

Nebraskan Editorials

The Hidden Controversy

The story of Jack Rogers' resignation from the Innocents Society is a curious one. The Nebraskan, in an honest effort to give to its readers the facts, finds itself in a position where all the facts are not available to it.

University can not be measured except by opinion and it is The Nebraskan's opinion that they have merited every bit of respect as a group that has been given to it.

However, there is a contradicting opinion that the Innocents Society is not fulfilling its duty to the University and is not doing a "concrete good." Just what this concrete good is supposed to be, is part of the information which The Nebraskan can not, in good conscience, print.

There has been little concrete comment of the situation from the Innocents. They have chosen a silent course, which has only hampered the Nebraskan's efforts to obtain the facts.

The Nebraskan feels that its readers have been misled in that they have been given only one side of the story and because information which cannot be printed might change their view on the controversy it is The Nebraskan's obligation to urge that this information be made available by the parties involved.

By virtue of the position which the Innocents Society holds on campus it should feel obligated to the student body to present its side of the controversy.

The reasons behind the Rogers' resignation must be made known and until they are the student body should reserve judgement on the entire issue. There is nothing that leads The Nebraskan to believe that the information which it cannot print would harm either party but until either party is willing to "come clean" the whole Rogers affair will be judged on partial knowledge, which is worse than having no knowledge at all.—J. H.

Activity 'Big Business'

The cry for a re-evaluation of activities has been heard from all quarters. Analysis of the true situation is difficult. The University's over-emphasis of activities is one extreme; few students would be willing to admit that there should be no activities at all.

Sororities and fraternities have a real scholarship problem on this campus. These awards appeal more, however, to each house's collective responsibility to be well-represented in activities. Abolishing recognition for activities would do away with the situation wherein sorority and fraternity members feel activities to be an obligation, rather than something which has merit in itself.

These factors supply the Big Push which has over-emphasized activities. Competition demands that those who participate in activities do bigger and better things than those who preceded them. Therefore, we have bigger and better AUF drives, Coed Follies, Red Cross programs, Tassels and Cornucob schemes and so on. The organizations grow, more workers are needed and the race is on.

Yet to require organizations to retain a status quo, to regress rather than progress, is impractical. Not only will the present organizations continue as they are, but lesser organizations will want to compete for a position of equal importance.

The problem seems hopeless. Something should be done about it, for things of real value are being sacrificed. Part of the "apathy" towards those things which have been crying for student support is due to the fact that many are too busy to take advantage of them. The most distressing sign of the over-emphasis however, is its distraction from educational pursuits.

A good start in solving the problem would be the analysis of those activities which have dubious value. This is easily said, but hard to do. Who is to say which organizations have dubious value? Two suggestions have been made thus far. One is that the AWS Board and Coed Counselors combine. The other is that Red Cross and AUF, both being charity organizations, could combine. Some argue that added programs of organizations, such as Coed Follies of the AWS Board, are unjustified.

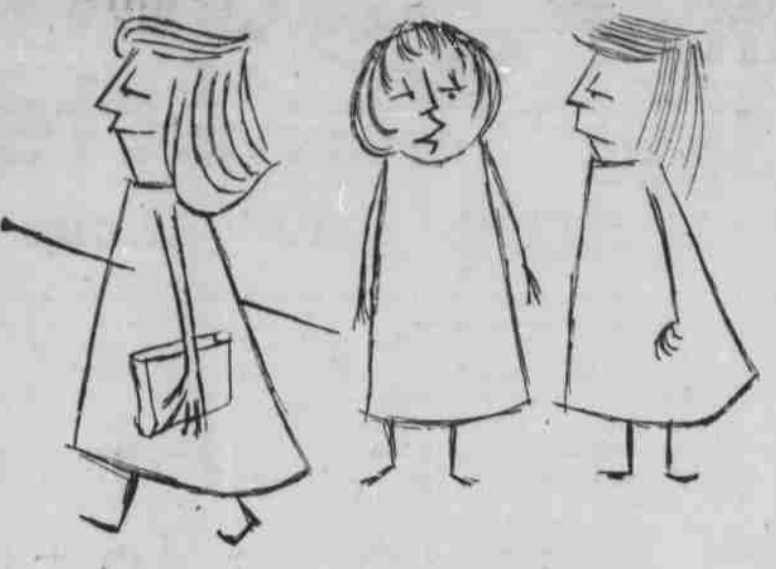
The fact remains that each organization is jealous of its activities and authority, and they are justified in this feeling by virtue of their past effort. A solution to this problem, therefore, can come only through the combined efforts of this problem, therefore, can come only through the combined efforts of the major organizations, and only then if they are willing to make concessions and compromises.

The ball will never start rolling until someone assumes the responsibility. It is possible that the Student Council could supervise the re-evaluation. It would be better, however, if the organizations themselves formed a council or committee of representatives from each to study the problem and attempt a solution.

One of two things is called for. Either a reduction of the number of activities, or the elimination of activity "Big Business."—K. N.

Campus Capers

By Bruce Conner



"Edith sure does look different since she got pinned."

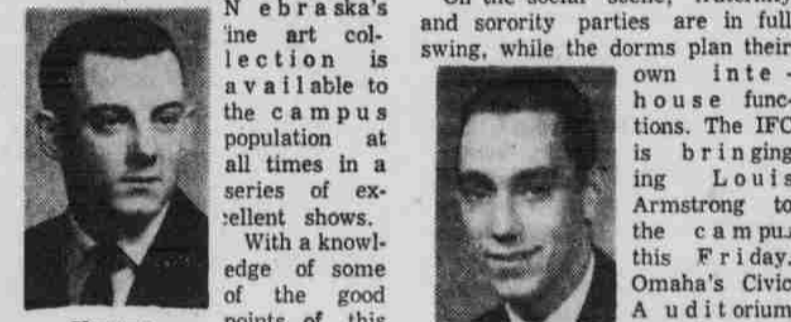
Where There's Smoke NU Picture Bright In Spite Of Apathy

By JOHN GOURLAY and MIKE SHUGRUE

Apathy seems to be a campus byword. Time and again one hears individuals panning the University, its athletics, its activities, and its social events.

First of all, Nebraska is a good school. In any department of the University one can find eminent scholars. A diploma from the University is worth something in any part of the country.

Special events such as the Montgomery Lectures grace the academic scene throughout the year. Nebraska's fine art collection is available to the campus population at all times in a series of excellent shows.



Shugrue

With a knowledge of some of the good points of this university, one could easily rise above the general apathy of the student body and take an active interest in university affairs.

Athletically speaking, one can see bright spots as well as the more publicized black ones. Nebraska has made a commendable showing in almost every sport. We have cause to be especially thankful for the fine intramural program run by the athletic department.

Activities are flourishing. Corn Cobs has just completed one of its most successful years. Nearly 30



Gourlay

men are fighting for the coveted 16 positions of membership. Standards for membership this year are at new heights.

In general, the picture at this University is bright. There are opportunities and activities which should be able to interest every student. Perhaps, if more students realized the great many available ways of spending their time, the apathy which characterizes too many of them would disappear.

Nebraskan Schneid remarks The Needle Brigade Brings Crazy Fate.

By STAN SCHNEIDER

Let's consider the poor souls who received their summer camp shots these past few weeks. They're easily distinguishable from the rest of the group in that they have to stand up in classes, take notes with their feet, sleep on their stomachs and be fed at dinner.

He started the day pretty happily and things looked even brighter when he read his name on the bulletin board. After three years in the corps he finally got his name on the board. What a happy day. What bliss. Now he was somebody. He threw out his chest, waved to the crowd, flexed, smiled cockily and continued to read the notice. It said he should report for his shots.

He bounded into student health, saw a nurse hammering needle points, tapped her softly on the head and said confidently: "Of course you know who I am." "Let me see," said the nurse puzzled, "Gina Lollibrigida?" "Oh you kid," said he. "Guess again."

"Enough of this child's play, Fenton. I know you didn't come over here to fill hot water bottles. What's on your mind?" (She called him Fenton because that's what he has written on his bowling shoes.)

"Well, Florence. (He called her Florence cause that was her name.) I'm a ROTC cadet and I came over here to get my summer camp shots and I like girls.

Let's neck." Well, Florence dropped her upper and backed slowly, cautiously to the corner. Her frightened eyes glaring him, her palpitating heart pumped pure vinegar for such a uncouth youth. She yelled for substitutes and immediately a corps of 14 anxious broads rushed to her aid.

The cry of the head nurse rang through the halls with the sickening tang of barbaric ferocity. (Wow) CHARGE... The thunderous roar of multitudinous feet shook the building as they ran for Fenton. Down the hall rode the 14. Fat girls, skinny girls, female girls. Girls to the right of him, girls to the left of him, each waving a three-foot sparkling, blunt needle. They were on him now, jabbing, poking, slashing, digging. Needles in the arms, the fingers, the legs, the (censored). It was horrible. Shots for Berry-berry. Shots for inflammation of the Psyche. Shots for Floyd's disease. Shots for hybiscus rash. Shots to counteract the other shots so they could give him more shots. Fenton could stand it no more. He collapsed.

When he awoke he was weak. He tried to walk but the bottom of his feet were sore. He tried to sit down but there was no chair. (Got around that pretty clever huh?) What could he do but hang by his thumbs until he was healed? If you should pass by the ROTC building in the next few days, stop in. Craziest thing you ever saw. Thirty-eight grown men hanging by their thumbs. What a crazy world.

Givin' 'Em Eil Principles, Not Prestige, Honorable

By ELLIE ELLIOTT

An event that is the direct concern of every University student took place last week when Jack Rogers resigned from the Innocents Society. The fact that the occurrence was unprecedented is interesting but trivial; but the principles that stand behind his resignation are, I think, terribly significant.

In a democracy, where the welfare of the state depends upon the integrity of each one of its citizens; where the most vital crusade is that for the truth that is inherent in freedom; and where the heroes must be not the warriors but the martyrs for truth, we, as citizens or future citizens, are obliged to give utmost consideration and recognition to those few persons who are willing to jeopardize their social and political security in order to benefit our civilization.

In the person of Jack Rogers, we have a young man who is a qualified and capable student and

leader. In his studies and in his activities, he has given evidence that he is conscientious, honest, selfless and mature. Moreover, he is a total human being, and a good friend. He also has, as my contemporaries put it, "guts."

The Innocents Society has always been regarded by most students with awe and admiration. Some men go to college for the express purpose of becoming Innocents. Our knowledge of the society and its functions are nebulous; its position has been that of The Thing, and its worth or validity as an organization has not been questioned.

Since the Society has been most worshipped in this manner, I think that we all must admit that such a resignation constituted an act of reflection, introspection, grave evaluation, and courage. Each one of us is hesitant to sacrifice prestige to principles. Most of us, when we recognize serious faults in our organizations, merely shrug our shoulders, mutter something to the effect that everything has its faults and maintain our membership.

The fact that I do not approve of self-propagating activity organizations must have become evident throughout this year. I think that they are not an element agreeable to the democratic tradition which we profess to maintain. I suppose that if such an organization is being of valuable service to a greater organization that is self-propagating, then it is endurable; but it is not good.

I am very much concerned with this paradox that exists in our democracy, and I do not think that I am alone in my concern. I look to our generation, and the next, to eradicate our mania for social elevation and our admiration for the other connected elements that endanger, in the very essence of their natures, our democracy.

For this reason, Jack is not simply one young man in one university who has resigned from one small organization because his conscience would not allow him to remain a part of it. His actions are symbolic of our duties to ourselves and to our ideals. His resignation is a challenge to us; shall we rise to meet it?

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Good Topic For Lent

Re: Reprint from Varsity News, University of Detroit, which appeared Wednesday, March 2.

I wish to commend you on the choice of article "Indifference Denies Basic Proposition of Brotherhood." It is very appropriate in this Lenten Season.

HAROLD BROCKMAN, President, Newman Club

Quick Quips

"Doctor, my son has cholera, and the worst of it is, he admits he caught it from kissing the maid." "Well, well. Young people do thoughtless things, don't they?" "Yeah, but Doctor, I've been kissing the maid myself." "Too bad."

"And what's more, I've been kissing my wife."

"What? Oh, my gosh! Now we'll all have it."

Frosh (finishing a letter) — "I'd send you that five I owe you, but I've already sealed the letter."

As the FBI agent passed through the village he noted amazing evidence of target shooting. There were numberless bullet's - eyes on fences with a bullet hole exactly through the center. He wanted to meet the marksman and was introduced to the village idiot. "How do you shoot like that?" he asked. "Easy," was the answer. "I shoot first and draw the circle afterwards."

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