

Hoover Sees Education: 'High Road To Successful Living'

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A man who believes a college education is not only a means for success, but "the high road to successful living," Floyd W. Hoover, professor of secondary education and former University Registrar, has been selected as Outstanding Nebraskan for this semester.

The absence of endless registration lines in September can be attributed to Hoover's work on the freshman pre-registration system during his ten years as Registrar.

When Hoover first became interested in the University registration program, he decided, "there must be a way to eliminate all those unbelievable lines every fall."

Through a "trial and error" method, Hoover researched the problems and "tested, eliminated and redesigned different hypotheses," culminating in the present registration system.

His eyes twinkling, Hoover quipped that when a research chemist makes a mistake he can "pour his failures down the drain," but that he couldn't do that with his own mistakes when revamping the registration system.

And I made zillions of them," he said.

Retiring as registrar this fall to instruct secondary education, Hoover said one of his greatest satisfactions came when "I was finally able to go to the Coliseum last September and simply watch" the registration process.

Hoover, an honorary innocent, was also active in revising and clarifying college catalogues and establishing upperclassmen checks to make certain students have met requirements for graduation.

Enjoying his new role as professor, Hoover said that as Registrar, "I was a shadowy figure to the students as an individual," but that now, he will be able to have personal contact with them.

Students are vastly different than they were during his college years, Hoover declared.

"Why, the grade-getter is now a hero," he laughed. "College students are becoming more perceptive and they can take an idea and expand it into something grand."

A keener realization for the need of more education "in this complicated world" has caused students to change their attitudes, Hoover noted.

Social and economic pressures and an "increased interest factor" can account for the increase in numbers of students enrolling in colleges, Hoover explained.

The exuberant professor has his own unique formula for teaching his students.

"Instead of recording a student's failures, it is much more important for an instructor to help him correct his mistakes," Hoover declared.

An avid photographer,

Hoover cited as an example that he usually succeeds in producing one picture out of 20 photographs that satisfies him.

"The other 19 pictures were failures," he chuckled, "but they are insignificant when the final product is a success."

Students are amazed when he often returns their papers to be corrected and improved before they are given a final grade, Hoover said with a smile.

"Why should a student be given a failure, when he could also be given the chance to improve his work and at the same time improve his knowledge of the subject?" Hoover asked.

"Students find it much easier to memorize a book than to learn it," Hoover stressed.

He recalled a former piano teacher of his who said she never had trouble making students practice scales, but rather, in making them learn what was in the music, because this was more difficult.

Campus organizations such as SDS and SNCC are part of this leaning process and "long overdue," Hoover added. European students have always been interested in new ideas and politics, he explained, and have been puzzled by American students' apathy toward such matters.

"Today these matters are very important to American students," Hoover said, "and the potential genius we have concentrated in this University is beyond description."

Teaching gives him the opportunity to help develop these students, Hoover said. One of his most rewarding moments was when a student came to him and said, "I tried your idea professor and it worked."

"I often preach students like I preach photography," Hoover grinned. "I try to show what I see in the simple things in life and hope they may help students create a new idea."

Hoover began photography as a hobby for a variety

of reasons when he gave up the piano.

"I found I could become more creative with a camera than a piano," he explained. "When I was playing Chopin and Bach I wasn't playing myself, but with my camera my visions are my own."

Hoover has entered his photographs in several showings, and last spring he was the only participant in the Fine Arts Festival at Nebraska Wesleyan University to win two prizes for his entries.

Next month, about 36 of his portraits and nature photographs will be shown in the Fine Arts Building at Peru State College.

"Concert Hall"

Music "ranging from the early Renaissance through the avant-garde," is another of Hoover's varied interests.

He "did some surgery on an old dining room buffet"

and constructed a stereo for his home. Then reinforcing his living room with special reflectors which bounce the stereo sound over the room, he has succeeded in "making my living room more alive than a concert hall."

When Hoover wants more solitude than the city affords, he goes to his own island retreat in northern Minnesota.

"A man sometimes needs solitude," Hoover said thoughtfully, "not to think profound thoughts but rather to empty his mind."

It was at his island in 1939 when Hoover helped a stranded fisherman by the name of Walter Rosenlof. During the conversation that followed, Hoover learned Rosenlof was a University of Nebraska administrative official.

Rosenlof invited him to come to the University, and in 1945, Hoover became assistant registrar in the University.

In 1952 he was promoted to Director of Registration and Records and in 1956 became Registrar.

For his services to the University, Hoover was named as honorary Masquer, honorary Innocent and was a Cornhusker Distinguished Nebraskan in 1964.

PACT Supports Free University

PACT put "its wholehearted support" behind the Nebraska Free University at their meeting Tuesday evening.

In a position paper prepared by Randy Prier and endorsed by the party, the members stated that "Pact recognizes the need of the University to update its curriculum," which is a goal NFU sees for itself, but they believe there is a "broader and a continuing purpose to be realized in a free university."

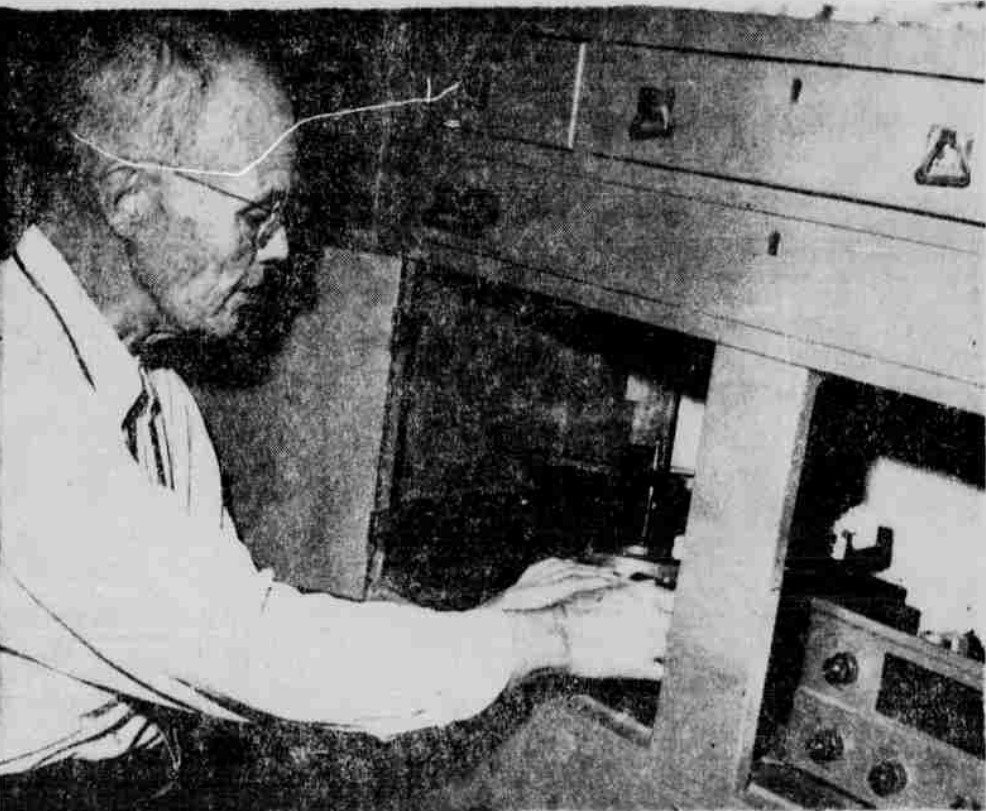
"The free university should be a continuing project," the paper continues, "which at all times will provide to students the opportunity to explore topics of interest and importance to them."

The paper concludes by saying "The Free University is now launching into an experimental stage. It is hoped by PACT that those sponsoring and taking courses will have the courage of their convictions and not let this experiment die, as it would be so easy to do under the conditions of voluntary participation that have been proposed."

Committee Head Selected By IFC

At Wednesday's Interfraternity Council meeting, Bob Bartee, Beta Sigma Psi, was elected chairman of the IFC Affairs Committee. Bartee is a sophomore.

Other candidates for the position were Dave Piester, Beta Theta Pi; Gary White, Farmhouse and Dave Ernst, Phi Kappa Psi.



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