

Editorial

Comment

A Reflection . . .

To many people throughout the country, fraternities have incurred the reputation of being snobbish, undemocratic institutions whose main interests are concentrated on the social aspects of college. Various magazine articles within the past few years have depicted a fraternity man as a student void of educational desires and conscious only of his own little group.

Men connected with fraternities have been concerned about this stereotyped description of organized houses. Most of them have attempted to remedy the situation by correcting some of the admittedly bad points of fraternities.

Some of these remedies have been shown in the establishment of scholarship funds by various fraternities for University male students who are in need of financial assistance and who are doing satisfactory scholastic work. These scholarships are not limited to fraternity men but to any student who can meet the requirements. The scholarship fund established by Phi Delta Theta fraternity with the University Foundation is a recent example.

The action of these fraternities serves a two-fold purpose. First, and most important, they wish to help those students who have need of financial assistance to complete their education. Secondly, they hope to erase some of the feelings that fraternities are entirely social-conscious.

The establishment of these scholarships will reflect on the entire fraternity system and should do much to raise its reputation.

News and Views

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(This column is written at the request of the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan but is intended to reflect no other opinion than that of the author.)

This is an election year in the United States, but except for isolated examples scattered throughout the country there is an appalling absence of public interest in the outcome. Once again hundreds of candidates will be ushered into office by a minority of the qualified electors. While such a situation may be understandably desirable for those whose election depends upon a lively vote, it is the negation of everything implied by the word Democracy.



Anderson

There is no secret about the fact that times of relative prosperity result in political disinterest. It is perhaps equally true that such times tend to favor the incumbent, no matter how little his contribution to that prosperity. An absence of basic issues also contributes to general lassitude. As a consequence elections become the function of the faithful few, who have a peculiar devotion to a party or who have a high sense of civic responsibility.

Candidates themselves must assume some responsibility for that condition. Bogus issues are raised or no issues are raised. This is true this year throughout the country, and not least in the state of Nebraska. One need only cite the matter of communism. Everybody talks about communism, few people know anything about communism, and even less people are for communism.

When one can cite the voting record of Senator Wherry to "prove" that he has followed the "Party Line" very closely, then we have certainly moved from the somewhat-less-than-sublime to the ridiculous. Such tactics may be an excusable part of campaign strategy, but they are designed to confuse, not enlighten, the public.

On the other hand, such a "race" as that between the incumbent governor of Nebraska, and his challenger, Walter Raecke of Central City, is something else again. Governor Peterson has already conceded that Mr. Raecke would make a good governor, and Mr. Raecke has not been able to bring himself to indict seriously the administrations of Mr. Peterson.

The two men are engaged in a friendly bout to see who garners the most votes. Both are running on their records—the Governor on the basis of his two terms in the office, and Mr. Raecke on the basis of his public service in

the State Legislature. It would be self-contradictory for Governor Peterson to run on a platform of "reform," and Mr. Raecke has not intimated too strongly that he believes any significant reform are necessary. Fortunately, there is no reason for believing that the office will not be adequately administered no matter who wins.

The gubernatorial election of this year has more interest if projected into the future. Some of Governor Peterson's friends—to say nothing of his opponents—will scrutinize the election returns carefully to see what promise they hold for the senatorial nomination in 1952.

It is a badly kept secret that the governor aspires to national office, perhaps most specifically to a seat in the United States Senate. Should the governor decide to challenge the incumbent, Senator Hugh Butler, a lively fight is promised. Should Butler decide not to run there is little reason to doubt that Peterson could get the republican nomination. The supporters of Governor Peterson will do the best they can to get him a big vote. Most democrats, and a number of republicans whose total will be more evident on Nov. 7, will vote for Mr. Raecke. It is less probable that Raecke has ambitions beyond the governorship.

Within this larger perspective, of which most voters will be only vaguely aware, the present race has broader meaning. It is a preview of 1952. The governor has expressed himself frequently on national issues and his advice has been tendered the republican party on several occasions. The gist of his argument has been that the republicans should halt their indiscriminating attacks on the new deal, and the Roosevelt clan, and develop a positive program of their own. Many have agreed to the principle, and are now patiently awaiting the program.

The governor has expressed himself most forcefully upon American foreign policy. On numerous occasions he has indicted the state department for its handling of affairs in the far east. His views, based largely upon his observations while stationed in Southeast Asia during the war, are to the effect that one can't fight communism on one front (Europe) while "permitting" it to spread on another front (Asia).

He has insisted that American policy should have been geared to the maintenance of Nationalist power in China, whatever the cost. He has expressed these views freely as a paid employee of the state, and has been fair enough—hitherto—to be tolerant of opposing views stated by other paid employees of the state, of whom there are a goodly number.

Next week we shall survey briefly the various congressional races.

SOCIETY

Bright Costumes Liven Saturday Night Parties

Varied costumes were the order on the University campus Saturday night. Quite a few houses were having "house parties" with varied themes.

It was no surprise to walk into a house and see a couple in western attire, complete with cowboy boots and guns sitting at a table with a very dressed-up pair.

Those who went "party hopping" found that they weren't conspicuous wherever they went. Informally ruled the campus on what appeared to be Nebraska party night.

Wading through sawdust and bones, the Sigma Nu's and their dates went western at the Death Valley party Saturday night.

Following strict rules, the men in their ten-gallon hats checked all guns at the bar. A live chicken witnessed the party from its roosting place on the wagon-wheel chandelier.

Cowboys and their dates were Diane Smith and Dick Smith, Ben Hagen and Lahn Dallam and Andy Buntun and Jo Finney.

Hopping to the Beta Sig Barbary Coast party, couples encountered pirates, dancing girls, gypsies and Arabians.

The rooms were colorfully decorated with red and white streamers, balloons and murals. Vaughn Augustine and Jean Davis were costumed as a Spanish couple. Gypsies were Don Kruger and Jean Bahkle, Dick Frierson and Phyllis Kort were Indians clad in buckskin shirts, blue jeans and feathers. Dancing was to the music of Aaron Schmidt and orchestra.

The girls challenged the boys to a game of football at a fried chicken picnic given by the Phi Gam's Sunday afternoon.

Some of the picnickers were Jerry Matzke and Dody Newman, Marilyn Smith and Jim Wamsley and Leo Geier and Jo Rhodes.

Delta Tau Delta's had formal initiation for Ray Stover, Joe McGill, Harry Haverly, Bob Ficke and Gene Olson last weekend.

Crawling through the small entrance, one was greeted by a true island atmosphere at the Phi Kappa Psi Shipwreck party.

Island of sawdust were surrounding the palm trees for decorations. Clad in a powder blue nightgown, Elizabeth Gass was shipwrecked with Herb Jackman, who wore bright striped pajamas, Pat Welles, sailor, was shipwrecked with saronged native girl, Ann Barlow, Patsy Peters, complete with robe and shower cap, attended the party with Dave Noble.

A group of 15 Phi Delta couples gathered at the house for an in-

Scots bonnet, edged with pink-pearl bridal illusion.

Johnson attended the University where he was a member of Delta Upsilon.

The busboys brought in flowers and candy trimmed in fraternity and Pi Phi colors Monday night to announce the surprise pinning of Janet Lazear and Jim Winter. Miss Lazear is a Pi Phi pledge and Winter is a member of SAE.

A new steady couple: Doris Hansen and George Lee.

A Christmas holiday wedding will take place for Mary Jo Schmale and Kenneth Cobb.

Miss Schmale is an alum member of Alpha Phi. Cobb is attending the University College of Law where he is a member of Delta Theta Phi, law fraternity.

formal get-together Saturday evening.

Entertainment included dancing and television. Among those there were Chuck Bressman and Ann Raymond, Irv Thode and Jane Fletcher and Bob Gilmore and Jeanne Lamar.

A glittering sign welcomed all to Club SX Saturday night.

The Sigma Chi basement was decorated like a cocktail lounge with mirrors and liquor signs.

A chorus line was formed by pledges, who wore outfits of red crepe paper.

Those nightclubbing were Paul McKie and Betty Merriman, his girl from Denver, Don Stacy and Phil Firestone and Tom Donohoe and Donna Burky.

A group of Farm House members went to Wyoming last weekend to see their new chapter at the University of Wyoming installed, Nebraska is its mother chapter.

Guests at the Alpha Chi house last weekend were Betty Merriman and Mickey Guzak from Colorado Women's college.

Pumpkins, corn stalks and bales of hay carried out the theme of the Kappa Sig Barn Dance Saturday night.

Even live cats and chickens added to the decoration. Square dancing to the combo were John Bailey and Gwen Wisner, and Pat and Jack Bruce.

Sig Eps and their dates got together at the Sig Ep house for a Swiss Chalet party. This was the general theme which was carried out with branches of evergreen and a basement full of tables and candlelight.

Couples danced to the music of Elton Lewis' combo. Rye sandwiches, potato chips, and crackers were served to the guests.

Special guests at the party were the Omaha Sig Eps who will be formally initiated in December.

Some of the new Sig Eps and University dates were Duane Lippold and Jan Fowler and Jackie Murphy and Kenny Kremers.

The annual DU Stable Stomp party found the DUs and their dates dancing to Gene Moyer and his combo.

The great hall of the house was appropriately decorated with saddles, bridles, and hay. The house dining room was used as a lounge for the Stomp.

Those attending the western party were Dick Assmusen and Mary Ann Lindauer, Kirk Lewis and Evelyn Young, and Don Bryant and Joan Peden.

Patsy Dutton doing pantomimes and Russell Lindskog, Theta Xi alum, furnished the entertainment for Theta Xi and their dates at the Roaring Twenties party.

The old-timers entered the house by way of a "speakeasy" door which represented the theme of the party.

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To the Editor:

This campus has just participated in a Crusade for Freedom and a celebration of United Nations Week. The opportunity has now come for University students and faculty to actually demonstrate the beliefs they profess to hold for Election Day is Nov. 7.

Any citizen who is 21 (by Nov. 7) has the right to cast his ballot—a ballot which will express in an effective and positive manner his belief in democracy.

The election commissioner, Ray Frohn, has been kind enough to provide the information necessary for registration and voting.

Qualifications: By election day you must have six months residence in Nebraska and forty days in the county.

Lincoln Residents: It is necessary that you be registered; but if you have once registered since 1947 and have not moved or changed your name you need not register. Registration ends 9 p.m., Oct. 27. You may register at the election commissioner's office (102 Trust Building, 10th and O streets). The office is open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Husker residents do not need to register in order to vote at the Husker precincts.

Absentee Voters: Those of you who do not consider Lincoln your legal residence may apply for an absentee ballot. No absent voter needs to be concerned about registration. Just make your application in writing with your signature, name, home, address and mailing address. If you live in a town over 7,000, address your application to the City Clerk—otherwise to the County Clerk of your particular county. You needn't know his name. You must apply for an absentee ballot by Nov. 4. It must be returned and postmarked not later than Nov. 6.

"Liberty means responsibility"
Ruth Sorensen
YWCA Current Affairs Chairman

Reserve, Guard Policy Given By Marshall

A uniform policy for all the armed forces to follow in recalling reservists to active duty has been ordered by Secretary of Defense Marshall.

The same policy would hold for national guard units, a department spokesman said.

The new move is intended, Marshall said, "to obviate the uncertainty with which both the employer and the reservist employ presently are confronted."

This will also eliminate or reduce to a minimum the inequities in the recall of reservists, he said.

The directives which have been sent to the secretaries of the army, navy and air force order the service to:

Decide manpower requirements six months in advance and notify reservists not called on to meet them, that their call is at least four months away.

Give those called at least 30 days to settle personal affairs before reporting to active duty.

Remove from active reserve list all reservists who for physical or other valid reasons determined by the service are not available for extended active duty.

Keep reservists on active duty only until manpower requirements can be met by the draft or volunteers and the involuntary reservists and units have reached a "maximum state of training."

The last stipulation replaces

Artists Guild To Hold Exhibit

The Lincoln Artists Guild will hold its annual exhibition Nov. 5 through 26, Duard W. Laging, head of the Art department, announced today.

The 14th all-Nebraska show will open Sunday afternoon with a reception for all exhibiting artists. Norman Geske, assistant director of the University galleries, will give a talk on the exhibition during the reception.

The galleries are open Sunday from 2 to 5, week days from 8 to 9, and 7 to 10 Tuesday evenings.

All Nebraska residents and former residents are welcome to attend the exhibition which covers all the fields of art.

The collection purchased by the Guild from previous shows will also be on display.

Union Album Hour To Feature Ballet

The Album Hour will feature the ballet album Facade by the Chamber Orchestra at 4:30 p.m. in the Union Music room on second floor, Thursday, Oct. 26. The Chamber Orchestra is directed by Prausnitz.

The Album Hour will be presenting ballet music every Thursday until Nov. 20, the date of the Sadler's Wells production. Coffee will be served after the program.

The present policy of calling reservists for an indefinite period in order to rapidly expand the armed forces.



By Rex Messersmith

Greetings, 'Corn' pickers! It seems to me that these "two-row compicker" Studebakers would really go for this column, whether NU students do or not.

I was in to talk to Miss Mabel Strong, Ag English instructor, the other day and she wanted me to mention the fact that the essays for the Swift and Co. and the Saddle and Sirlon contests are due about

Nov. 1. She also said that Mr. W. J. Loeffel, chairman of the animal husbandry department, has offered to read and criticize the Saddle and Sirlon essays.

The subject for this year's national agronomy contest will be announced about Nov. 1, also. Anyone interested should see Dave Sander, agronomy instructor, about entering it.

Friday night will find Ag College in a fever about Coll-Ag-Fun, the annual skit show with all-Ag participation. Time will tell whether Love Hall will be able to obtain permanent possession of that coveted plaque or not. As you all know, if one organization wins the award for three years straight it becomes their permanent property. The \$10 prize for the first-place curtain act provides the incentive to work hard on this portion of the program, too.

Congratulations are due Charles Klasek, an Ag freshman, who was elected president of the Southeast Nebraska District Luther League at its conference held at Grace Lutheran Church last Sunday.

Come on fellow Ag students, let's get behind our Union. This is the last week that the committee will be open for membership. If you have an urge to get in on the planning of some of the big Union affairs coming up, now is your chance. On Ag, remember, you may join a committee directly which gives you a chance to exercise any special skills or aptitudes that you might have. So, if you are interested, hop right over to the Ag Union activities office and sign your "John Henry."

There will be no dancing lessons tonight but the hour dance will be held as usual from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the recreation room of the Ag Union. Those who have attended these hour dances recommend them highly as a good place to meet new friends and to

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Wednesday
Alpha Kappa Phi luncheon 12 noon in the Union.
YWCA noon lunch group, YMCA lounge, Temple building.
Cosmopolitan Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 315 Union. J. James De Marco will speak about Italy.
A.U.F. divisions board meeting, 5 p.m., Room 309 Union.
Student Council meeting, 4 p.m., Room 315 Union. Cornhusker pictures will not be taken.

Thursday
A.U.F. advisory board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Room 309 Union.
All activity presidents meet at 12:30 p.m., Room 309 Union.
IVCF meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 315 Union. Rev. Theodore Johnson of Fremont will be guest speaker.
Builders campus tours committee, meeting, 5 p.m., Union. Freshmen who signed for this committee at the Activities Mart should attend.
AWS House of Representatives meeting, 5 p.m., in Ellen Smith Hall.
Theta Sigma Phi meeting, 5 p.m. in Ellen Smith Hall. All members must be present.

chat with those you already know.
Rex Coffman, president of the Rodeo association has called a meeting for tonight at about 7:30. They plan to adopt a constitution and a movie will be shown. All you Rodeo fans are urged to attend.
If you're thinking bad things about this column by now, here is a little poem that might help the situation:
From the time you're born
Thy you ride in the hearse
There's nothing so bad
But what it could have been worse.
—Anonymous.

Friday
Jerry Mayburn and his orchestra
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Couples Only Too

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