

EDITORIAL PAGE

What Can You Do With A Bone?

Presby Post, published by the Congregational-Presbyterian Student House, recently accused the Student Council of burying its anti-discrimination motion in the Judicial Committee.

Council officers, of course, deny that the motion has been buried. They maintain that the Committee has been asked to investigate possible Council action.

Since avoiding trouble appears to be the Council's primary purpose this year, perhaps burying the anti-discrimination motion is the wisest move the Council could make. Wise, that is, if the issue could be forgotten.

But, judging from rumbling from varied quarters on campus, the motion just won't stay buried. Like an old bone buried in the front lawn, the motion may be out of sight—but the remaining mound of dirt is a constant reminder of what has been buried.

Two Chinas?

Repugnant as it may seem to some Americans, the recognition of Red China is receiving the attention of more and more thoughtful persons as time passes.

The so-called trial balloon sent out by Secretary of State Dulles did not receive any overwhelming support, but it did provoke some thinking on the subject. With the "America Firsters" and the isolationists the proposal still draws vehement denunciation.

But, among the growing number of persons who are beginning to recognize that America has come, like it or not, into the position of world leadership, Red China's recognition is a matter of discussion. Not that any group is forming to demand such recognition and a seat in the UN, but rather, more are willing to discuss the question intelligently instead of emotionally.

It is pointed out that we recognize the Communist government of Yugoslavia and the Fascist regimes of both Peru and France. In fact, not only do we recognize them, we are doing business with them.

Another argument put forth is that we recognize revolutionary governments in Latin America, including Cuba's government recently overthrown by Juan Batista.

In fact, it must be recalled, the United States itself was created by the culmination of a successful revolution.

Those arguing against the recognition of Peking state that the "legal" government of China resides in Chiang's government on Formosa. But, then again, Chiang is not in China—Mao is. If we wish to achieve anything on the mainland, Mao and not Chiang would be the logical person to deal with.

Further, such recognition might be the first in a series of steps to wean the Chinese Comies away from Moscow.

A possible solution which might mollify both Chiang and Mao, yet afford the diplomatic recognition which we require for negotiation, would be the official recognition of both Nationalist and Communist China with seats in the UN for both nations.

In any case, it would seem that at least two conditions must be met prior to venturing such an offer to the Reds:

- 1. US public opinion must be prepared for it in order that the Republican administration would not risk its slim majority in the House and Senate, and,
2. Red China must positively show evidence of willingness to participate in the world community with the dignity becoming a sovereign nation.—E. D.

Red-Faced GOP

Douglas County Young Republicans, caught in the middle of a political faux pas, may not have the opportunity to act upon the challenge offered by the Lancaster County Young Democrats to a public debate over a controversial platform adopted by the Omaha GOP faction.

The platform, which included a proposal to withdraw from the UN, removal of farm price supports and an ending of rural electrification, quickly prompted a charge of isolationism by both Republicans and Democrats alike.

Hyde Sweet, Nebraska City News-Press, said: "One thing sure, they did not represent the rank and file of the Republican party in this Year of Our Lord, 1953."

But, recognition that the platform was ill-advised is not limited to those outside the ranks of the Young GOP. A spokesman for the organization is reputed to have denied the validity of the isolationist platform by saying it was contrary to the constitution of the Young Republicans.

In their constitution, the Young Republicans are committed to support the platform of the National party.

It appears, then, that they will have to forego adoption of the platform or change the organization's name. Tailormade would be the title, "Junior Isolationists, Inc."—E. D.

The mound now appears to be growing into a mountain.

First, the self-admitted spokesman for "some of the students" ("some of the students" also being known as the Faction) was worried by the Council's motion—even though the motion supposedly was aimed only at honorary and professional fraternities.

Second, alarmists who call themselves defender of the Greek system became upset, fearing that calling attention to racial restrictions would invite trouble from enemies of national fraternities.

Third, editorial writers on The Nebraskan took intense interest when they realized exactly what the Council's motion implied and upon what fallacies the Council was basing its limited attack upon discrimination.

Now, it appears, spokesmen for religious elements on campus are becoming concerned with the anti-discrimination motion.

If the Council has attempted to bury the bone, it may be forced to dig it out again. What will happen then, no one can tell.

The Judiciary Committee, The Nebraskan believes, will tell the Council that the restrictive clauses of the societies can best be changed by conferring privately with each organization whose constitution discriminates against racial or religious minorities. The Committee will undoubtedly recommend that the Council drop the original motion.

Such an action may save face for the Council.

A rejection of the motion, however, would mark a whining retreat for the Council. Here's why:

The motion was introduced, with what appeared to be the general consent of the Council, in an effort "to do something" (a second of the Council's principal objectives this year). Because the Council realized that attempts to attack discrimination in national fraternity constitutions would only lead to defeat and embarrassment, the motion was aimed only at small groups whose restrictions reportedly were local in nature.

The mistake that the Council made was in assuming that it could shake the big stick at one group for its discrimination while the Council still paid homage to a more powerful group practicing the same discrimination.

The excuse of having jurisdiction in one case and not in the other is not valid.

The Council has power of resolution (and actually nothing more) over students of the University. That power extends, ad infinitum, to all groups, whether meeting in the Union or in a fraternity house.

Discrimination is discrimination, wherever practiced and by whomever practiced. To oppose discrimination on one hand and not on the other is not reasonable.

If the Council actually opposes racial and religious discrimination (and is not merely intent upon "doing something"), it should have told the faculty committee in whose palm it operates that the Council does not condone the present practices of discrimination.

If the Council did not believe that a mere statement of conviction were sufficient, it could have suggested that appropriate steps be taken to remove restrictive clauses from constitutions of student groups.

The Council might even have called the attention of the faculty committee to the existence of organizations whose local constitutions discriminate against racial and religious minorities.

But to single out one group of organizations and to demand that they clean house is neither logical nor fair.

The entire problem, of course, arose because the Council was more interested in producing results than acting according to conviction.

The student governing body may be able to turn tail and scamper away. But now that everyone knows the bone exists, the puppy may find that each new attempt to rebury the smelly thing leaves another mound of dirt.—K. R.

Margin Notes

The Omaha World-Herald spent an entire year campaigning its heart out for traffic safety. The campaign assumed the dimensions of an effort toward the Pulitzer Prize.

By the end of the year the city of Omaha had established an outstanding record of safety. But curiously enough, the state of Nebraska—clearly within the campaign territory of the paper—had its second worst year on record for traffic fatalities. The state's accidents more than erased the gains made in Omaha.

The question is: Did or did not the campaign produce the desired results?

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"I wish Snarl would seat this guy farther from the bell—He gets mad as heck when he's waked up suddenly."

Daily Kansan

Today's College Grads Lack Liberal Education

(The following article is reprinted from The University Daily Kansan, student publication of the University of Kansas.)

Two men who are high in their respective fields—one an engineer, the other a medical man—have recently based speeches on the thesis that American universities are producing graduates who are often top-sided and illiterate.

These two, Admiral H. G. Rickover, chief of the naval reactors branch of the reactor development division of the Atomic Energy Commission, and W. Clarke Wescoe, dean of the University's School of Medicine, have concluded that the professional schools are too intent on producing graduates who know every detail of their own "trade," and not enough disposed to allow their graduates to have what is loosely called a "liberal education."

We think Adm. Rickover and Dean Wescoe are advancing a truth that is so obvious it cannot be challenged. On this campus, we think, every person in a professional school is so burdened with courses in his major field that he regards anything so frivolous as a literature course out of the question.

We think that most students aren't too pleased by it, either. Most of them would shrink from any conversation that required of its participants more than the shallowest knowledge of politics, history, religion, foreign languages, or significant prose and poetry.

As widely separate as the fields of engineering and medicine may seem, it is interesting to note how similar were the remarks of the two authorities mentioned above.

Dean Wescoe, speaking to the Phi Beta Kappa association in Kansas City, said that he hopes for, but knows today's medical

schools aren't producing, "educated, articulate members of society, better prepared to minister to human ills," not "walking encyclopedias of medical lore."

Adm. Rickover warned his audience of student engineers here last week not to become too specialized. He cited the danger of becoming "only a useful machine, not a harmoniously developed person."

To return to the immediate application of their remarks to the situation at KU, we would ask if students in the professional schools have even an adequate facility in the use of English, to say nothing of being able to appreciate philosophy or art.

The answer is, of course, that no student in a professional school is graduated with the so-called "liberal education," unless he had the advantage of foundation training before coming here, or unless he lengthened his course by at least a year.

The most glaring evidence of the acceptance on the part of the administrators of the schools of the fact that many students are totally untouched by the influences of "liberal education" is the fact that some schools do not require their students to undergo an examination to prove passable proficiency in the writing of English.

A few students in these particular schools are genuinely smug and relieved by the fact that they escape the English Proficiency exam. Others are convinced that the test is nonsense, and back their argument by asking how many employers hire a man on the basis of his ability to diagram sentences. It is these students, the followers of the single track of drastically inbred specialized education, that we pity.

However, these persons who would not venture to look outside their rut, even if given the chance are no worse off than those of us who want to but can't.

Somewhere along the way, universities got off the track. As the Kansas City Star, from whose editorial page we got the report of Dean Wescoe's talk, said, "It will be interesting to observe the progress of the university in its effort to put education back on the track of its historic functions and responsibilities."

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The Student Speaking

The Glass Box

By HAL HASSELBALCH

(Columnist Hank Gibson, usually appearing on Tuesday, was unavoidably detained over the holidays. Hal Hasselbalch, a former columnist of last semester kindly consented to fill in for Gibson.)

Deferred rushing (the practice of sorority and fraternity pledging in the middle of the school year) has been under discussion lately in The Nebraskan and, I understand, in the confines of Panhellenic Council and related groups.

The Nebraskan believes that deferred rushing is the thing for sororities. It has taken no stand with respect to fraternities. If I thought that the plan would lead to rushing based on the girls' personality, brains and social potentiality I would be for it.

But, deferred rushing or not, it appears as if the parents' standing in the social register always will be the primary requisite along with the legacy standing. And the girl's qualities, much less her desires and feelings, will be only an insignificant plus or minus.

To postpone rush week for coeds would be to make the period into a more terrifying monster than it already is. The change would not make it easier on or better for anyone.

The system enforced by the Panhellenic council would not be changed much. That is the system that botches up the whole thing from one point of view and alleviates a lot of difficulty from another standpoint, depending whether you are a rushee, sorority active, alumnae or masculine bystander.

Fraternity rushing, not being as formal, highfalutin, and bound by stringent codes as sorority rushing leaves more room for discussion. Fraternities are free to pledge almost anyone who comes through the door, generally speaking, during rush week and the rest of the year with the exception of a short cooling off period immediately following rush week.

Without the fetters, peculiar to the women's rushing, fraternities are in keen competition to keep a roster of members large enough to remain solvent. Each house is not guaranteed a quota simply by belonging to the Interfraternity council, to draw a rude comparison.

A fraternity cannot fail to impress and subsequently pledge a group of men each year. Three or four lean years in succession spell doom for a lodge. Therefore large amounts of money and

countless hour of effort are put into summer rush programs and the fall rush week.

For three days the fraternity's fate hangs in the balance while diligent platoons of actives use all devices at their disposal to attract a pledge class.

On the other side is a raft of bewildered youngsters, fresh (in the words of Dean Hallgren) from Wounded Eagle high school. With all the objectivity they can muster the rushees try to find their place in the Greek world. A lot of them don't feel they fit anywhere. Many have all twenty-some favorite house, forego pledging altogether, others toss in with their second or third choice.

At any rate, at the end of the rush week the fraternity has only men whom it feels will fit and contribute to the organization. The lodge may not have all the men it wants, not all the first rate men it wants, but they all will be fellows the house has obtained uncompromisingly.

The pledges, too, have the satisfaction of knowing they made the final choice, whether they compromised with themselves or not. In addition they know that, for the most part, it was their personalities and attributes that procured for them their place in the fraternal system.

Were the freshmen to be rushed the full first semester they would be distracted badly from their studies and the rush week would become more of a formality for the powerful fraternities and a hopeless madhouse for the lodges which were not able to impress a large group.

An upset in the present equilibrium would result that could not be overcome without the adoption of the system used by Panhell. To regulate the fraternity system with such a code would be to wrest fraternity rushing of all manliness.

University Bulletin Board

- TUESDAY
Corn Cob Worker-Active Meeting, 5 p.m., Room 313, Union
Kosmet Klub Active Meeting, 7 p.m., KK Room, Union.
Art Gallery Slides, 8:30 p.m., Morrill Hall.
WEDNESDAY
Coed Counselor Dessert, 7:30 p.m., Ballroom, Union.
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THURSDAY
City, Ag YWCA and Home Ec Club elections, all day, Ag Union and Ellen Smith Hall.

Letterip

AUF Behind Relief Effort

A disaster that has been going on since August has been called to the attention of NU students by the Lincoln Committee for the Relief of Greek Earthquake victims. The earthquakes that have been raising havoc in the Ionian Isles near Greece have been declared a Disaster Area and although the Red Cross is supplying meager amounts of food and shelter, warm clothing is desperately needed.

Although loss of life is not as prevalent now as at the outset of the eruptions, extreme hardships are being endured by the million inhabitants of the islands. Blankets, coats, shoes, overshoes and warm clothing in general is needed.

All University Fund is wholeheartedly behind this local effort to help the victims of this disturbance. Families will be given direct support from the Lincoln Committee as all bundles will be sent to needy families whose names have been secured.

Students having clothing they wish to donate may bring their parcels to the AUF office in the Student Union. Clothing should be brought in before Jan. 15. THE ALL UNIVERSITY FUND

Fixing The Blame

Dear Editor:
Any good teacher will tell you that it is his responsibility to generate what educators call "motivation" on the part of his students. Students are just human beings. They will attempt to learn if they are made to see the value of the learning. A good teacher helps his students, co-operating in every way to make his course meaningful, useful and interesting.
Were I teaching Chem "A," or any other subject, and found myself with a group of what I considered to be disinterested students, I would not begin to loudly criticize them, but would immediately undertake an humble investigation of MYSELF.
RONALD S. BRANDT

Chickles

By CHICK TAYLOR
She was so modest she wouldn't even do improper fractions.

"The boys in the fraternity must be out. The lights are not on."

"No, they're just having a little party."

"Grandma! Use the bottle opener. You'll ruin your gums."

The scientist had just discovered a serum which would bring inanimate objects to life. To prove it he tried it on the statue of a great general in a nearby park.

Sure enough, the statue gave a quiver and a moment later the general creaked down off his pedestal. The scientist was overjoyed and said, "I have given you life, general; what is the first thing you're going to do with it?"

"That's easy," rasped the general, ripping a gun from his holster. "I'm going to shoot about two million 'I's' & 'g's'."

"WHO WAS THAT GIRL I SAW YOU OUTWIT LAST NIGHT?"

"Grandma! Use the bottle opener. You'll ruin your gums."

"Boy, that's a hot number!" said the steer as they pressed the smoking branding iron against him.

Irate wife: "One of the ducks you were shooting yesterday called and left her number."

Bob Christmas Card: "Have a cool Yule and frantic first."

Many a rural romance has started with a gallon of corn and ended with a full crib.

"I told him he musn't see me any more."

"What did he do?"

"Turned out the lights."

I know a girl who is so cynical that she doesn't even believe that storks bring little storks.

Exam Schedule

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