

EDITORIAL PAGE

Rushing In The Dark

One of the features of the Panhellenic Workshop Week starting Monday will be an address by Helen A. Snyder, assistant dean of woman, on Tuesday to sorority pledges.

Dean Snyder has a splendid opportunity to speak out in defense of the existing girls rush week practices at this time.

If she chooses, she may explain the rumors and criticisms which have come up concerning the possibility of a girl's name getting

Debt Policies

The American economy is in the middle of a Republican-Democratic battle based on what the Democrats say to be the failure of the Republicans to live up to their 1952 campaign promises.

In its convention last weekend the Nebraska Young Democrats made a resolution charging the Eisenhower administration with "contemptuous repudiation of Republican promises to the American people."

First on the list of charges is the "failure to reduce the national debt." The other nine charges could just as well have been omitted as they all finally fall into place under this general heading.

Viewing the national debt from the general standpoint it encompasses every form of economic policy and interplay in the nation including price supports, cost of living, production on the big or small business scale employment and government economic policies. These may be broken down further into specialized categories such as farm parties, soil conservation, tax revenue, labor laws, etc.

In order to reduce the national debt the government must make significant changes in all or part of these economic divisions whether those changes be in accordance with party politics or actual concern for the national economic health.

In approaching the problem the government has given considerable attention to the divisions which most influence spending and create a deficit in the national treasury.

One of these divisions is national defense. One way the government may reduce or at least count on a reduction in part of the national debt is to decrease defense appropriations which make up the bulk of government expenditures.

So far the Eisenhower administration had pared defense appropriations as far as possible without endangering the nation in its present world status. If these appropriations were cut extensively, national security would probably suffer, production could fall off and a depression result.

Another way the government might reduce the national debt would be to knock out government price supports on such things as farm produce thus lowering prices on the competitive market and taking advantage of the new money which would flood the market.

Of course this proposal is presently under fire as fatal to the farmers and also considered as a result would be the falling off of production, thus lowering the national income in the final analysis.

Still another way would be for the government to increase taxes which the present administration had pledged to reduce.

If at the present time taxes were reduced to a great extent it is possible that the national debt would increase rather than achieve the desired result of reduction.

Well, the government is faced with these and many more ways in which to reduce the national debt and all may have serious effects on the nation. It seems as though the only solution is to try and err, hoping for the best and expecting the worst from the hands of the party not in power.

It is easy for the Democrats to condemn, but if the reduction of the national debt is desired, and it has been through two previous administrations, why wasn't it reduced then?

Now the buck has been passed and those who remained silent in the face of their own policies proceed to condemn the Republicans for not succeeding in what has long been a problem to administrations of both parties.—J.H.

Listener Response

Sometimes public response to the unusual is a more reliable source of information than a Gallup Poll—and more interesting, too.

For instance, an unexpected, and definitely unwanted, addition to a recent Fulton Lewis Jr. broadcast proved that the news commentator has a considerable listening audience.

An obscene word, disgustedly ejected by a local announcer who believed—mistakenly—that he had wire trouble, was inadvertently broadcast over a coast-to-coast hook up during the Lewis program. The suspension of two Washington radio station employees and a considerable flurry of indignant listener comment were the immediate and decisive results.

One word can certainly cause a lot of trouble.—M.H.

lost in the hectic early morning hours when preference lists are matched with sorority bids in order to arrive at pledge lists.

She will also be in a position to comment on present criticisms aimed at the method of notifying girls of rejections by sororities. She may be able to discuss the relative merits of sending rejections through the campus mail so that a distinctive stack of letters in a girl's mail box advertises the fact that she has been turned down.

But, if in her possible explanation of these questions, Dean Snyder points out that the work of the Panhellenic Council is to protect the incoming pledge class and to see as many girls are pledged with as little hurt feelings as possible, she will be understood.

If she goes on to say that in spite of some possible shortcomings, the motives behind regulations of sorority rush week are genuine and sincerely put forth, she will be believed.

However, if one of the pledges should ask her whether or not a sorority was a free and voluntary association of girls having mutual interests and goals, she would probably have to answer yes.

If another pledge were to remark then, "Well, Dean Snyder, do you think it's fair to regulate who may or may not voluntarily join a sorority?" she might have to offer a qualified answer.

That would raise the question of whether or not such regulation itself were necessary. If the case ever arose that either a girl or a sorority were dissatisfied with the matching done by the Council, a serious doubt would be cast on which agency had primary power in the membership of a sorority—the sorority

A lessening of regulation, perhaps patterned after the men's system, would likely serve to put more of a hardship on the incoming rushees; but would it not eliminate any possible dissatisfaction on the part of a would-be pledge and the sorority?

Rush week, either for the men or women, requires some sort of supervision, but such supervision should not supercede the right of an organization to have a voice in the selection of its members.

Of course, this is not necessarily the case now; but under the existing structure, with Panhell making the match between the rushees and the sorority, there is room for mistake—not intentional mistakes, but mistakes just the same.

If this question is raised by one of the pledge or by Dean Snyder at Tuesday's meeting, it is hoped that due consideration will be given to principle that Panhell cannot replace the sororities' function of selecting its own members.

On the assumption the question would be discussed, recognizing that sufficient time must be allotted to both the rushee and the sorority in order to make a satisfactory match, The Nebraskan would like to suggest that a system of deferred rushing or summer rushing be considered.

Either would offer both the girl and the sorority enough time to become acquainted and make a satisfactory decision.

Since freshmen women are required to live at the dorm, regardless of being pledged or not, it would seem that deferred pledging (rushing at mid-term instead of in the fall), would be the best solution.

At any rate it would give the sorority enough time to really know the girls. The girls, in turn, would not be forced to undergo the confusing and sometimes humiliating pre-school rush which is just that, a blind rush.—E.D.

Why Now?

The huge Communist propaganda machine home and foreign consumption. Reds scream is continually grinding out "information" for germ warfare charges, atrocity charges, ad nauseum.

The front page of Thursday's Lincoln Star made the United States own propaganda machine take a second place to none. Black headlines proclaimed atrocity, torture and involved in the Korean War.

massacre charges against the Communists. Although the charges are undoubtedly true, the story needs a second look. Why did the Army choose this particular time to release grisly pictures and stomach-upsetting details?

According to the AP story, the report's total figures were "not greatly changed from those issued in November, 1951, by Col. James M. Hanley, then an officer charged with gathering information about war crimes."

The world's attention is focused at the present time on efforts to conduct negotiations in Korea. Is the report a reminder for the U.S. not to get "soft" in those negotiations?

Is it a counter measure to recent germ warfare charges in the UN? Is some secret and top echelon planning being done which requires that Americans be psychologically conditioned in this manner?

We may be imagining things, but the release of war crimes data at this time seems to have a definite purpose. We think a close watch of the next few weeks news should indicate this purpose.—S.H.

'Mind If I Make A Suggestion?'



On The Aisle Sled-Dogs Outplay Actors In 'Redhead'

As you probably know, there's a lot going on "On Campi" this weekend. It would be a little hard to work a movie into a tight schedule of parties etc. etc.

Here's a little cue — forget about going to the movies this weekend. There is nothing to see.

Take for example the movie I saw—it was a nothing. Called "Redheads from Seattle," this technicolor elpher brings to the giant panoramic screen an ill-produced, horribly photographed, miserably acted, weak story.

For some reason—probably financial—Agnes Moorehead (who normally wouldn't be caught dead in a part like this) appears as the mother of four redheaded daughters who go to the Klondike to find their father's killer. Father was a newspaper man.

Mother and daughters carry on a fight to the finish to clean up the town, the killers and the saloon—where one of the daughters finds employment.

I should tell you that this movie is a musical comedy. That is to say, it is labeled a musical comedy. That's like labeling an arsenic solution as Kool-aid.

Teresa Brewer ("Till I Waltz Again With You" and other records to her credit), and Guy Mitchell (heard normally with Mitch Miller's French horns), as

well as the Bell Sisters contribute to the mayhem as singers.

As an actor Mitchell is a complete flop—but you wouldn't notice it, since the rest of the movie is just as big a flop. He sings okay, but I'm sure you'd like him better on the radio or Musak.

As for Teresa Brewer — well she has a nice figure. The movie's producers wanted to create this impression, so they made special provision for having her face the Klondike winter in a scanty little burlesque show costume.

This movie "Redheads from Seattle" is without a doubt one of the ten most horrible shows I've ever seen. It is so bad that you can't even laugh at the mistakes.

My whole attitude toward this mess is that somebody's head should roll over for ever letting this "thing" get by the film-editing room.

The Alaskan Husky sled-dogs were great—the rest of the movie should have been fed to 'em.—Bob Spearman.

Main Feature Clock

Lincoln: "Mogambo," 12:40, 2:50, 5:05, 7:15, 9:30. Nebraska: "Along Came Jones," 2:52, 6:16, 9:40. "It's A Pleasure," 1:11, 4:35, 7:59. Stuart: "Those Redheads From Seattle," 1:33, 3:36, 5:39, 7:42, 9:45. Varsity: "Blowing Wild," 1:15, 3:18, 5:21, 7:24, 9:27. State: "Second Chance" (3-D) 1:00, 3:13, 5:26, 7:39, 9:50.

Chickles

By CHICK TAYLOR

"My wife won five hundred dollars at poker last night and split with me."

"You got half?"

"No, she packed her bag and left me."

Woman's voice on phone: "Hello, are you Harry?"

Man: "Not especially, lady, but I'm a long ways from bald."

His wife was a Wave and he waved at a Wac.

The Wac was in front but his Wave was in back.

Instead of a wave from a Wac it is said, What he got was a whack from the Wave he had wed.

Doctor: "I can't seem to diagnose your case; it must be drink."

Patient: "That's O.K. Doc. I'll come back when you are sober."

Examiner: "Who was your mother before she was married?"

Applicant: "I didn't have any mother before she was married."

Judge: "Why did you steal \$75,000?"

Prisoner: "I was hungry."

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The Student Speaking

Stern Thoughts

By ARNIE STERN

Well, it's Friday again, and I've got the usual space to fill with quips and comments. The semester is moving right along; downslops are out, the Kosmet Klub show is tonight, Homecoming is approaching, and the leaves are turning brown and falling down.

Last week being the annual migration weekend, I journeyed to Missouri for a very joyous weekend. I learned many things on the trip. (Even migration can be educational.)

Contrary to the general opinion, Journalism school at M.U. is supposed to be hard. I always thought these J school students really had an easy go, but I guess I was wrong.

The social activities at Mizzou are quite an integral part of the existence there. One fraternity has parties every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday

nights. As for me that's a lot of partying.

Also the University of Missouri seems to be quite liberal on their drinking policies. There is certainly no place for a DB \$ G at MU, for the houses seem to take the place of campus soda shops.

Kosmet Klub is continuing its old tradition tonight with the presentation of the Fall Revue. Prince Kosmet and Nebraska Sweetheart will also be revealed. I've seen some of the skits, and from the looks of things, this should be a great show. Drop over to the Coliseum tonight for a lot of laughs and some good entertainment.

I've been horrified at the various pictures I've seen around the camp this last week. Everyone is campaigning for Ugliest Man On Campus. Some of the signs are really novel. One claims that some individual switched from a certain brand of whiskey to a certain UMOG candidate.

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