

## 'Taxpayers Have Limited Power'

by Connie Fralin

"The taxpayer does not have the right to govern what and how subjects are taught at the universities," Stephen Rozman, Asst. Professor of Political Science said. Rozman visited Southeast Wed. Febr. 17, and presented his case to the students.

The Spelts Commission identified University of Nebr. Professor Rozman as participating in demonstrations at the Selective Service Office and the NU Military and Naval Science Building and called his actions "inappropriate" for a teacher.

The Board of Regents recently agreed and voted against re-hiring Rozman, even though a faculty fact finding committee concluded that the professor had not acted improperly.

"The regents claim the fact finding committee was only appointed to gather the facts of my case, and not draw a conclusion," Rozman said.

During his appearance at Southeast he expressed his feelings toward the Regents. "I think the Regents had decided to fire me no matter what the fact finding committee presented to them," Rozman said.

A political group at the University of Nebraska plans a petition drive in support of the N.U. regents' decision against rehiring Rozman.

"Nebraskans didn't understand that my actions were non-violent, they wanted to use me as a scapegoat, because I wasn't the only instructor acting for change on the University campus," Rozman said. "Nebraskans are sensitive to change in the schools, the parents don't want their kids instructed as to a different political views, other than their own," Rozman said.

The campus newspaper, 'The Daily Nebraskan' said the N.U. regents "have chosen to single out only one man (Asst. Prof. Stephen Rozman) for discipline in the matter, of the ROTC building."

Rozman felt that if bill LB445, had been in affect at the time of his dismissal, "I would have been given some of the protection I was denied." The bill would have guaranteed Rozman the right to due process and to a public hearing.

Suit was filed against the Regents on Febr. 17, by Rozman for \$100,000 in punitive damages. Rozman pointed out to the students that if he could not act in his own way, he would just as soon forget his teaching career.

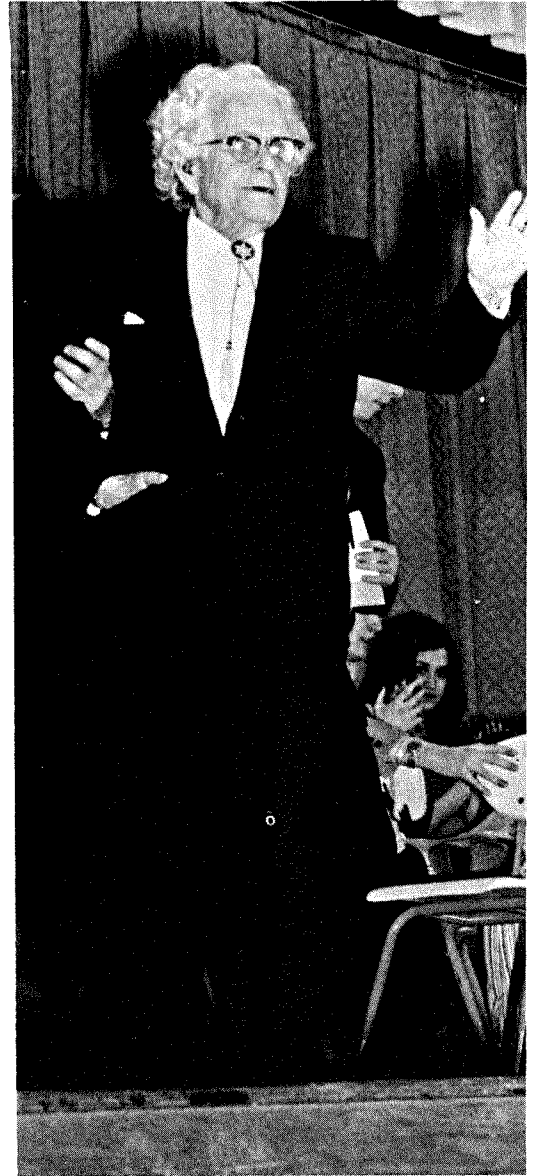
"The public seems to confuse academic freedom, the right to discuss as you wish, and the denial of ones civil rights," Rozman said. "The suit I have filed is for the denial of my academic freedom. The Regents want to intimidate the other faculty members, that is why, I believe they had faculty members investigate my beliefs," Rozman said.

Rozman stated that surprisingly enough most of his supporters seem to be conservatives. "I seem to be much closer to the students than to the administration," Rozman said. "Nebraska people seem to be very frightened and insecure about changing what they have," Rozman said, "but, my conscience won't allow me to set back during the Vietnam war."

## They Spoke at Southeast



Dr. Steven Rozman  
University of Nebraska Professor



Dr. John G. Neihardt  
Nebraska Poet Laureate

### Neihardt Speaks at Assemblies...

## 'Communication: Rare, Joyful'

"It's a rare experience, although I've had it many times, to come to a point of total communication with a group of people," Dr. John G. Neihardt, poet laureate of Nebraska said, after speaking at the annual Honors Convocation, Mar. 2.

"This is what poetry is all about, he continued, "to thoroughly communicate on a high level. It's a thrilling and joyful thing to reach this point between people."

During the convocation, Neihardt recited several of his favorite poems. Explaining a particularly "moving" line from his poem "A Child's Heritage", Neihardt said

the world is as great now as it ever was. He continued by saying that world literature is the "vehicle of conscienceness", and that students should read literature from the "great ones."

At the convocation, Neihardt also recited "April Theology", a poem written on a Sunday morning in spring when "most other people were in church", Neihardt explained. The poem, which expresses his attitude toward all living things, describes, according to Neihardt, "a mystical experience that was profoundly religious."

During the assembly following the convocation, Neihardt recited several selections from a group of 11 lyrics he had written before his first child was born. Commenting on these selections, Neihardt said, "I am fond of music in words. To me, poetry is like a song."

In his poem "The Hymn Before the Birth", Neihardt describes "how wonderful it is that we belong to the universe, and it's such a remarkable thing to be you."

After reciting the poem "April the Maiden", Neihardt commented that the poem was written so long ago, "it doesn't seem like it's mine."

"The Death of Crazy Horse", a poem describing Sioux Indian chief's violent death, prompted the 90 year-old poet to say "I take a more kindly view of death now that I'm older."

During his lifetime, Neihardt has been awarded many honors, awards and degrees. Some of these include: member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, International Institute of Arts and Letters, vice-president of the Middle West Poetry Society of American, Prairie Poet Laureate of America and countless other honors.

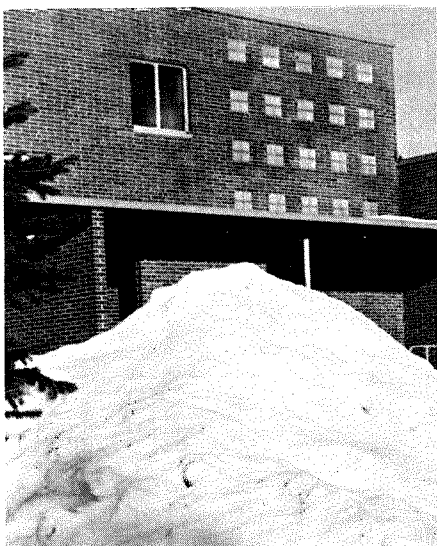
Neihardt has also received several honors from the state of Nebraska, perhaps the most prestigious of these is having been named the Nebraska Poet Laureate.

Neihardt said he didn't feel any one of his awards stood out as being the most important to him. Speaking of his title as Poet Laureate of Nebraska, Neihardt said it didn't mean as much to him when he received the honor as it did in later years.

"It was more like just a gesture from the homefolks," he added.

Concluding an interview after the assembly, Neihardt said, "When I tell young people at these gatherings that I love them all, I really mean it."

## 'Snow Vacation May Require Makeup'



Nebraska weather has done it again! Eleven inches of snow turned Lincoln into a winter wonderland, closing the school for two days.

It's a little late to start praying for no more snow days for as it now stands, the Lincoln public schools are already minus one day of the state requirement.

The state requires "no less than 175 days of school," Stanley L. Hawley, deputy commissioner of education said. "The Lincoln high schools are scheduled", by the district school board, "180 days for students and ten additional days for teachers," said Don Ferguson, administrative assistant for Publications and Information.

These additional days allow teachers to prepare for the school year and complete grades at semester break and at the end of the year, Ferguson explained. "The five extra days for students allow for severe weather conditions and any other emergencies," he said.

Although the high schools are on the borderline, having missed only five days, the elementary schools have missed six. Actually the elementary students "attend school for 178 days, because two of the five days are for

parent teacher conferences," Ferguson said. They have already had one parent teacher conference and five snow days which puts them below the state requirement. Since all the city public schools operated as a district on one system, the junior and senior high schools might have to suffer along with the elementary schools.

"The State Apportionment Fund is a grant only eligible to those school districts which meet the state requirement of 175 days," Hawley said. "Unless an affidavit" explaining the emergencies of a power failure, and adverse weather conditions, "is submitted and accepted by the state," our district might not receive this fund.

Predicted actions are "to premature to make since no formal discussions have been held," Ferguson said.

It has been known that students were required to make up lost school days in order to meet legal requirements. This is one possible solution, "although it is very difficult to plan," Ferguson said.

# School Building Reminiscent of Zoo

The letters column of the CLARION carried a letter last year from a student, in which Southeast was described as a zoo. The way the students spread their garbage throughout the building, and the way they shrieked at the faculty were the student's reasons for describing the school as a zoo.

This year the situation appears to have worsened rather than improving any. The student lounge, the cafeteria, and halls are littered with pure and simple garbage which the students seem too fatigued to pick up and put in a garbage can.

Students i.e. the animals, periodically "escape" from the zoo, but usually wander back when there is nothing else to do.

Also students act like seals and play with their toy balls and chase each other around like playful cubs. And the students are always trying to get the best of their keepers.

The way the students act is reflected by the



**Editor:** On Friday, February 5, the swimmers traveled to Omaha for a meet with Creighton Prep and Omaha Bryan. Upon our return, some of us were in a hurry to get to the Southeast-Lincoln High basketball game. We dropped our equipment off at the school and went home to change our clothes as quickly as possible. By this time it was almost nine o'clock, but we still felt that seeing even part of the second half was worth while.

After arriving at Pershing, we pulled out our activity tickets and went to the inner doors only to find them locked and closely guarded by a policeman and two other men. We got the attention of the man who was apparently "in charge" and showed him our tickets only to be told that they were no good after the start of the second half, and that the only way to get in was to pay him a dollar.

First, what authority did he have to charge us a dollar at the door when all tickets should be bought at the ticket office; and second, why should we have to pay when we have already payed six and a half dollars for an activities ticket which is "Valid for admission to events where Lincoln Southeast is a participant."

By this time, the fourth quarter had started and we felt that it was absolutely ridiculous to pay a dollar just to see the very end of the game. We tried to talk to the manager when we walked by, but he was only more discourteous and was only interested in keeping us from "sneaking in". We also asked to talk with Mr. Miller, and were refused.

We were not the only people trying to get in, there were many others, both from Southeast and from Lincoln High who wished to see the game.

Instead of so many people guarding the doors, there should also be someone there at all times to punch tickets.

Through no fault of our own, we were not able to attend the first half of the game and we felt that as holders of activity tickets, we are entitled to see the rest of the game on these tickets, no matter what time we arrive!

**Rick Kohl  
Jim Unger  
Scott Bucy  
Dave Magee  
Pete Larson**

**Editor's Note:** The people at Pershing were in error, and the tickets were valid and the boys should have been admitted, Bill Miller, athletic director said. "We can only apologize for their error", he said.

## Killing of Sparrows 'Inhumane'

Killing several hundred sparrows in the Lincoln downtown area "is an inhumane act," Bernard Patton, director of the Lincoln Humane Society, said.

Dr. George Underwood, city-county health director, confirmed sending a letter to a downtown area ordering the extermination of the sparrows. He had received several complaints concerning sparrow droppings in the area.

In the case of the sparrows they were eliminated since they constituted a public health hazard, according to a public health officer.

The landscaping trees in the area were painted with a poison. The sparrows would light on the trees attracting the poison, thus killing them.

The birds apparently congregate there due to the tree landscaping and the warmth generated by underground hot water pipes that melt ice and snow from the sidewalk, Patton said.

There is a state law providing

protection against the destruction or capture of non-game birds, but English sparrows, blue jays, and crows are not included, Patton said.

Poisoning any animal is wrong. "Other means need to be found to control the birds," Patton said.

"Poisoning does occur, occasionally throughout Lincoln but there is usually no positive proof," Patton said.

"In order for positive proof the animal needs to be taken to a veterinarian and an autopsy performed and then a sample of the stomach must be checked for a chemical analysis to see what poison was used," Patton said.

People usually do not take the animal in for a chemical analysis due to the high expense, Patton said. The cost runs around \$25.

People have taken animals to a veterinarian and it has been proved the animal was poisoned, but due to the lack of knowing who did, no one is usually convicted, Patton said.

ways which the faulty and administration, i.e. the keepers, react.

The animals (students) when in the halls during classes, have, or are supposed to have, their collars on. Although their collars can't be seen they're there. Most people call them passes. The keepers dutifully place these collars around the student's necks and send them down the hall.

Also the faculty and custodians must clean the cages of students. Sometimes it is surprising that the custodians aren't forced to use scoop shovels and pitch forks to clean up some of the messes which are left by the students.

And the gates must be closely guarded by the keepers to make certain that none of the animals escape to ravage the outside world.

But maybe if the animals acted as real students should, maybe the keepers could start acting like a professional administrative and teaching staff.

It comes down to whether or not each student can conduct himself in a responsible manner.

At the recent PTSA meeting where students and parents discussed open campus, someone said that you don't teach a child how to ride a bicycle by taking it away from him and why do just that with responsibility. By the same token you usually don't teach a child how to ride a bike when he can't walk.

Also at the meeting one parent said that she wanted her child to be kept in school at all times so she would know where her child was. This statement prompted a student to ask why parents don't just lock their kids up in a cage if that were the case.

Maybe they have done just that.

## On Page Two

By Sue Cunningham

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Tonight we have a very special guest with us. He has recently celebrated his 239th birthday and is in surprizingly good health. He is famous for many things, including The Cherry Tree Incident, and his cruise across the Potomac River. Here he is - George Washington. George, we have brought you here to discuss your opinion on the recent act passed by Congress, changing your birth date. How do you feel about this?"

"It doesn't bother me much, but it's going to be difficult to explain to my mother. I've reached the age where I'm not counting anymore. What's going on, anyway?"

"To tell you the truth, I'm not sure. It seems that some holidays, including your birthday, have been changed so that they always fall on Monday. This eliminates the problem of having holidays in the middle of the week."

"Well, it seems that the country has made real progress since my day. With policies such as this being made, certainly other progressive steps have been taken. I assume that war is a

thing of the past, now."

"Well,...uh...yes...uh,now we have only armed conflicts."

"And poverty? Has this also been eliminated?"

"Not exactly, but the Administration has set up several new programs, and we have great hopes."

"What's this I hear about the college campuses? All that fighting-what is a riot, anyway?"

"It's just a lack of communication. You know, the same thing happened to you with the cherry tree."

"I see you liberated the slaves. That was Abe's doing, wasn't it?"

"Oh yes, now it's against the law to discriminate according to race, creed, or color. And even the women are getting into the act. We have women in Congress, women judges-they're getting into everything."

"I'm glad Martha isn't here. If she heard that, she'd be unfit to live with."

"You've heard, of course, about our space program. We've sent satellites around the earth, moon, and

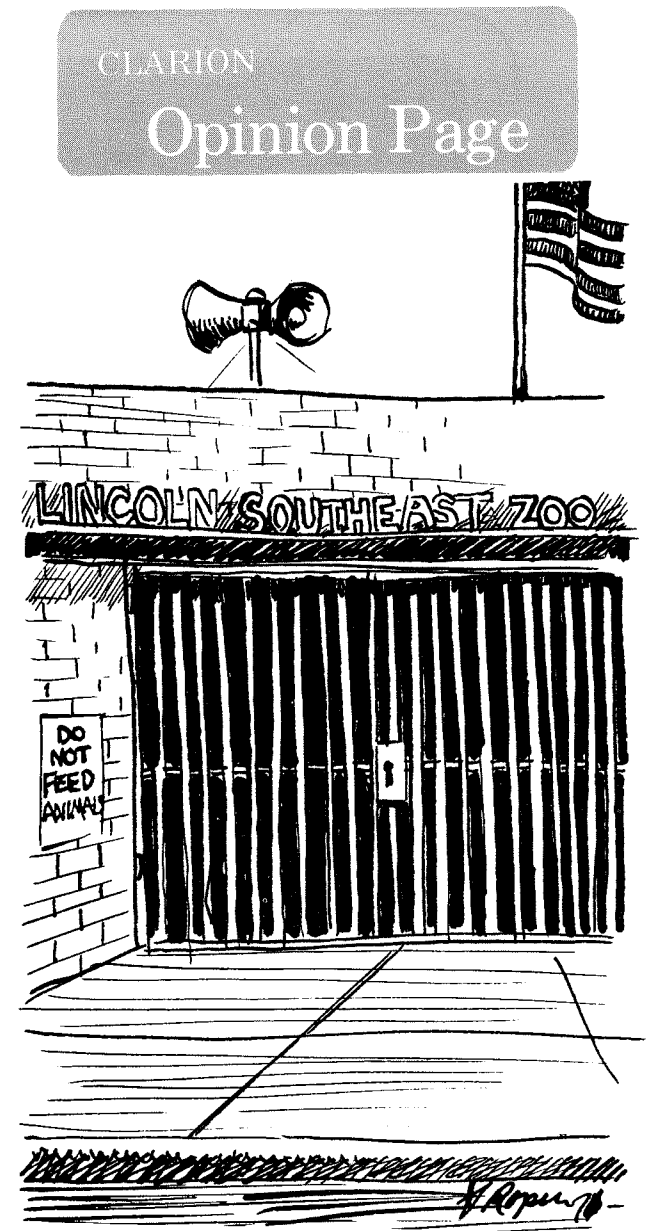
other planets, sent men into space, and even landed four men on the moon."

"You seem to be devoting a lot to outside the earth, but what have you done to the earth itself? I hear that the water isn't clean, and even the air isn't fit to breathe."

"Well, with our great industrial expansion, this had to be expected. But our Administration is devoting time and passing bills to correct this problem. It should be solved in no time at all."

"I just want you to know that it is a great comfort to know, that in a time of so many problems, the Congress has time to be concerned with my birthday. I hope that the congresses of the future have as much time to devote to such important issues."

"Thanks a lot George, it's been a real pleasure talking to you. Ladies and gentlemen, be sure to tune in next week when we will have an on the spot interview with Hypocrates talking about Medicare. This is your roving reporter signing off the air. . .Good evening."

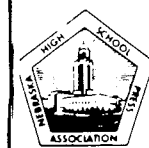


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# Class Acts as Guinea Pigs

Peers teach peers is a new theory in Tom Douglas' psychology classes.

"Students for the first time this semester are paired and are doing everything together, including tests," Tom Douglas, psychology teacher said. "I feel students learn more from each other" and from a process of making social studies more interesting, decided to experiment, Douglas explained.

Students were allowed to pick their own partners and will again do so after the first nine weeks. Before that, students will study, discuss, teach, and learn from each other. They will evaluate themselves and their partner and be graded as a "team" rather than an individual basis.

"I have seen some sluffing off from students which I didn't expect from them" but I feel it is up to his partner to

deal with it. "If it doesn't teach him anything else, it should teach him you can't rely on the other guy and not to pick the same guy again," Douglas said.

A disadvantage does arise when a student is absent the day of an exam for they both have to take it alone while the rest of the students work with their partners on it.

High school teachers often feel as though they are "givers of information" and don't really seek a change in teaching, Douglas said. It really is too early to tell how it is working compared to previous years but at least it is a change and experiment on my part.

"I like working together, you sure learn a lot more and it's easier. If you don't learn the answer to a question on a test your partner might," senior Patti Hansen said.



King and Queen of the Winter Sports dance, Virg Falloon and Barb Wise, reign over the festivities in the girls gym.

## Duven, Raasch Win In Essay Contest

"People should look at the handicapped's abilities, instead of their disabilities," concluded senior Diann Duven after writing an essay on community attitude towards hiring the handicapped.

Diann's essay placed first in a city wide contest sponsored by the Mayor's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped. Another senior, Cindy Raasch, placed second in the competition. The awards include a \$100 savings bond for Diann, a \$50 savings bond for Cindy and the opportunity for both to compete in a state wide contest.

According to Cindy, the purpose of the contest was to educate the public on the problem of employing the handicapped. To write the paper involved interviewing employers, and handicapped persons for both girls.

"I think it's a problem in Lincoln," said Diann. It is difficult to get initial employment for these people but once employed they usually get along every well, she said.

## Micro-Film Joins Library Collection

A new addition to the Media Center is some micro film of back issues of periodicals which is now available for students to use Mrs. Anne Fletcher, library clerk said.

Some of the periodicals are Saturday Evening Post from 1896 to the present, Newsweek from 1932 to the present, and back issues of Harpers Weekly.

Mrs. Fletcher said that they are trying to get on micro film three newspapers on the Civil War period, 1860 to 1865 from both north and south. "In this way students studying the Civil War can get a complete

view from both sides of War," she said.

Mrs. Fletcher said that the advantages of micro film are great, especially when space is limited. "We can only keep five years in the back room because of space. We can now keep a much larger file of magazines and they don't get torn and damaged as easily," she explained.

# Grind, Whine, Groan, Stop!

### ... Car Buyers Beware

Mike was ready to buy a car. He decided on a particular make and model and would settle for nothing less. He found his "dream car" at a bargain price, but three days after buying it, discovered the car was not a bargain at any price.

How can this common experience be prevented from happening to you?

The manager of a Lincoln auto agency feels the most important thing in buying a car is to find a dealer with integrity, honesty and a good reputation. If at all possible, one should buy from a dealer or salesman one knows personally to insure getting the best possible car for the money.

Another good idea would be to talk to people who have dealt with this dealer before to see if the agreements were carried out and if his transactions were honest.

It was pointed out that there are several things to look for when buying a car. The mechanical condition is important. The engine should not show excessive smoke, make grinding noises, or miss as it runs. This indicates a worn engine.

Automatic transmissions should shift at the proper speed, smoothly without jerks, and should not slip. In a standard transmission, there should be no excessive gear noise or vibration when the clutch is let out. Also, slippage should be watched for.

The rear end should not have an excessive whine or grinding. The brakes should stop smoothly and evenly without pulling to either side. A grinding noise indicates the metal is rubbing against metal and could cause the brakes to go out.

The lights and gauges should be checked to see if they are in proper working condition, and the car should start promptly without excessive grinding on the starter. The tires should be checked for excessive wear and should be matched to the size of the car.

There are also important points to check appearance-wise. The paint should match. Mismatched paint indicates previous body damage. The body metal should be straight, without wrinkles and rust should be minimal. A clean interior with no excessive wear on carpets, seats and pedals indicates that the car has been well cared for.

It was stressed that these qualifications vary in accordance to the age and mileage of the car.

The most common mistake that people make when buying a car is putting too much emphasis on the year of the car. Sometimes an older car for the same

amount of money can be a much better investment.

Other common mistakes include an insistence on color, style, or certain features. Many people also try to "outsmart" the dealer, and these customers often end up losing money. Also, people tend to buy more than they can afford. A showy, flashy car often takes more importance than the economy types. Potential customers too often come in with a preconceived notion of what they want, and it is inflexible.

Teenagers tend to buy used cars, usually a two-door hard top which are sporty in appearance, according to a local dealer. The luxuries such as power equipment and automatic transmission are more in demand by adults.

Teenagers can arrange a loan to buy a car only with an adult as a co-signer. The majority don't pay for cars themselves, but do have a good part of the investment in them.

There are several additional costs included after the car has been purchased. These include sales tax, auto tax, wheel tax, license plates, title, registration, insurance, gas and repairs. These should be taken into consideration when buying a car.

A Lincoln car salesman advises to stay away from dealers who advertise "something for nothing." "Cheap cars are cheap for a reason", he said.

Just Arrived!

# HARNESS BOOT

Guys and Gals



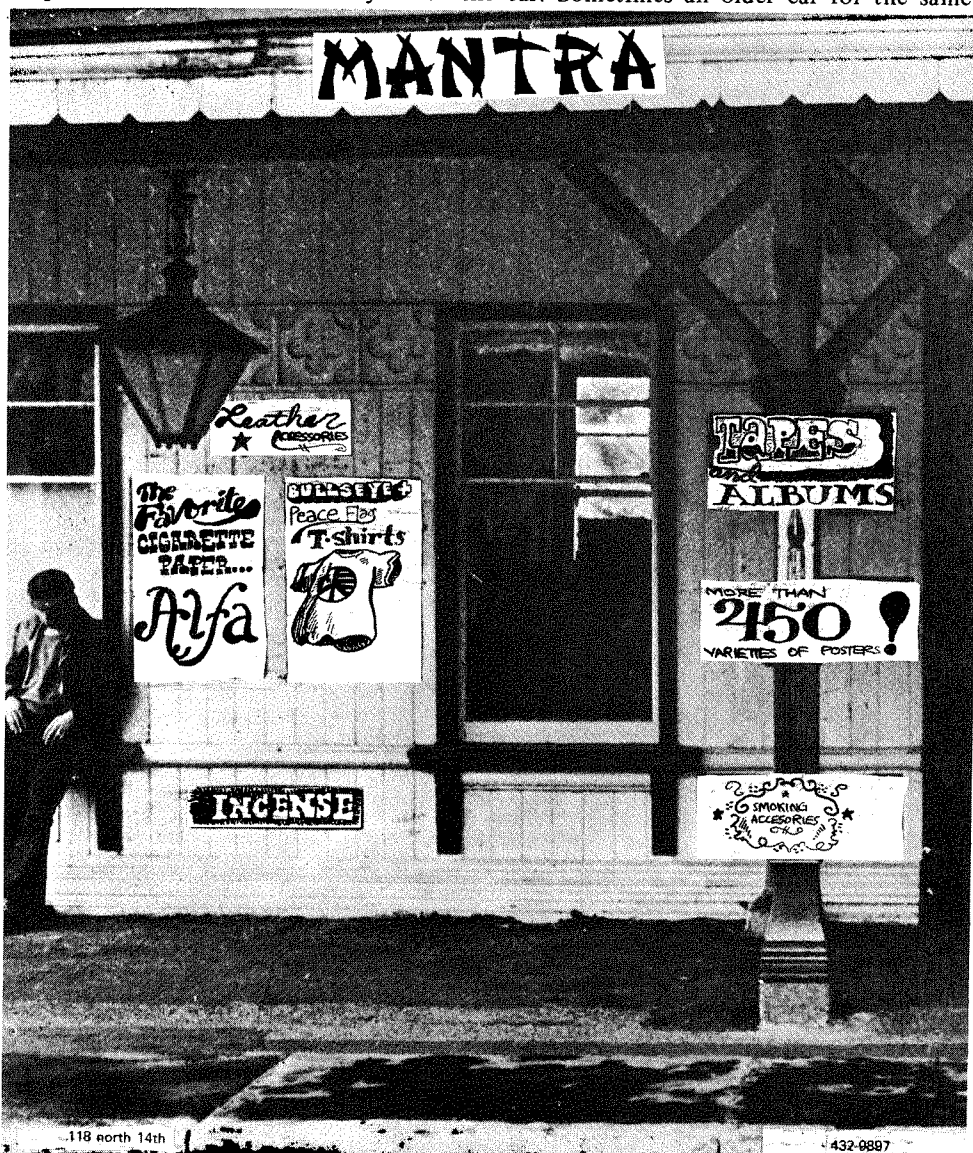
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## Swimmers Miss Third Place

Last Friday and Saturday at the state swimming meet the Knights finished fourth, missing third by only one point. The Knights had 13 qualifiers while third place Omaha Burke had 12, second place Omaha Burke had 16, and state champion team, Omaha Westside walked away with 25 qualifiers.

Even though the Knights earned a fourth place, junior Tom Wiese captured the gold medal in the 100 yard breaststroke while the medley relay team of Gary Scott, Wiese, Craig Kingery, and David Magee placed third.

Others placing high in the meet were Scott, taking fourth in the backstroke and sixth in the individual medley, and Wade Kingery placed fifth in the 400 free and eighth in the individual medley. Brad Knudsen placed seventh in the 400 free and tenth in the 200 free, David Magee took ninth in the backstroke, Mark Morton, tenth in the 100 free, and Jim Unger placed sixth in the diving. The 400

free relay of Morton, Kingery, Scott Bucy, and Knudsen placed seventh.

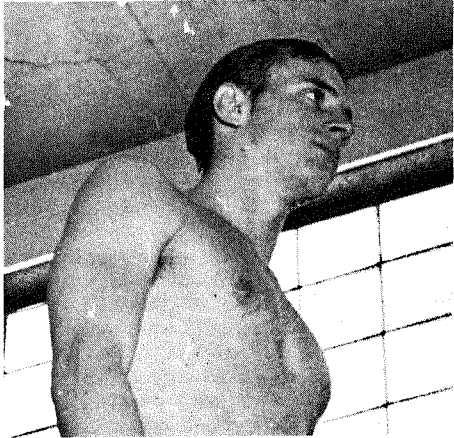
"Wiese had a fantastic effort and I still can't believe he did so well and came through the way he did," Wade said. "I really wish we could of got second but there was a let down in the finals by several seniors including myself," Wade admitted.

"The competition was much stronger then last year because most of the swimmers were back from last year's state meet," Dave said. "Losing third by one point was disappointing even though we had a guaranteed fifth place and a slim chance of moving up to second," he added.

At the city relays the Knights placed second, losing to East by only one relay. The mermen won the 600 and 1,000 yard free relay with Kingery, Morton, and Knudsen, the 600 yard individual medley relay, and broke the record in the 300 yard backstroke relay by six seconds with Scott, Magee, and David Toren making a time of 3:00.2.

"Even though the relay meet was made to be a fun meet, the fun stops when a score is kept," coach Jack Jackson said. "But we swam well and a number of team members hit their best times," Jackson added. Among some of the swimmers who did good were Wiese, Scott, Knudsen, Magee, Toren, Morton, and Gary Titus, Jackson noted.

"We really didn't stand a chance because of East's great depth, even though we did have a number of individuals who did good. In a relay meet it is the depth that counts," Wade said. "It is bad to lose any time, but it wasn't that big of a meet and we had already beaten them at Trans. Also, we were planning on beating them at state," Wade added.



TOM WIESE

## Coaches View Spring

"This year we are going to have a good well rounded team and I really feel that they are good enough that if they are unbeaten they could go all the way," track coach Roy Churchill said about his team this year.

Churchill pointed out that he should have good performances in every event except the hurdles and even in that event he thinks he has found a team member who can fill the spot.

In the track events, the Knights look strong with sprinters Kirk McCown, Roger Adams, and Egbert Thompson, while in the distance events there is Bill Bryant and Tom Chastain.

The field events also look good for the thinclads with Roger Adams in the broad jump and high jump, Jim Unger in the pole vault, and Brad Egger, Dwight Williams, Steve Torrence in the weight men.

Among the Lincoln schools who will be strong this year are the Links because of their many sprinters and Northeast because of their strong distance men and shot puter.

### Golf

With returning lettermen Don Osvog, Ed Howard, and Steve Buethe, golf coach Paul Austin feels he will have a strong team for state competition.

Austin pointed out that

his returning lettermen and Dan Campbell should rank in the top eight compared to other high school golfers in the state.

Austin is hoping that sophomores Clint Dudley and Rennie Sasse will come on strong to help the team. The Knights first meet will be the Beatrice Invitational April 2.

### Baseball

"The main problem this far in the season is that not enough seniors have signed up for the sport," baseball coach Charles Gordon said. Even though all eight returning lettermen have signed up, Gordon would like more senior support and depth in his team this year.

## CLARION Sports

## Two Matmen Place in State

### ...Young, Reichenbach Set Pace

Two lone wrestlers placed in the state wrestling meet for Southeast. Junior Steve Reichenbach and senior Bob Young placed fourth and second, respectively.

The Knights sent four grapplers to the state-wide meet, held at the University of Nebraska Coliseum, Feb. 19-20.

"We qualified Young, Reichenbach, Mike Fischer, and Dirk Allgood," coach Gail Baum said. "Mike was beaten in the preliminary round, so he was out of the meet with no chance of making consolations. Dirk won his first round match but lost his second match. He had a chance for the consolations but the man who beat him was beaten in the

semi-finals, so Dirk was out too," he added.

Reichenbach, who placed first in the district was beaten in the semi-finals and then again in the consolation finals but came out in the top four.

"I really didn't know how far I'd make it," Bob said. "I was planning at the first of the season to make it to the state meet but I wasn't sure how far I'd go," he added.

Bob received a first round bye after placing first in the district tournament and registered two wins before being beaten in the finals.

"I didn't mind second place that much, it was just that I was the only guy in the finals from a Lincoln school who didn't take first," Bob stated.

Kevin Puderbaugh from East, Art Longoria and Sammy Martin from Northeast, and Jim Simpson and Mike Kletchka of Lincoln High each won a state championship.

"I was pleased with Bob's effort and with Steve's too," Baum said. "I have three underclassmen who went to state and I expect to have them back there next year."

The Knights placed low on the list with Boy's Town taking first.

"We just don't have the depth that is necessary for a state champion team," Mike said. "Next year we should have more people going to state and should place a lot higher," he added.

"The one thing I will remember most about the state meet is after the finals when East High's coach came up to me and told me that there was one thing to know about placing second," Bob stated. "If you take second, that means that there is one person above you but there are a couple hundred below you."

## ONE MORE POINT

by Gary Scott

For \$15 a night, there must be something more than money that motivates a referee to scramble constantly for two hours on the court or in the field, keeping a complete awareness, and being the subject to the cynical remarks of the crowd.

Officiating for 23 years, Buford Grosscup said, "I always enjoy the young people and seeing the competition. All the reaction seems to teach you something." In the position for five years, Alan Blaha claims that he refs because he enjoys the sport of football.

Refereeing since 1948, Gene Blatchley noted that he played both football and basketball in high school and that the job "is like a hobby" to him. "I enjoy the friendships built up thorough the years and the fellowship," he said. Blatchley added, "The salary is completely incidental."

"I like to be close to the action," George Hametz, a 35-year referee said. The interest portrayed by this statement is common among the previously mentioned officials, whom athletic director Bill Miller labeled as being some of the best in Lincoln.

It is often wondered if the cynical remarks of the crowd bother a referee. Blatchley was quite stern in conjunction with this topic. "I very seldom hear these yells. Once I start hearing them its time for me to quit, because I must only concentrate on the game," he said.

"This is all part of it," he said. "I've got to have a sense of humor—that's all there is to it," Grosscup said, concerning the

yells. Hametz commented, "I don't mind it. The people come to watch the game, not to see the ref get abusive remarks."

While the referee must accept this treatment, there remains something which often irritates him. "The only thing that bothers me is the people's ignorance of rules," Grosscup commented.

It is true that the spectators occasionally do not understand the situation. However, it must also be realized that officials are far from perfect and that a small error would recognize the wrong side to be the victor.

"In almost any game there are times when I would like to swallow the whistle," Hametz said. Blatchley also admitted, "I made a mistake in the first basketball game I refed. I wished I could have buried the whistle."

Blatchley continued to say that basketball consists mainly of judgement situations and that "rules play a small part". He added that basketball is a game of reaction, moreso than that of football.

The majority of these officials agreed that it is more difficult to referee the cagers than the football players. "From the physical standpoint, basketball is harder because you are always running," Grosscup noted. "In football the crowd is not on top of you and there is more help and time," Hametz added.

Regardless of the sport, the referee's purpose is to enforce the rules of the game to his best knowledge and capacity. Though it must be remembered, as Grosscup said, "We're all human." He's right.

## Cagers Skin Kearney's Bearcats Before 63-37 Boys Town Wallop

"Our plan to break their full court press didn't work right. We were running around like chickens without their heads," senior Jerry Winkler said, concerning the 63-37 loss to Boys Town Feb. 25.

Managing only two points within the first quarter, the Knights gave coach Wally McNaught a career low record. While they trailed by 20 points at halftime, 28-8, Southeast came on stronger in the final half, making just seven points less than Boys Town.

Winkler, who was the high scorer with 19 points said, "They were hot and we weren't. We had a pretty good defense, but in the first half they shot 75% from the field."

Junior Larry Vasholz was Southeast's only other scorer in double figures with 10 points. No one else on the team earned over two.

Being the final game before the district encounter, it was not too enlightening. However, the game against Kearney a week before was quite different.

The Knights shattered Kearney, 73-60, behind another leading effort by Winkler who tallied 22

points. Vasholz earned 16 points, while seniors Don Osvog and Ed Howard totalled 12 and 13 points, respectively.

Beginning with a 13 points advantage after the first quarter, Southeast managed to sustain the same margin to the end of the game.

"Outside of the Creighton Prep game it was the best we've played all year. Everybody did good," Jerry commented. He added, "McNaught was pleased with our defense, our hustling, and our hitting baskets."

## INTRAMURALS

### Intramural volleyball ratings

1. The faculty team
2. Deeter's team
3. Deekman's Heroes
4. Green's Giants
5. Xaviers
6. F-Troop

The faculty team has the top rating this week due to the enthusiasm generated by its members.

"We are the only team in the league who has any class," Al Karle said. "I really don't know who will challenge the faculty team."

Members of the faculty team show their great striking potential. For strength there are the large members, George Eisle, "Wild Bill" Stephenson, Gunnar Overgaard, Gary Brichacek, and Jack Jackson. While they put their tall men up front for their spiking quality. Among these giants are Frank Solich, Denny Puelz, Joe Dappen, John Garrison, and Karle.

According to Karle, he might not be able to play because he is an official, but Brichacek says, "Al is a great loss."

When asked if the faculty had a good team, Brichacek answered, "Is New York city big?"

"Why just looking at our team roster, I don't see how we can get beat," Brichacek said.

George Eisle, Brichacek's giant thinks they have a good team. "We could take Deeter's team if we get it all together. The faculty could be rough; we'll pass that milestone when we get to it," he said.

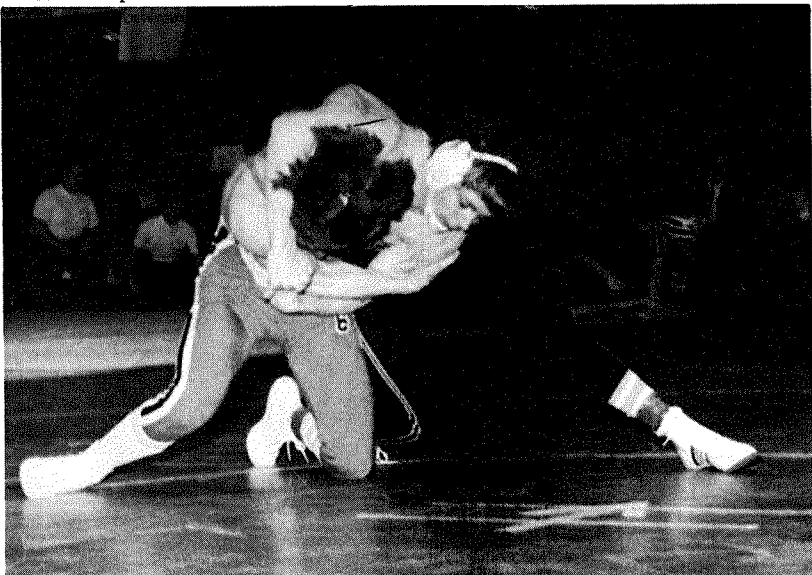
The Knights consist of Green, Rick Sterzer, Kenny Lauhterbach, Ron Jacobson, Don Johnson, Mike Osborn, and Bob Cullinan.

"I think we'll make it," Green concluded. But the faculty's toughest competition will come from Doug Deeter's team.

Kreiger, Arter, Hinrichs, Beilby, and Deeter make up the team, Burns said.

They are perhaps the most truthful of all talked to. When asked how he thought they'd do, Steve Burns replied, "I don't know."

by Bob Young



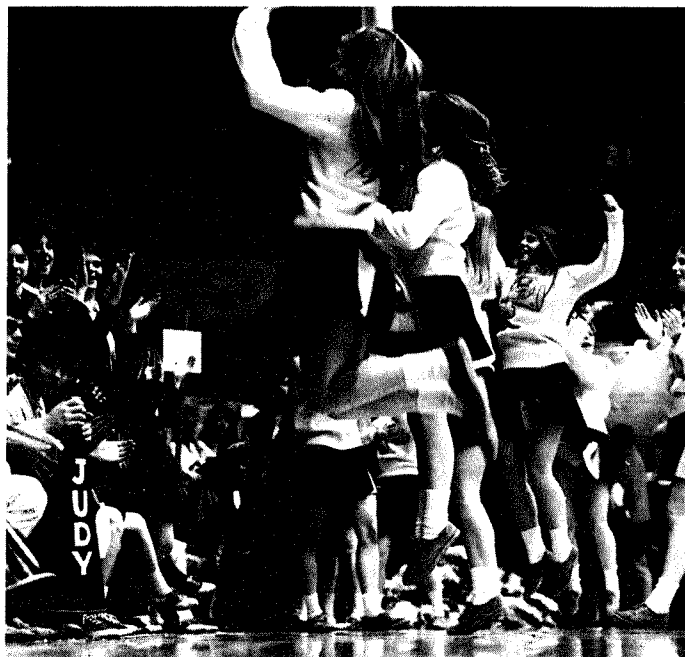
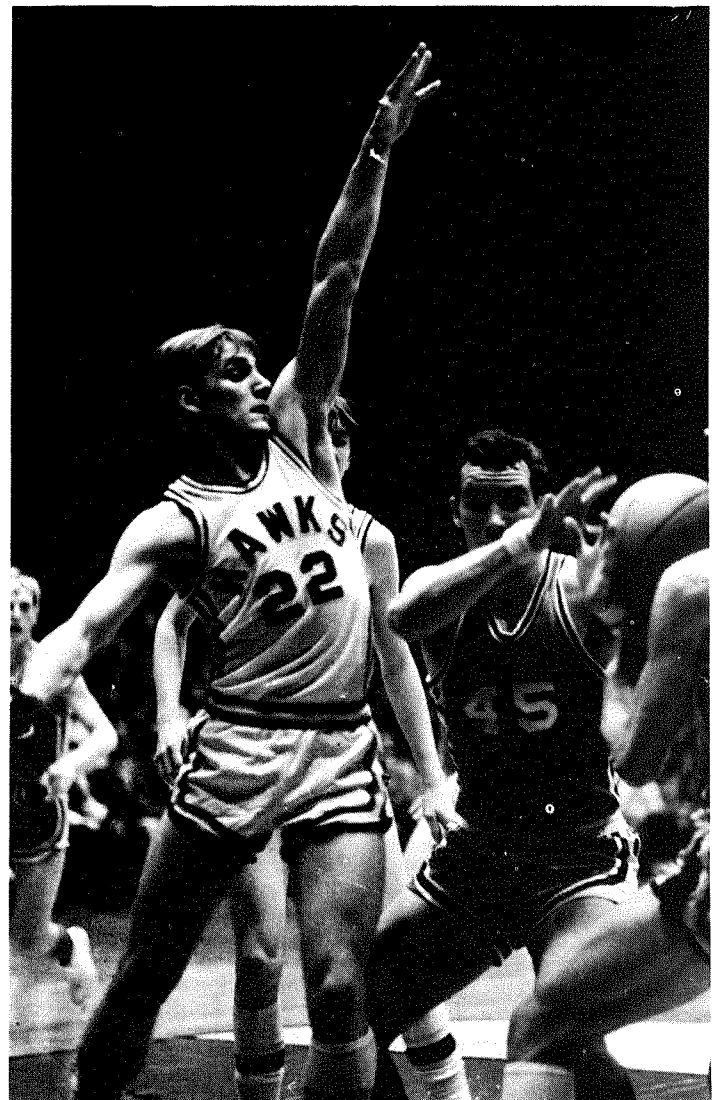
Attempting to roll his opponent, sophomore Dirk Allgood clutches Hasting's Dean Pitman on his way to an 11-6 victory at the state meet, Feb. 20.



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# State Laws Show Inconsistency in Age Limitations

By DeAnn Nuernberger

Adults have a difficult time deciding whether high school students are adults or children. If they decide we are children, it's the question of what we can and cannot do.

One needs to only look at the Nebraska Statutes to see the state of confusion.

If you're under 14, it's apparently alright to swear. But over 14, BEWARE! According to the Nebraska Statutes: "Whoever, being of the age of fourteen years and upward, profanely curses or damns, or profanely swears by the name of God, Jesus Christ or the Holy Ghost, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one dollar nor less than twenty-five cents for each offense."

Twenty-five to one hundred dollars and/or 30 days in jail is the punishment for

violating another Nebraska Statute: "It shall be unlawful for any person . . . to allow, keep . . . any girl under 18 years of age or any boy under 21 years of age in any house of ill fame or any house of bad repute."

One might ask why the age difference between the boy and girl?

The laws of the state are confusing, as to whether an act is legal or illegal and at what age? When do you become of age?

Nebraska law says at age 20, although Federal Government says a person may vote at age 18.

But there is a way under Nebraska Law to become of age before age 20. A minor who marries is of age, however you can't marry without your parents permission until you become 20. Becoming of age you gain the right to bet on horses and play bingo, but still can't vote or can't buy

alcoholic beverages "under 20 years of age, regardless of marital status," the Statutes say.

If you are under 20 you are a minor unless married, but if you're under 18 you can be brought in to juvenile court for misconduct even if you are married, according to the Statutes.

Another age is also considered in the Law: "If a minor is under the age of 14 years, the court of probate may appoint his guardian, if he is above the age of 14 he may nominate his own."

Certain responsibilities and rights come with the title of guardian which many students are not aware of.

Until a child reaches the age 16, it is unlawful for parents to "deprive such child . . . of necessary food, clothing or shelter," the Law says. So, apparently after

16, parents cannot be punished for this cruelty, although the Law also states that a parent is "liable for the support of such minor, from their obligation to provide for such minor (until 20 years of age)."

Along with this support many times a child will work during the summer to help. But no child under the age of 16 years "shall be employed or suffered to work in any . . . place of amusement . . . beet field, restaurant, drive-in . . . more than 48 hours in any one week nor more than eight hours in any one day," the Statutes say.

Although you can work after 16 years of age, "the natural guardians of their minor (under 20) children are equally entitled to their custody, services, and earnings," the Law states.

To console you the Law also states: "parents shall be jointly and severally liable for the willful and intentional infliction of personal injury to any person or destruction of real and personal property occasioned by their minor . . . residing with them," provided the damages do not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.

Ever think of hiding a friend who was being mistreated by his parents? Well, if someone "harbors or conceals with the intent to harbor from his parents or guardian any child under age 18 years . . . shall be upon conviction there of be imprisoned in the Nebraska Penal and Correctional Complex," one to seven years, the Law states.

Sounds like pretty stiff punishment for a young person. But, if that someone, if under 14 years of age, the law states that he must be kept "outside of the enclosure of any jail or police station." Or, if he is under 16, "it shall be unlawful to permit such child to have verbal, visual or physical contact with such adults at any time."

To add to the confusion of age and unlawful acts: Persons under the age of 18—it's unlawful to "smoke cigarettes or cigars, or use tobacco in any form whatever."

## Plans for All-School Pep Club Discussed by Sponsors, Officers

Plans for an all school Pep Club are being eyed by this year's sponsors and Pep Club officers.

"We've had some meetings and are thinking about putting this plan into affect next fall," Mrs. Janice Kinney, senior Pep Club sponsor said.

The revised Pep Club would be on a volunteer basis and would function as one club rather than three separate Pep Clubs. This year's Junior-Senior Pep Club acts as two clubs with two sets of officers.

"From what I understand all three grades will be combined into one whole Pep Club," Judy Moses, vice-president said.

By enlarging the Pep Club and making it one, there are better chances of having a more organized club.

"There wouldn't be the conflicts

between the two different groups. I think the idea of two separate clubs is ridiculous because it's practically impossible to communicate and they should be as one club as long as they are working for the same purpose," Jane Etmund, Senior Pep Club president said.

"The girls who wanted to could be in it instead of feeling they had to join," Mrs. Kinney said.

Adding sophomores to the Pep Club might provide the boost needed to generate more school spirit.

"Sophomores are usually the people with the most enthusiasm and spirit and we need a lot of new blood in the club," Judy said.

"I think you'd get a lot of sophomores but by the time they're seniors they'd be

tired of it," senior Candy LeRossignal said.

Although the problem of members dropping may remain, "The people who do continue would be the people who are sincerely interested," Judy said.

"I think it would work a lot smoother and easier," Jane said.

With the increase in numbers, Pep Club might then be able to handle more of the school spirit such as dramatics, speech, and sophomore teams.

"An all school Pep Club would probably take care of the sophomore signs and as far as that goes maybe they would want to expand in spirit for drama, but that's something they'll have to decide," Judy said.

"It'd be a big Pep Club," Kris Bozarth said.

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## Key Club to Participate in Convention

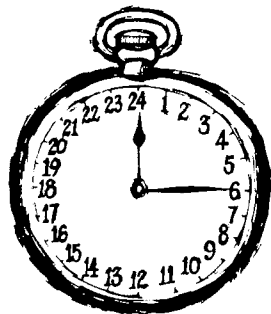
Key Club members and Kiwanians from over Nebraska and Iowa will travel to Des Moines, Iowa to participate in the annual Key Club District Convention, March 13, 14 and 15.

Doug Kern, District Governor for Key Club called the district convention the "climax of the Key Club year. It is probably the most beneficial function of the year."

Workshops on such things as service projects, financing and club improvement will be offered to create an exchange of ideas among clubs. Guest speakers will also be featured at each of the banquets and Wes Bartlett, president of Kiwanis International will be the feature speaker. Achievement awards for the clubs will also be given.

Election of new district officers will take place, Doug Kern. As district governor, he presided over the Board of Trustees and had a seat on the Key Club International Council. Sophomore Tom Wekesser is

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planning to run for district governor this year.

The Key Club is divided into districts, and Southeast's club is a member of the Nebraska-Iowa district. Doug added that this convention is the only time for the entire district to meet together at one time.

The convention, with an expected attendance of over 300 "should be an inspirational experience" Doug said. "so many ideas are exchanged, it's really a good experience." Approximately 25 members from Southeast are going.



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# Living Class Has Abortion Panel

The whole question is whether we have "abortion only if the mother's life is endangered or abortion on request," Dr. Palmer Johnson, gynecologist, said.

Dr. Palmer was part of a panel discussion on abortion which spoke to Mrs. Elaine Miller's sixth period social living class on Feb. 11. Other panel members were Dr. J. Michael Daley, a biochemist, and lawyer Fred Sweihart.

Dr. Johnson felt that "hospitals should not be compelled to perform abortions," but emphasized that they should be performed by a licensed physician.

Dr. Daley pointed out that the chromosomes which are carried in each cell consist of a program much like a computer that tells the body exactly what to do. Therefore "from the time of conception all the facts about a person's life (in terms of heredity) are present," Dr. Daley said. He felt that the life process in human beings shouldn't be stopped for no reason. "If we can therapeutically abort for frivolous reasons, why can't we stop the life process of 60 and 70 year old senile people?" he questioned.

Sweihart called attention to the

legal aspect of abortion, particularly to the fact that under Nebraska law, unless the mother's life would be physically harmed by the pregnancy, abortion is illegal. The statutes state that persons attempting abortion, unless the woman's life is in danger, may be sentenced from one to ten years. Anybody attempting to cause a miscarriage is subject to one to five years imprisonment, or a \$500 fine, or both.

A physician should be consulted to determine if a pregnancy would be harmful, Dr. Johnson said. Therapeutic abortions are fairly safe during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, but grow more dangerous afterwards. Under 12 weeks, the abortion may be performed by scraping the uterus or by suction. After 12 weeks or more of pregnancy the uterus is opened surgically as in a caesarian section, and is injected with a hypertonic saline solution which kills the embryo and causes spontaneous ejection.

"There are risks, but there are also changing attitudes," Dr. Johnson said. A bill to liberalize Nebraska's abortion laws was

introduced by Sen. Terry Carpenter during the last session of the Legislature, but he withdrew it when there wasn't enough support.

"There is not sufficient support yet to get a liberal abortion bill through the Legislature, although now is probably a better time than before. However, no one has introduced an abortion bill this year," Sweihart said.

Dr. Daley called attention to the fact that the previously introduced bill stated that only the woman's consent would be necessary for an abortion, making no mention of her parents or the father of the baby. "I myself would want releases from other people necessary," Sweihart said. Sweihart also added that the Illinois anti-abortion laws were declared unconstitutional on the basis that while the child is still part of the mother she has the right to decide what to do.

Dr. Johnson brought up the idea of adoption. "Just because the pregnant woman does not want the baby doesn't mean that no one wants it. Adoption is another solution," Dr. Johnson said.

## Knight Life

**March**

- 5 District Basketball at Pershing Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 6 SAT Test 8:15 a.m.
- 8 Girl's Track Begins
- 11-13 State Basketball Tournament
- 12 Penitentiary Panel Assembly, Teacher Option, 3rd period.
- 15 Winter Sports Awards 7:30 p.m.
- 19-20 All City Music Festival at Pershing Auditorium
- 19 CLARION
- 20 District Speech Contest at Beatrice

## Open Campus Results Sent to Advisory Panel For Further Discussion

At this point the results from the Parent-Teacher-Student-Association (PTSA) meeting, concerning open campus, will be given to John Prashch public school's superintendent and the Student Advisory Board for further discussion at the next Advisory Board meeting, John Frey, student council president said. The board will convene again in March.

The discussion held at the PTSA meeting concerning open campus was "a sad situation." There were many people completely turned off. A lot of closed minds were present, John said. The results of the open campus meeting put many people down.

Yet people are beginning to talk more of an open campus. Hopefully, continual work on an open campus with a follow-up program, will be held before the next nine weeks. Details have not been completely worked out yet but, "I'm planning to talk to the other schools and gather a few more facts," John said.

"The parents are almost totally against open campus," Diann Duven, student council member said. We need to wait a couple of years, get a whole new set of parents and discuss the issue again.

There is no hope for an open campus this spring, John said. There are just too many parents against the plan.

## Musical Ticket Sales Less Than Last Year

"Politics and poker, politics and poker," describe the scene enjoyed by most students who attended the Southeast musical, 'Fiorello', February 17, 18, 19.

Other parts were also termed outstanding. "It was an excellent job of casting, senior Patti Pierson said, "people fit their parts perfectly."

"It was great, Steve Shelley—I just like him, he fit his part really well, Penny Andros and Bobby Goodman were really good too," senior Angelika Bohme, AFS student, said. There is only a little musical at her school in Germany. "But we have no stage," she said.

"I think Ross Tegler will be the world's second Humphrey Bogart," senior Sue Schroeder said.

"Everybody fit the part they played especially Gayle Baughn, you just see her doing that little dance in real life," senior Connie Ryman said.

"We had a high quality of singers," senior Cindy Raasch said.

"There was an outstanding job of changing the set... the best crew we've had," senior Bobby Goodman, who played Fiorello, said.

"We had a hard time selling tickets," Connie said. "This is probably because it wasn't quite as well known as 'Funny Girl' or 'Hello Dolly', she added.

Wednesday night it wasn't good at all, about 50 people, sophomore Andy Berger said. He went again on Friday and it was almost a sell out, he noted.

"Price, and because it wasn't as well known," senior Steve Shelley stated as reasons why the audience wasn't as big as in previous years.

Senior Janet Lee, who helped sell tickets, thought another reason why sales were not better was because there were "rumors about how bad it would be—but this was shown wrong." She said she found herself saying when it was announced, "Fiorello, what's that? I can't even pronounce or spell it."

"For a while everything went wrong then all of a sudden it came together," senior Steve Shelley, said.

"Attendance was definitely down from other years, maybe because the story line didn't have the interest," said senior Cindy Raasch of publicity committee.

"Try outs were kind of poor—they had to double up on parts," Cindy said.

"I thought it was one of the best musicals I have ever seen—I liked it much better than 'Hello Dolly'," junior Debi Wood said.

"It had lots of big characters which made more for you to identify with. It was a new musical not something that had been overdone," Debi said.

"I went to dress rehearsal and they needed more time to work on it," a senior girl said.

Cindy, who also played in the orchestra, enjoyed playing the music. "It wasn't quite as hard, and overall I think the orchestra enjoyed it. We also got the music earlier."

As a chorus member, Janet felt, "It was hard to get into for a couple of kids

and the chorus. About half of the chorus didn't know the whole play, but through rehearsals you found out your part in it."

"I thought it was pretty good but not as good as some of the others," Sue Bayley said.

Andy felt, "the band improved a lot, and the acting was good all around."

"Quite a few parents came and really enjoyed it," Janet said.

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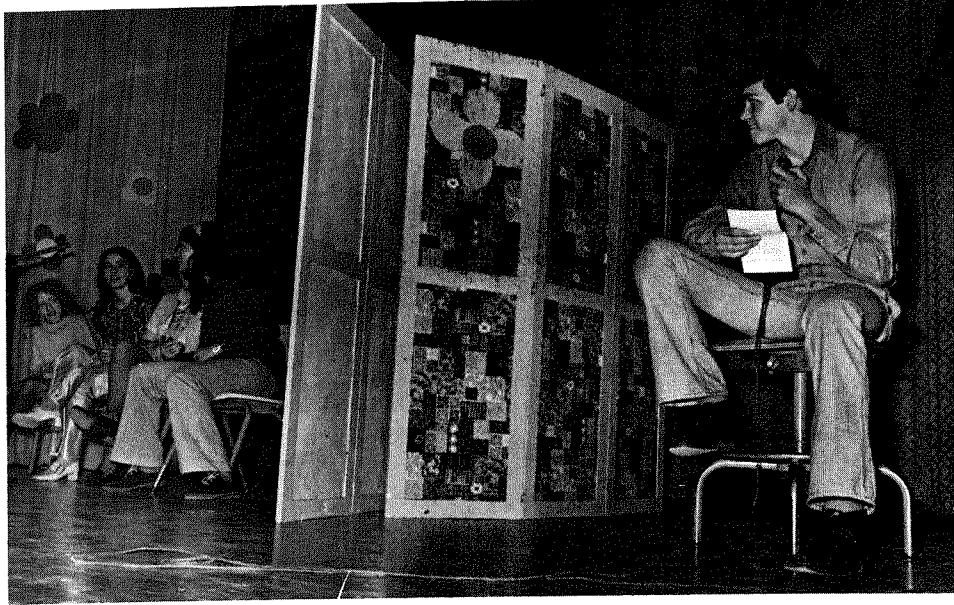
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# Teachers' Rewards Evident In Working with Individuals

"There are unlimited possibilities in working with young people. Possibilities of becoming a positive part of someone's life, or having an influence that will echo positively through individuals, and maybe even societies," art teacher Randy Bruns said.

Just as students feel the need to satisfy their education goals, teachers feel the need to contribute to teach individual's education.

"I like to study and attend classes myself and value learning and therefore like to lead students also to study and learn to think at least," Mrs. Mary Commers, English teacher, said.

Behind the grading, attendance taking, "busy work," assignments, and writing passes, teachers are also people striving to meet the challenges they face daily.

"Helping to direct a student as he or she investigates by doing experiments—it's also a challenge to communicate effectively those concepts desired," Kent Lovelace, biology and physiology instructor, said.

"If I don't get a point across there are two possible reasons: the students didn't want to understand; or I presented it in such a fashion they could not understand. Since the latter is the more logical, usually I will change my method and try it a different way," Mrs. Silke Printz, German teacher, said.

"Wherever I find a need or interest, I attempt a follow up. I encourage the student to follow on his own, showing my genuine interest," Oscar Bretthorst said.

What motivates a teacher to want to teach?

"Interaction with students, making some contribution each day that might have enriched or made a student feel some sense of accomplishment," Wally McNaught said.

"Teaching is probably the most challenging of all professions. The need to update knowledge and methods is so great the the teacher's advancement is limited only by his talents and desire to excel," Bretthorst said.

"Many factors combined to make me decide to teacher. Viet Nam was one of them. An interest in other people, a want

to contribute positively to our world," Bruns said.

Teachers also have interests outside their own subject course including possibly teaching in another area.

"I would like to grade math papers better than English essays as subjectivity does not enter in; also foreign language provides a chance to teach another culture," Mrs. Commers said.

"I would love to have a class called LIFE 101 in which we studied in any direction that the interest and circumstance seemed to merit. In the final analysis all subjects are inseparable and interrelated. A course like that wouldn't be after a bulk of specific facts but rather a way of assimilating information and making it relevant to each individual," Bruns said.

"Algebra and history are subjects I find very satisfying and challenging," Bretthorst said.

Several teachers have found that reading and traveling is important in broadening their teaching program.

This summer Mrs. Commers will be going on a seminar to Norway, Denmark, and Germany and then visiting France and England and literary spots. "A lifelong dream will be realized when I visit Kronborg Castle, the setting of Hamlet," she said.

"I set a goal of reading in my field one hour a day. I think travel is very important for enrichment material," Bretthorst said.

Of course, students also play a large role in the teacher's curriculum. In any learning situation, it seems possible that people can learn from each other by different experiences. From these learning experiences, teachers gain satisfaction from being a part of an individuals growth.

"When kids are 'up,' and enthusiastic and ready to go there's nothing more invigorating—lows and complaints and boredom are worst enemies," Mrs. Kerstin Vandervoort, English teacher, said.

"Visiting with former students and athletes and recognizing the presence of maturity, vitality, and the sense of accomplishment that you see in them," McNaught said.

## RED CROSS

# Enthusiasm on Increase

"The purpose of Red Cross is to help people in our community," senior Margo Decker, Red Cross Club president said.

The Southeast Youth Chapter is affiliated with the Lancaster County Red Cross Chapter which sends suggested projects that they need to help on to the high school youth chapters. "We are also free to initiate our own projects and activities," Margo said.

Club members have toured Veterans Hospital and Cedars Home for Children where they hope to establish a Big Brother and Sister program.

"This program is a good idea because we will be helping kids that don't have families and who get lonesome sometimes," sophomore Laura Garnett said.

"Although we had this project last year there seems to be more interest in it this year," Margo said.

Sophomore Carol Sieckmann said, "More people should get interested in Red Cross and its projects."

This year's Red Cross Club has increased its membership to approximately 20, most of whom are sophomores. "It's good having so many sophomores. Their interest will help improve the club this year and in the future. We also have more boys than before," Margo said.

"It's better for our projects that more boys seems to be fairly interested in Red Cross this year," junior Dave Ware said.

Margo describes this year's club members as having more enthusiasm for the projects than in previous years.

"There was a lot of confusion in the club last year, but this year it seems better organized and the attitudes of the members are better," senior Liz Hudson said.

# Class Rank Helps Decide Senior Honors

Class rank and grade averages are used in determining many senior honors such as National Honor Society, and prospective colleges look at them in deciding who to accept.

Competition is very keen through out the grading scale, according to Don Darnell, vice principal in charge of student affairs.

Southeast uses a 1-7 grade scale. With a class of 450 students that means 64 people would have a certain average between any two grades, if they were divided equally among the seven points. With grade averages so close, a small change can mean a big difference in class rank.

Class rank becomes especially important for graduating seniors sending transcripts with college applications.

"Usually the college will ask for both a grade average and class rank. The grade average is perhaps the better indication of a person's achievement," Darnell said.

Class rank is used to determine various things and becomes of most importance the senior year.

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