Tom Rische

Wheels At Work

Cornhusker In Wonderland

There's one campus practice that has always irritated me since I was exposed to realities of college activities. This custom is the constant wrangling by campus wheels or houses to solicit in honorable or dishonorable fashion, votes for their favorite son or daughter.

Various techniques are used. Typical conversation between a campus "wheel" and his "victim" usually includes promises to support the house or candidate of the "victim" sometime in the future if "victim" will vote for "wheel's" protege. If that doesn't seem to convince "victim," "wheels" may employ quasi-threats on the line of "your house will be blacked" or "you'll never get anywhere this way."

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Methods employed by houses to secure votes are varied. Along one line, there are houses that spend days before every election holding frantic conferences to determine just how many votes they can muster between the two groups to get their girls in. Considerable time is spent figuring what houses do not have candidates and what can be offered these victims in exchange for votes in election.

Some back slappers use the technique of scaring underclassmen into voting for certain candidates on the promise that they will never get an office unless they cooperate.

The system probably will never change so long as the campus is void of an official two or more party system where views can be represented collectively rather than through individual Grek groups or the Independent block. Pressure now is exterted by individuals or individual groups that have power to force others to support their man.

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It's a pretty unfavorable picture, as most students realize. When I first walked in The Daily Nebraskan office as a freshman I was sure that these "campus politics" I had been hearing so much about, were merely savory table chatter. That was two years ago. Now, I still believe it's table chatter, but I also know the chatter is observation of a true situation.

I do not want to be called an idealist for condemning such practices, but I considere dirty politicking by the suposedly respected campus leaders quite degrading and disillusioning.

Oh, I still believe in the University and like college life here. My enjoyment is a little shadowed by clouds of campus political storms, and I'm a little worried how bad politics are on a national scale when they are embedded so firmly in college life and college youths. It's not too sound a foundation on which to build the leading nation of the world.

Joan Krueger

New Faces, Old Places

It was just a year ago that efforts were started to get student representation on faculty committees. Wednesday this year's Student Council president, George Cobel, announced that appointments now are being made so that students may sit in meetings this year. It took a year's work by the 1950-51 Council, led by Rob Raun, president, to secure faculty approval and get the machinery moving.

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The program is an innovation on this campus. For the first time students are able to express views on several faculty committees which deal directly with student problems and affairs. Although the students can not vote, they are expected to present student views and problems to these committees.

Approval by administrative circles to permit student representation should add a great deal toward promoting smoother relations between students and faculty members.

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The calendar committee will have two student represenatives which will give students a chance to help determine dates of campus events. The two students on the semester exam committee should feel free to express views of the student body. Four student representatives will sit on the affairs committee and two students are invited to both the commencement and the conduct committees.

Appointment of qualified students to represent the student body is the main problem now. Regardless of how good the idea of student representation, the success depends largely on the students who sit in the meetings. The job of appointing students rests in the hands of Cobel. In most cases one delegate will be a Student Council member with the others chosen from the students who have shown outstanding ability in a similar or related field. This should be a good method—if the appointments are made on a purely objective basis.

Whoever they will be, the student representatives have the big task of making this good idea become a good reality. Twelve students will be chosen. On them will rest the success of the plan.

Tom Rische

So What?

Following the West Point affair, many shocked expressions have appeared to the effect that sororities, fraternities and other organized groups have files of old tests and papers in their houses.

My answer to that is "so what?" My sense of values may be warped, but I don't see anything wrong with that. Files of old tests are available to students in these organized houses, and rightly so, I think. Students should be able to study their books and lecture notes, sure, but why not let them see the type of thing that has been asked before? It may help to give them a perspective as to the type of material which is important.

Any instructor who uses the same test semester after semester is just inviting trouble, to my way of thinking. Several of my instructors handed out copies of their old tests and urged students to study them as a guide for later tests. This seems to me the sensible thing to do. Why make such an issue out of the matter?

Professors require getting used to. They have a style all their own, and many professors give only two or three tests during the course of the semester. If a student can look over old tests and see what type of material will be covered and how, so much the better for him.

So organized houses have test files. So what?

Sue Gorton

NU Students . . . Poor Salesmen

Have you ever been asked to buy something from a salesman, obviously not interested in the item, and then by a salesman completely sold on his product? Quite a difference between the two isn't there?

University students are apparently the disinterested salesman type . . . their product—selling the University to prospective college students. Are NU students poor salesmen because they themselves are not sold on the University? No, I'm afraid that isn't the reason; for while I admit attending the University isn't always the life of Riley, would you exchange that thrill of a Husker football game, the Military Ball, the suspense of Ivy Day and finally the thrill of being handed your degree for anything else?

"Alright," so you say, "Everyone here is sold on the University, of course we can interest-others." That's what you may think—but are not doing.

According to the U.S. office of education, 25 to 30 percent of the high school graduating classes are financially capable of attending their state university or college. The NU enrollment figures reveal what poor salesmen NU students are—the enrollment for 1951 is 1,200 students short of what it should be.

If you say that you're responsible for several students who are now attending the University its likely you're from Lincoln. Twenty-five percent of students enrolled here are graduates of Lincoln high schools. While Lincoln is well represented, small Nebraska high schools are right on the bottom. In the past three years 50 percent of the small towns have sent only three and four students to the University. Almost every town in Nebraska has a student attending NU or an alumnus living in the town; yet this percentage has remained unchanged for the past three years.

NU students are sold on the University, but what they need is a good lesson in salesman ship. While the University of Nebraska Builders are making an excellent attempt to sell the University, they do not do their job well with the help of only their 200 workers cannot be expected to do the job well which 6,500 students should be doing.

If NU students continue not to sell the University to potential students, they obviously don't believe that **"There is no place like Nebraska."**

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Valuable Science Books Provide Hobby For Elias

By MARILYN MANGOLD, Jr. Staff Reporter

The lifetime hobby of Professor M. K. Elias, University paleontologist, has been the collecting of rare and valuable books on science.

His interest in the systematic collecting of the works of Carolus Linnaeus, eighteenth-century Swedish naturalist, began accidentally when he found he owned two copies of the first edition of the famous "Species Plantarum" by Linnaeus.

The adventure of collecting books appealed to his knowledge of the literature of natural history. This knowledge, plus very good fortune, has enabled him to find over three hundred writings by and about Linnaeus.

Professor Elias' collection is one of the most unique collections in the country; all the major works of Linnaeus are represented, several are in the first edition.

Some of the items are so rare that they are not even in the library of the British Museum. Scholars have come from afar to study and see this collection.

The works of Linnaeus are the starting point for the basis of modern botany study and are basic to the understanding of the history and development of botany.

Many of the books in this collection are examples of the art of fine bookmaking which was extensively developed in the eighteenth century.

The most sumptuous volume is the "Hortus Cliffortianus," issued from Amsterdam in 1737, and which describes the plants in the garden of George Clifford, a wealthy Linnaean patron.

No expense was spared in designing this book with its exquisite copper engraving by Ehret, famous natural-history illustrator of that period.

"System Naturae," another impressive work, is the first edition of the scheme of nature as outlined by Linnaeus when he was 28. In this book, he divided the three kingdoms of nature according to his dictum: "Stones grow; plants grow and live; animals grow, live, and feel."

One of the great classics of science travel, "Flora Lapponica," resulted from one of the world's first explorations in natural history.

Sweden called upon Linnaeus to describe and catalog its natural resources and their applications. Many of these extremely rare works are found in this collection.

After Linneaeus' death his library was removed intact and sold to an English manufacturer for a thousand guineas.

Professor Elias' valuable private Linnaeus collection is in Bessey Hall library.

Dr. Herbert L. Mason, visiting botanist from the University of California, said, "The University of Nebraska should not let this collection go; it is a real treasure."

Three thousand dollars is being asked for the collection.

Letterip

Why Not News?

Around here, it seems as though people take it for granted that students here at the University are interested in the news. I disagree.

Sure—lots of them have friends and relatives in the service. They're interested in what they're doing and all that sort of thing—but are they really interested in world affairs in general?

If your answer is yes, then why do people—students mostly—prefer to listen to music on the car radio instead of the news.

You say they read the newspapers during the day and don't want to listen to the same thing over the radio? You say the daily paper at the end of the day—in most of the organized houses on campus is so mangled that it is hardly readable?

Look close—it's usually the comic section that's beyond recognition.

I know it isn't the fault of every University student. Some of them say they don't have time to look at the news, however.

Yet, with a war that hits so close to home—so close to all of us—I think that, in order to be good citizens of this country, it si well to have a knowledge of what this United States is doing in the world.

Sincerely,
Sour Grapes.

Rotation System

Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, advocates a rotation system for coaches.

Volley ball, a well-known sport, uses a rotation system for its participants, as part of the game. Planets are said to rotate around the sun.

If a rotation system can be advocated and used universally, why can't stadium sections for the football games be rotated each year to let the various groups on campus see what it's like to sit in different places.

The Student Council has got a fair system of drawing numbers for sections, however, some groups just have more Irish luck every year.

Maybe rotation wouldnt' work. Certainly those who have the luck would not like the system but the others would feel as if they could anticipate a fair deal.

"One of the roving kind."

They Were Lucky

CHOICE OF THE HOUSE . . . Students who drew number one in the football ticket lottery, survey the stadium from their seats on the 45-yard line, 29 rows up. Kenneth Schuette and Glenn Blomendahl, (l. to r.) sophomore students at Ag college, drew the ticket entitling them to choice seats. (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)

Food For Thought

Are Pledges Mice?

(Editor's note — The following is reprinted from the Iowa State Daily.)

The Nazi guards at Belsen concentration camp used to play a little game. They would take an egg and stand it on end on a table and then force one of the prisoners to bend over and hold it in that position with the end of his nose. If, after a few minutes, he became tired and let the egg fall over he had to suffer the consequences.

Sound like fun?

Try it sometime—or maybe you have, if you were ever a pledge and had to go through "Hell Week." Maybe you had someone force a raw oyster down your throat with a string tied to it, then jerk it back up.

Maybe it is good clean fun to those whose characters have reached such a low point that they delight and revel in the abasement and degradation of their fellow human beings. Actually, it is a type of revenge that their petty personalities require to justify the prostitution of their own integrity when they submitted themselves to similar treatment as pledges.

Pledges are told that the purpose of "Hell Week" is to unite the pledge class so that they will get to know each other and learn the effectiveness of cooperative work. But too often those who do the hazing like to see the individual not only conform to the ways of the group but also to get down and grovel and squirm.

It is interesting to note what happened when the veterans came back to Iowa State after the last war. Many of them would not even pledge a fraternity unless they were promised that no such disgusting shenanigans would occur at their initiation.

They had learned elsewhere what manhood is and that it does not consist of letting others spit and wipe their feet over you. May the present and future pledge classes also hold to such principles.

Dale Reynolds

Ag College Begins Big Year With Judging, Elections, Dances, Building

Korn Kernels

Judging teams at Ag College are functioning well, even though it is early in the season. Even before school started, the Senior Livestock judging team was up in Minnesota winning a contest.

Now the dairy judging team is off on a trip. They are going to spend five days looking at cows and touring dairy farms. Today they get their chance to judge at a national contest in Waterloo, Ia.

Ag College government came into the news last week with the filings for the Ag Exec board election which will be Oct. 9. There are six members to be chosen—one sophomore boy, one sophomore girl, one junior boy, one junior girl, one senior boy, and one senior girl.

The Ag Country Dancers started off last Friday night with their first regular meeting at the Ag Union. They are offering to teach everyone what they know about the ever-popular square dance. All students are invited to attend the meetings every Friday night. The first All-University square dance is scheduled for Oct. 12.

Speaking of dances, you Aggies better start getting your dates for the Farmers formal. It'll be Friday in the College Activities building, so you guys and gals get out your best in farm attire and prepare for the big evening.

The new system of parking isn't causing much trouble at Ag. There seems to be plenty of parking space on the campus, and about the only beef is that some students can't park quite as close to some of their classes as they did before.

The Ag Union is starting their campaign for students to help with the Ag Union committees. There are four committees—public relations, dance committee, general entertainment, and arts and hobbies. Here is a chance for Ag College students to support their Ag Union.

The Ag Union now has the ball rolling and is having hour dances every Wednesday for six weeks. The dances are held from 4:30 to 5:30, so everyone come on over and get acquainted with your fellow Aggies.

The Ag Union Building committee met last week, so soon we will find out if anything has been accomplished on plans for building a new Ag Union.

Off to a good start this year are the Ag Builders. Their membership drive started when they put up a booth at the Ag Union open house. This drive for a larger membership is just starting, so if you want on any of the committees—tours, publicity, sales, or parties and conventions—you can sign up soon in the Ag Union.

Gustavson Addresses AUF

Through charity, people can build the kind of community that "you and I want to live in," Chancellor R. G. Gustavson said Thursday night.

Speaking at the All University Fund "kick-off" dinner, the chancellor told the solicitors that by helping AUF or any other charity organization we have the opportunity to "do what we can for others."

Sarah Fulton, president of AUF, presented the board members and introduced the Rev. Rex Knowles, AUF faculty adviser.

Following the chancellor's talk, a skit was given on how not to solicit students. Also on the program was the film, "Hungry Minds," which showed the need for better study conditions in Greece.

Twofold Purpose Draws 'Y' Members To K-State

Going along with the student migration to Kansas State and the Y district conference this weekend will be members of both city and Ag campus YMCA and YWCA.

Football tickets will cost $3. Meals will be eaten at the K-State student cafeteria and are guaranteed inexpensive.

The Kansas 'Y' is planning to furnish sleeping quarters for the Nebraskan migrators. The group will leave Lincoln Friday afternoon and return either Saturday night after the final banquet or early Sunday morning.

Little Man On Campus by Bibler

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