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## Hand Shaking

Dr. Hardin shook hands with students of the University Friday evening. It was open house at the Student Union.

The chancellor and his charming wife accompanied by the deans of the various colleges of the University stood in line in an effort to recognize the new faces at the University this year.

The open house has become a feature of University life since its inauguration some years ago. And it is an opportunity for the students in the University to become acquainted with the administration.

The hand shaking ceremonies spotlight the fact that the men and women who make up the University's upper echelons are human; they tire and yet they smile for each new student who passes through the line.

By this sign of good will—the hand shaking—new students at the University can know that the school is here for them. A comment of Dean of Student Affairs J. P. Colbert that the University is made up of faculty, students and campus is ever so true as can be witnessed by anyone who observes the hand shaking hours.

Where students fall short in their estimation of the school is by believing that the open house atmosphere of the administration ends at 10 p.m. on the Friday preceding the opening of school.

For the benefit of the new students on campus Dr. Hardin has made it clear that his is an open door. He welcomes criticism and he welcomes suggestions for the betterment of the University.

The day the door of the administration closes to the students is the day to watch out for.

Because, as Dean Colbert points out, the close association of the students and faculty is essential to the healthy atmosphere of the University students voice and has been an important phase of the University life in the past years.

Last year students on the Publications Board were deprived of their vote. This was according to the letter of the law. But it was received with some indignation by people on the campus.

Perhaps some students should go to the chancellor, shake hands and discuss this problem as soon as possible.

## Paper Work

The pay's pretty good. Because of that most of the staff of the Daily Nebraskan is willing to come down to the office four or five days of the week (dreaming of the time when the check (distributed monthly) will be handed to them with a smile.

The job's not too tough and the associations are pleasant. The work consists of getting the news, typing it, copy reading it, placing a good head on it and commenting on it.

Newspapers have a certain glamour about them (to the outsider) which can't be seen too often on the inside. But the men who work within a paper feel an obligation to the public to act the part of a stereotyped newsmen.

So, as the old-time newsmen Dr. Robert Cranford puts it, "we put on a bold front."

He tells of the time when he was working on a paper which believed it was important to give tourists a good show. "So when visitors came through we on the desk put on green eyeshades, the reporters plopped hats on their heads with turned up brims and press cards just behind them and one lucky guy came into the office and yelled "Stop the presses!"

It's not always like that, really, as Dr. Cranford will testify. But there is always a willingness for action in a newspaper. Give a newsmen a chance to make a pun or to have an argument and he'll take it up. You might, too.

from the editor—

# First Things First...

by jack pollack

By JACK POLLOCK

The scene shifts this week from the land of the upward palm to that of mental exercise.

After a sudden bombardment by University organizations attempting to start their activity season with something in their till, freshmen students can settle down to one of the final financial payments—books.

Following a hectic New Student Week and Rush Week, one frosh was contemplating asking for his \$120 back. After pondering his disbursements for frosh beanies, for the Cornhusker, for the Ag barbecue, for football tickets, for the frosh hop and insurance, he decided he couldn't afford to quit . . .

To the incoming frosh, transfer students, upperclassmen and faculty members, the Daily Nebraskan offers a hearty welcome.

The Nebraskan—one of the few uncensored collegiate dailies—strives to serve the University community. It is published by the students and as such serves as a college laboratory.

Editorial policies may agree—or differ—with that of the administration or students. Editorial page editor Dick Shugrue has scheduled a wide variety of features and columns for the paper.

Criticism of our policies, our paper, is welcomed. As in past seasons, however, unsigned

## Disquiet

Stability . . . security. These are the things, Redbook Magazine claims, which young people are looking for. In an article published this month the magazine claims that because college students and graduates are searching for family and faith they are showing signs of maturity.

But the article goes on to point out that some of the major educators in the nation fear the trend toward the employment security search and the like—the major concerns of the young man and woman.

Young people, the article seems to indicate, are becoming conformists in the true sense of the word.

A Purdue University poll points out that students (75 per cent of them) want a strong and fearless leader for the nation; that 50 per cent disagree with the Bill of Rights; that 41 per cent are ready to dispense with the freedom of the press; that 83 per cent see nothing wrong with wiretapping; that 58 per cent said it was proper for the police to use the third degree.

These are certainly indications that the modern student is a far cry from the adventurous and roved student of the twenties.

But what is more alarming, the article points out, is "the prevailing atmosphere of conservatism has the effect of inhibiting teachers from broaching unusual or controversial ideas in the classroom."

The Daily Nebraskan believes that had the pollsters and idea gatherers come into Nebraska and asked students at the University some of the same questions which were popped to Ivy Leaguers and metropolitan college pupils, the results might have been different.

Certainly graduates of the University are looking for good jobs. But more often than not they will take a chance; go into a new field; start with a small company and be willing to work up.

We would hate to think that one of the traditional sources of fresh ideas—the college classroom—is being shut off.

The times when student argued with the professors have not altogether ended in the corn belt. We are still willing to fight for what we want and give whatever is called upon us to give in order to receive the benefits of either education or job.

Midwesterners—Nebraskans—revel in the pioneer stock from which they sprang. The wide open town has died, but the wide open mind is still a vital part of the life in this part of the nation.

Educators who know the Middle West testify that the spirit here is more than adequate. That is, the spirit to think and talk freely. But we, too, are alarmed by the reaction of our conservative brethren in the East who speak as they dress—in somber tones and thin-striped voices.

## Regula

It's always seemed rather strange that the University abounds with signs saying that smoking in buildings is verboten. "Do not bring lighted tobacco into this building" says the remnant of a sign here or there around the campus.

And yet nearly every building has ashtrays provided for the use of students who take advantage of light up time between, during or after classes.

The same will hold true any day now when the University starts putting up signs telling the student body and the hurried faculty members to stay off the grass.

It is obvious that when grass is in the process of growing it could be harmful to trample it. It seems further obvious that any attempt to make students take a long curve when the shortest distance between two points suffices is futile.

Last spring the lawns jokingly "admonished" the students not to walk on them. "Educated people don't walk on the grass."

We don't agree. When educated people are in a hurry they are very apt to walk on the grass.

The whole argument boils down to this: Regulations which are made for the benefit of the whole will be followed regardless of the strategic placement of signs.

Students don't normally throw matches on the floors of buildings around the campus for example. For that matter very few normal people do that sort of thing.

It is significant that the University of Nebraska does not make the best use of the lawns on the campus. Grass was created as a carpet for the earth. And yet we skirt the green and stick to the walks.

Oh, for the camp of the cigarette ads in which students loll under the spreading cheanut with a book of verse and a Lucky Strike!

But then the replacement of grass as a natural carpet by cement is just one of the signs of our neurotic times.

poison pen letters will be well placed in circular file 13.

Our primary job is finding, promoting and reporting University news. To that end we have a small staff scurrying about the campus. Consequently, any noteworthy items you may have, can be deposited at the Nebraskan office.

Again, to the students and to NU's under-paid, over-worked faculty, administration and staff, greetings!

In reference to The Galley's Slave's timely remarks about IFC Rush Week, agreed early season approval of a better set of rules is necessary. In a one-sentence answer, however, the fraternities seem to think rush week is three days of tearing down the system and then spending the remaining nine months piecing it together again.

Casting aside the onion flavor and switching to orchid, the Junior Division and New Student Week coordinator Leon Rottman are to be commended for a fast-moving, well-coordinated and comparatively smooth-running New Student Week program. The incoming members of the University community seemed to go through their first week with a minimum of confusion—except for some problems which seem to pop up perennially in the registration and card-pulling sections.

# The Galley Slave

dick shugrue

I suggest the Interfraternity Council read The Catcher in the Rye.

Not just because it's good reading.

Rather so they could get an idea of what they are like. Remember what Bobby Burns said. "So would some power the Giffle Gies to see ourselves as others see us."

Well, recall what Holden (that dear boy . . . what a frat man he'd make!) said about his teacher . . . the one he went to visit before he left his boarding school for New York City. For those of you who are erratic readers, this phrase is the first chapter. Nuf said.

OK. So now about the IFC. This year's rushing program and the rush week was the most poorly handled operation that I have seen in many a moon. And being as how I'm a Phi Psi, I have very little to be disgruntled with.

Some suggestions? Well, first of all, I suggest that the members of the IFC get together and take counsel before they make any decisions as to what the rules will be.

The helter-skelter business which the IFC thrives together this past spring is for the birds. More than the Betas.

Rushing is going on and has been going on on this campus for more than 65 years. That's just an arbitrary date I selected because I don't know how long the IFC has been in business.

But they apparently can't get together and decide what is good for the entire system.

So here are some suggestions for the council.

Rush week should be at least three days long.

If the IFC boys are going to insist on the rushees dashing about to eight houses, let's give them time to see each house and get acquainted with the men in the houses.

The University of Texas points out that rush week should be a time when new acquaintances are made, when friendships begin to bloom. This can hardly be true considering that the rushee has a half hour (usually less) in each house during the open house period.

The eight periods could be run like this: four in the morning, four in the afternoon.

Then the evening of the first day could be the time for the first party.

On the second day a party in the morning, two in the afternoon and one in the evening would be enough.

On the third day perhaps one party would be held in the morning. Then in the afternoon the pledges could be made.

An added attraction of the plan would be allowing a man to pledge during the final party.

As to the part of rush week outside the parties I suggest that the prospective fraternity men be given an opportunity of counsel with a faculty member who has been a Greek. Let groups of about 20 listen to the faculty man and hear what they should be watching for in the Greek system.

As to the rules of rush week which never seem to be enforced, either cut them or drop them. It's

a farce to see rushees crowd into the Tee Pee Room with fraternity men after 10:30 and all greet one another in an amiable fashion.

Since spiking is almost an integral part of the rush program on this campus, the IFC could either



drop the spiking rule or get a little tough about it.

Then there's the grouping of the houses for the open house times. Certainly the small houses are in jeopardy and must have some men come through. On the other hand it is obvious that this year's system helped them little.

So let's give the boys a chance to see the houses they want to see . . . at least reappoint the larger houses into a better grouping.

Any better ideas will be accepted with the proper indignation by the members of the IFC, but feel free to let them know how they stand in your estimation . . . if at all.

# The Gadfly

Sara Jones

Some sleeping dogs are still lying about campus, basking in the September sun—some strings left untied and issues left unsolved from last spring. Most of them can be solved with a minimum of fuss—if something is done to solve them.

Most important of these is the right of student vote on faculty committees, a right enjoyed until last year when a long ignored directive depriving students of this right was dug up and brushed off. Oddly enough, this directive had been ignored until just before the meeting of the Board of Publications to choose new members of the Nebraskan staff. It is on the Pub Board that students representatives have the greatest influence—and some of the student members were in extreme disfavor with Administration.

A poll was taken by the Rag and all faculty members contacted were in favor of allowing student vote. Nevertheless, by the time the next Pub Board interviews rolled around, no action had been taken and at the last meeting of the Faculty Senate the matter was indefinitely postponed.

Whatever may have been the reason for the action, we could forget it if a simple motion to restore this right were passed and we could forget this rather shady phase of Administration action.

Everyone is tired of hearing about the famous (or infamous) Mitchell case, but the report delivered at the end of last year was a shameful indictment of Administrative action, and we can only hope that steps will be taken to insure that such action will never again blot the record of the University. The Liaison Committee, headed by Lloyd Weaver of the College of Arts and Sciences, promised a report on these steps, and we'll be waiting.

Then there's the harried, hurried Rag staff, who, according to well-confirmed reports, must this year adjust themselves to having an official advisor from the School of Journalism—an advisor of a "purely technical nature. Just why the Rag must be given a technical advisor—after some fifty years without one—is not clear, since technical advice has never been further away than a telephone call to the School of Journalism.

## Reporters Needed

Students desiring valuable reporting experience may sign up for work on the Daily Nebraskan staff any time during Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons according to Sara Jones, news editor. Previous journalistic experience is not required, although journalism students are especially invited, Miss Jones stated.

Associated Collegiate Press

# Small Majority of Nation's Collegians Like Beer Taps on Their Campuses

Would you like to have a college-run tap room serving beer on your campus? If you do, you agree with a bare majority of the college students in the United States. College men, of course, are more in favor of college-run tap rooms than are coeds, but even a good number of the coeds approve.

Associated Collegiate Press gathered information on this issue by asking the following question of a representative national cross-section of college students:

**SOME COLLEGES SERVE BEER IN THEIR STUDENT HALL TAP ROOMS. DO YOU APPROVE OF SUCH COLLEGE RUN TAP ROOMS?**

	Men	Women	Total
Yes, approve . . .	57%	42%	51%
No, don't approve	40	52	45
Undecided . . . . .	3	6	4

With students favoring tap rooms the most common reason given is that students are going to drink anyway if they want to, so they might as well do it on campus in the open. Here are a few comments typical of this and other common viewpoints:

"They're going to drink anyway, so it's better to confine the drink-

ing to certain areas openly," is the feeling of sophomore at Lynchburg College (Lynchburg, Va.). A Northern Illinois State College (DeKalb) junior believes tap rooms are all right "if they conform with existing state laws; after all, social drinking is common in our society."

"It's OK if the people are made to realize that they should be gentlemen while drinking," is the way a Lynchburg College senior looks at it. A Bernard Baruch School of Business (City College of New York) junior thinks "students are adult enough to have this form of enjoyment."

Students finding themselves opposed to the idea of college-run tap rooms have a wide variety of supporting reasons, the most common of which is the opinion that it just does no good, that school is for education. Others feel it might cause disturbances. Some believe it would decrease the ability of students to concentrate on their work. Here are a variety of comments typical of opinions expressed against tap rooms on campus:

"If they want to drink let them go elsewhere," is the feeling of a freshman coed at Long Beach City College (Long Beach, Calif.). "Students would take advantage of the privilege to a point of disgusting results," is the belief of a junior coed at Rochester Institute of Tech-

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## Daily Nebraskan Letterip

To the Editor:

In blaring headlines in the first issue of the Daily Nebraskan you pointed out that such and such a house was the leader in campus scholarship.

I would call for a reappraisal of the system by which houses are rated.

The reason for this is that many houses remove from the rolls members who are not up to a certain standard. By that count it would be possible to leave only two men with an average of eight or more and make any house the campus leaders.

The removing of some houses from the rolls may be a shame. Perhaps it is done in good faith to encourage the laggards to do better. I doubt, however, that the students whose names are removed from the rolls are deprived of the parties which the house sponsors.

It is a feather in the cap of the leading houses that they fought their way to the top scholastically. It seems that some who are on top are consistent leaders.

The ones on the top are not the problems for the raters, I would suspect.

The houses (Greek or independent) who are down the line are very likely the ones which are padding (or scraping) the rolls.

What the administration could or would do about this situation I cannot say. But I can say that it seems inconsistent to reward a house for achievement when the members—or a great majority of the members—have been cut from the lists.

There might already be a check to this padding. If so let it be applied to each and every house.

If not, let the office of student affairs look into the situation so that fair treatment can be accorded those houses which deserve it and just punishment to those

houses who have, by their own workings, earned it.  
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