

Enrollment in pass-fail smaller than expected

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The University's pass-fail system is an option that few students seem to be using.

This semester there were 195 registrations for pass-fail courses, according to Beverly Cunningham, registration advisor.

"I THOUGHT that more students would be using the pass-fail option than there actually are," said Miss Cunningham, who has compiled a set of statistics on this semester's pass-fail system.

She said one reason for the low participation may be that many students do not understand the requirements for pass-fail.

Current policy allows juniors and seniors the opportunity of taking a course on the pass-fail basis. Pass-fail courses are restricted to areas outside the student's major and minor fields and may not be used to fulfill group requirements for graduation.

TO REGISTER for a pass-fail course, a student indicates on his worksheet that he is taking the course on that basis.

A maximum of 12 hours may be taken on the pass-fail basis while at the University, Miss Cunningham said that this semester two students are taking four pass-fail courses each.

The three most popular departments for pass-fail courses are the Psychology, English and Political Science Departments, according to Miss Cunningham.

Determination of what is considered pass or fail is decided by the instructor of the course.

DR. HARRY SHELLEY, who teaches Psych 188, a course popular with pass-fail students, says that such a student must meet the same requirements as the rest of the class. The only difference is that the student gets a "p" or "f" instead of a letter grade.

"I would guess that the students who have taken my courses on the pass-fail option would have received a C-plus on a graded basis," he said.

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THE PASS-FAIL system is a good idea, he added, because a student has a chance to experiment in an area alien to his major field.

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THE UNIVERSITY of Nebraska campus, in effect, has no radical leaders, according to Dave Bunnell.

Bunnell was influenced by the philosophy of Carl Davidson when Davidson was on campus three years ago. But the fire lit by Davidson has burnt out now, Bunnell thinks.

"The radicals here have nothing," he said. "They have been ostracized. All we can do is push the liberals into doing something. We are very disillusioned with the campus."

"Bunnell blames the radicals 'for not doing their homework' but added, 'obviously, the student body is not as sophisticated as those at better schools like Harvard, Berkeley or Columbia.'"

BUT THE power struggle is not between liberals and radicals. What is being demanded by students? What does it have to do with the quality of education at the University?

Many student leaders think that the future of the University is tied up in the answers to those questions.

Some answers will be explored in the conclusion of this study of student activism at the University of Nebraska.

Little creativity causes non-action

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Some see a lack of creativity on the part of the students as a reason why more students haven't gotten involved this year.

"That march on City Hall was nothing but a collective ego-trip," explained Phil Medcalf, a leader in the Peace and Freedom movement.

"No one created a thing after that walk downtown," Medcalf continued. "Every one seemed to be proud that they walked to City Hall, but no one has done a thing since."

DAN LOOKER reported to ASUN last Wednesday that the petition drive initiated during the march was a "failure at this point" because nothing had been generated by it.

Linda Essay, who helped lead the march, thought it was "a burst of concern which fizzled out."

"The whole thing was squashed by liberal-types who didn't want to cause a bad image," she said. "The result was the resounding boom of failure."

Mike Shonsey, a member of the Human Rights Committee, said the march was ineffective "because of a lack of followers, or maybe we just don't have the talent here to carry on an like this."

Shonsey said that if one went to the dormitories to discover student power, the consensus of opinion would be "there isn't any, and we don't care if there isn't."

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New initiates of Phi Eta Sigma, honorary freshman scholastic fraternity for men are:

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NU lab one of a kind

by Bill Smitherman
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Nebraska boasts the only independent tractor testing laboratory in the western hemisphere according to Engineer-in-Charge, L. F. Larson.

The lab came into existence in 1919 as a result of the Nebraska Tractor Test Law passed that year. This law requires all tractors sold in Nebraska to be tested by a state agency, he said.

LARSON CONTINUED that Nebraska is the only state that requires tractors to be independently tested. However, because of Nebraska's agricultural nature, almost all tractors sold in the United States are tested in the Nebraska laboratory located on East Campus.

The first tractor was tested in the spring of 1920, he said. It was the kerosene powered "Waterloo Boy" made by John Deere.

Since that time, tractors have been tested from such varied places as England, Italy, Poland, Japan, and Iowa. Some bear famous automotive names such as Porsche, Fiat, and Ford.

This month the facility will test its 1000th tractor, Larson continued. It will be a model of the "Ford 5000" soon to go on sale.

THE PURPOSE of tractor testing is to encourage the production of improved tractors by testing manufacturer's claims and making the test results public, he said.

Tractors are tested for their power and performance. Horsepower is tested directly by electronic means. Actual performance power is tested under varying conditions on the East Campus testing track.

FACILITY representatives are always present to make sure that the machine is at its peak performance, he said. Best fuels and operating conditions are also tested and noted.

Larson continued that the work of the Nebraska laboratory has forced many companies to build their own test facilities. Since the inception of the Nebraska program, tractor quality has been greatly improved throughout the country, he said.

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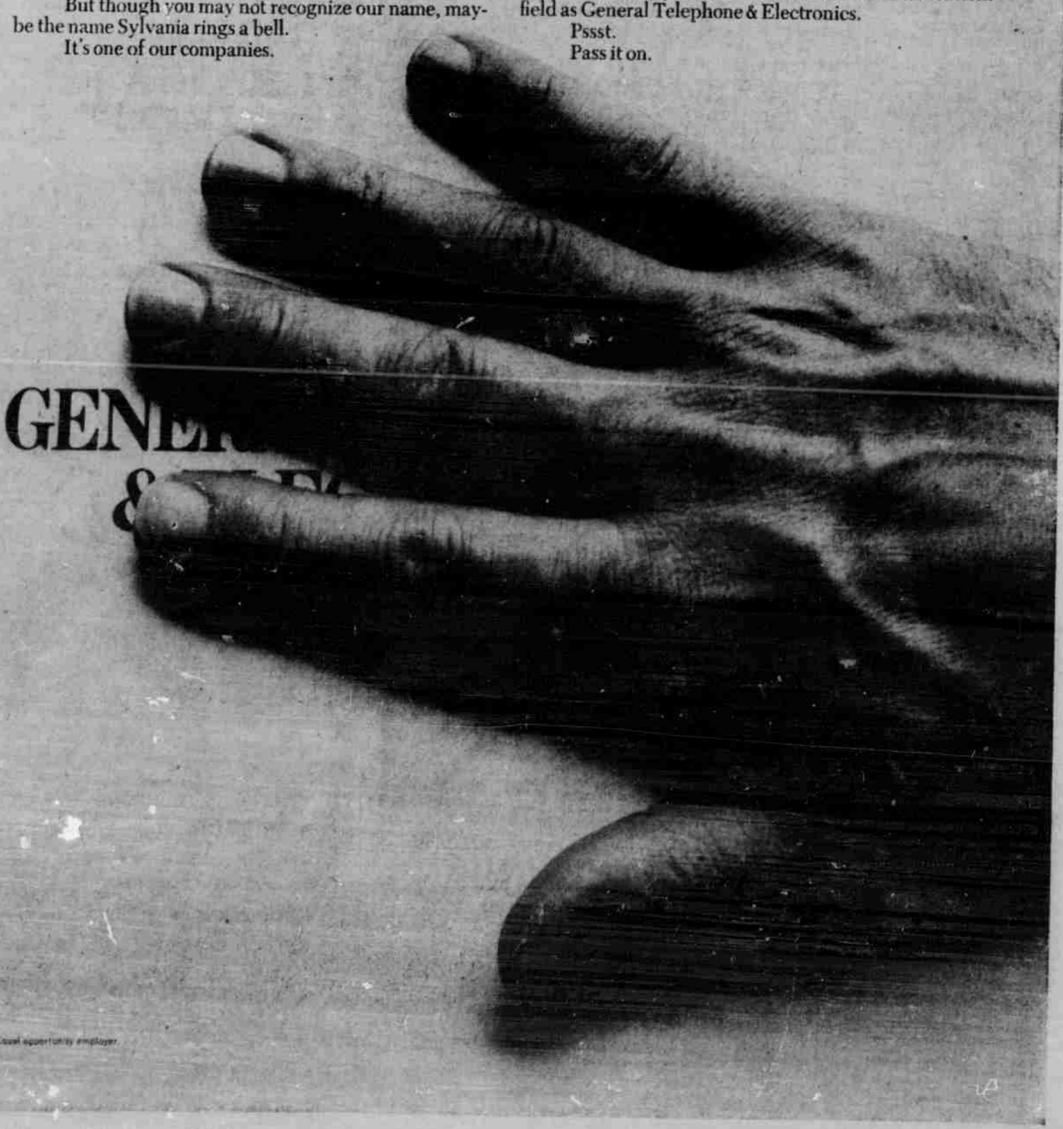
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