

EDITORIAL PAGE

Results Needed

A comprehensive and somewhat staggering program has been mapped out by the Inter-Fraternity Council for Greek Week, Feb. 8-14. The program begins with attendance at the Colorado-Nebraska basketball game Monday night and ends with church attendance Sunday. As this indicates, the activities of Greek Week will be characteristic of the all-inclusive nature of fraternity life.

Some of the question groups include: Campus politics—Is the Faction necessary? Are methods of judging various events fair? Is the Student Council doing what it should? Religion and the Fraternity—Is religion emphasized enough in your chapter? How can members be encouraged to attend church regularly?

Scholarship—How can scholarship be improved? How can pledge training encourage and not hamper studying?

Enough material for months of study is contained in almost every one of the discussion questions.

The question which is basic to all the others is contained in the rushing group—"Why don't some good men pledge?"

This calls for an evaluation of the fraternity system as a whole. It means why should a man join a fraternity if he can receive the same benefits by living in an organized group on campus or from himself alone?

If fraternity men can answer or propose solutions to the myriad of problems they have assigned themselves, they may find the answer to the big one, "Why don't some good men pledge?"

If the fraternities can honestly face their problems; if they can find some method of rushing which is equitable and enforceable through self-discipline; if they can find the right proportion between phases of University life, and if they show the amount of thinking in making answers that they did formulating the questions, they will have accomplished a momentous feat—one which their critics believe them incapable of handling.

The groundwork has been laid; the planning complete. If nothing but hot air is produced during Greek Week, no defense will convince "outsiders" and critics from within that the word men in fraternity men should not be in quotation marks.—S.H.

Air School Passed

Almost as a reaction to the launching of the Navy's new atom powered submarine, Congressmen passed a bill setting aside funds for an Air Force Academy, "West Point of the Air."

The Air Academy, long a subject of debate in Congress—was finally passed by the House by a vote of 329-26. The House made no definite conclusions as to the location or cost of the school; however, it was announced that the minimum cost would be over \$123 million. Location of the Academy had not yet been decided, but sites in California, Texas, Missouri, Colorado and Indiana are being considered.

This action seems to be consistent with statements by top-flight experts on military planning. Among many of the experts the new submarine has made a strong, well-balanced air force even more important than before.

One weakness of the Air Force is the difficulty in procuring and training officers for flight duty. Many of the officers have come from ROTC units throughout the United States, but these men require long periods of training before they are able to carry out flight duties.

Although the establishment of the academy seems to be far in the future, the passage of the bill by the House indicates an awareness of a serious problem—the lack of trained pilots and other men qualified for flight duty in the Air Force.

One of the most useful results to come out of the Canadian atom spy hearing was the note given by Igor Gouzenko.

In the great debate over the treaty-making provisions of the Constitution, Senator George's proposal of a substitute for the Bricker amendment is the most decisive development in recent months. Its importance arises from the Georgian's key position his proposal does not say.

It simply affirms that no treaty of international agreement shall contravene the Constitution, and that executive agreements shall have effect in international law only by action of Congress.

With this position taken by such a staunch conservative, strongly opposed to centralization of power in the presidency, other Southerners are less likely to regard the Bricker amendment as essential to defend states' rights.

But the Ohioan has served notice that he will renew the battle next year. This prospect makes it all the more necessary that citizens try to understand the core issue.

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Open But Watched

United States officials recently announced they had been asked for and had granted political asylum in Japan to Yuri Rastvorov, a Russian diplomat-intelligence agent.

Rastvorov, a top-flight Russian agent, gave himself up to American authorities when he had been ordered home to explain a "botched" assignment.

Rastvorov, one of several Russian diplomats-spies who have given themselves up to American officials did so because of pressure brought to bear by his own bosses. No invitation to come over to the American camp was made. If he had not been pressured by his own organization, he would probably still be actively engaged in espionage work against the United States.

Of course, complete "open door" policy to one-time Russian agents would be ridiculous. Men and women who played double roles were common during World War II, often with terrible effects for the side "taken in" by the ruse. However, god treatment and careful attention to those who do make the move equipped with documentary evidence and information could operate to great advantage to the free west.

In short, the United States should adopt a policy of an open but carefully watched door to Communists who flee their masters, provided they can produce helpful, accurate, documentary information to the west.

Gouzenko, Rastvorov and many others have come over to the West with no certainty of how they will be treated. They have come because they realized they were no longer useful to the Russian government and understood only too well the fate of non-usable persons in the Russian scheme of things.

These men and others like them have given the West invaluable information as to how the Russian spy system operates and more than that, an idea of just what information the Russians have been able to obtain through spy work.

If the United States would adopt a policy which would guarantee safety and good treatment to Russian agents who come over to the West, there is a real possibility that even more vital information about the Russian spy system would be available.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"He's the most sought-after 'Rushie' on campus—It's rumored he can cut hair and may even have a barber's license."

On The Light Side

So What??

As I was sitting at my cigarette-marred desk in my crumby flat in west Lincoln (the Greenwich Village of Nebraska) thoughts began occurring to me (as they sometimes do). I began thinking about the fact that Lincoln residents (as opposed to Lincoln college students—which, by the way, they usually are) have been hankering about the idea that they always know when final exams are being held because the bars are always full.

aged to vary from and add to the main theme: 1. It might be a good idea to wear a beard (unless you are in a beard-growing contest—then go clean-shaven). This is especially effective if you are a girl. 2. I do not advise wearing plaid vests, nor, because that was so odd it became popular, and wouldn't be "different" anymore. Same goes for suede shoes. 3. Drink lots of Italian wine (in the baskets, you know). The Bohemians seem to go for it, and who are better masters at being consistently inconsistent than the Bohemians? 4. Shorts and knickers are still good ideas, but you'll have to hurry with them because Esquire is pushing shorts these days. 5. Bend beer cans with your knee, like I have to do. Doing it with the fingers is strictly passe, and you are likely to be classed an ordinary-type exhibitionist.

JERRY SHARPNACK

The Student Forum

Where Are We?

A college newspaper is subject to the same foibles as any other publication with a defined circulation. It has an obligation to fill itself, at least partially, with news of small significance to people as a whole. For this reason, the results of an intramural basketball game will appear, for instance, on the same page as the story of a football coach's resignation.

Sadly enough, there is a similar situation within the University as an institution. A course in business English is taught in the same room as one in Shakespeare. A study of advertising goes on in the same building as a seminar in political philosophy.

Chickles

Confucius say: "Man who crosses ocean twice and doesn't take a bath is dirty double-crosser." ... A clergyman and a truck driver found themselves in an automobile smash-up. The truck driver told the padre what he thought about him in profane terms. When he paused for breath, it was the clergyman's turn.

Then there were the two nudists who quit going steady because they felt they were seeing too much of each other. ... WHO'S WEBSTER Camel—A warped horse. Languish — That which we speak. Jealousy — A friendship between two women. Extravagance—A necktie on a nudist.

With these definitions in mind, we shall see what develops here as the semester proceeds. BERT BISHOP

University Bulletin Board WEDNESDAY Theta Nu Meeting, 7 p.m., Bessey Hall Auditorium. Rodeo Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Ag Union. ... SATURDAY Candlelight Room Dance, 8:30 p.m., Union. ... National Advertising Service, Inc.

Bricker's Amendment Counter Measure Hit

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The core of this controversy arises from the fact that many treaties affect both foreign and domestic affairs. Both sides should frankly concede this fact, and then seek a course which will best provide for the national welfare and the citizens' rights in both fields.

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