mental tests vice System drafting a young man who had been leaves much to be desired. For the Army, it is easier to handle the newer names

worthy of a draft defer-

However, these same "children" will be carrying

the brunt of the war in Viet

Nam, according to most

The "manpower m y t h,"

the need to draft college

students and Peace Corps-

men once they have been

accepted for training, seems

000 men now classified 1-A.

have hovered between 30-40,-

000 per month. An estimated

30,000 more men become I-A

every month. Thus, the pool

remains almost constant.

Fact one -there are 990 .-

Fact two -draft calls

military authorities.

on the list than to test the the existing pool. It is not known whether or not Peace Corpsmen who have already been trained and are serving overseas will be reclassified. The war in Viet Nam is not yet that large But the future of the Peace Corps is being

checked by reclassification of those beginning training and those waiting for train-

Some cynics can pass off the Peace Corps as "a chil-dren's crusade," and not lated?

to be working in the nationing to begin. Is the Peace Corps worth saving? Even if it's emascu-

It's always reassuring to know that Nebraska isn't the only university with

We're not running a Campus Opinion column today (due to the great abundance of letters which we didn't receive.) Sorry About That!

In short, computers are the thing of the future, so be smart, become part of the American dream, and make a pile. Send away to Allied Radio for an easy-to-assemble transistor computer kit and clean up.

