

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.

They will also be characteristic of another phase of fraternity life—a schedule so full of activities, worthwhile and otherwise, that little time is left for study and learning.

The amount of time to be spent on Greek Week will be justified, however, if the men engaged in planned discussions think while they are talking and arrive at some concrete proposals and suggestions for improvement.

Each fraternity has been assigned a discussion topic for next Wednesday and after exchange dinners, forums will be held. Topics range from Help Week to campus politics to the new men's dormitory to religion.

Many of the questions show good thinking and an appreciation of the problems facing the entire Greek system internally and in relation to the University community.

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?

These questions are not the exclusive problems of Greeks. They plague individuals and organized groups of all types. Other questions pertain to the mechanics of running fraternities and are of no immediate concern to The Nebraskan.

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. Also, many Air Force officers are former enlisted men who have received specialized training for pilots or other flight duty. Some graduates of the Army or Navy service schools have also become Air Force officers, but they too require a long training period before qualifying for their pilot's wings.

Though 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. The new Air Force Academy, if it actually comes into being will do much to solve this problem. T.W.

Pollyanna Says

One form of cheap date—the movie—has already disappeared from the University scene. Gone are the days when a poor, penniless student could take his girl to a second show, chomp contentedly on popcorn and stroll back to campus not much poorer.

As the movie date went, so may the coffee date go.

While Congressmen promise "investigations," the Brazilian government sounds affronted at the suggestion of control and even Swedes think twice about the third cup of coffee, the student has become affected by the latest international crisis.

Mute evidence to the seriousness of the situation is a sign on the blackboard in front of the Crib, "Coffee Now 9c." The pity of it!

What if this had happened during final weeks? The student, already befuddled and sleepless at the end of the semester, would have been faced with a horrible choice—to spend money like water (or rather coffee) or to sleep through his study time. Had he been able to stay awake to study, he surely would have succumbed during an exam.

Students would not have been the only ones troubled by a sleep-vs.-spend dilemma. Thirteen Andersons, six Olsons, seven Petersons (or -ens) and 16 Johnsons (or -stons) on the faculty would have been the first to go. Gradually more and more faculty members would have spent exam time in sleep as the pinch became felt in the higher income brackets of the teaching profession.

In short, school could not have been continued and a Sleeping Beauty setting would have replaced the usual bustle.

Cheery picture isn't it? But as daydreams do, this must end. (yawn) I haven't got nine cents for coffee.—S.H.

Open But Watched

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

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

Rastovorov, 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.

One of the most useful results to come out of the Canadian atom spy hearing was the note given by Igor Gouzenko. He urged that making coming over to the allies more attractive to Russian agents become part of Western tactical operations against communism. Gouzenko brought out clearly what the life of a "turn-coat" was, telling how insecure his life was even after he made the move to the West.

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, Rastovorov 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.

Perhaps the West would be able to gain the services of a really high-ranking Russian official who realized the communist talk was nothing more than that.—T.W.

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 hampering about the idea that they always know when final exams are being held because the bars are always full.

This thought hit a tender chord deep inside my liver. Why the bars? Is it good or is it bad? It is good, of course, but it is not a complete sort of thing, you see. We go to the bars during finals because we wish to escape from things. But we limit ourselves to that specific time and that specific place because we are afraid to try anything new. A complete escape is not to be found at the Hob Nob!

The path of escape is in being different—and in as many ways as possible. Get away from yourself, your friends, and be a rugged individualist. In short, be an odd-ball.

If the top selling brand of cigarettes is Camels, smoke Sanos. Get the idea? Now here are some not quite novel ideas, but you are encouraged 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, not 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.

O.K., you dig me? This is the way to self-confidence and peace of mind, and nuts to Fulton Sheen. I am sure you will be crazy-gone with this business. After all, who is a better person to escape from than yourself?

Mr. Bricker's opponents declare this changes the intent of the Constitution, unduly restricts the treaty-making power, and is unnecessary. The contention is that no treaty can authorize what the Constitution forbids, and that if some provision invading the Bill of Rights got by the President and Senate it could be overturned by act of Congress or decision of the courts.

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JERRY SHARPBACK

Bricker's Amendment Counter Measure Hit

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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 in the Senate and from what 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. By applying the restriction to executive agreements but not to treaties, Senator George gives notice of his opposition to Mr. Bricker.

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. And since Mr. George is one of the most respected and influential Democrats in the Senate, his move is clear indication that many Democrats will support President Eisenhower against a basic change in the Constitution. This sharply dims Senator Bricker's hopes for this session.

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. For Mr. Bricker, in opening Senate debate, contended that President Eisenhower's estimate of his amendment was "utterly without foundation."

Mr. Eisenhower had said that under the Bricker proposal "our country could not negotiate the agreements necessary for the handling of our business with the rest of the world." Mr. Bricker answered: "There is nothing whatever in the amendment that concerns treaties insofar as the foreign affairs of this country are concerned."

The fact which both gentlemen omitted and which constitutes the core of the controversy is that many treaties are effective in foreign affairs only as they are effective in internal affairs. The Constitution recognized this and provided that they should be supreme over any state law or state constitution. This is where Senator Bricker wishes to change the federal Constitution.

His reason is that many Americans had become concerned about proposed treaties which would have profoundly affected citizens' rights. Projects like the United Nations Covenant on Human Rights posed a real threat. The senator, to bar this danger, would change the Constitution to make treaties effective in internal law only by legislation which

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. And an announcement of the meeting of the Kosmet Klub will immediately follow an interview with a visiting foreign professor about his opinion of American politics. An editorial dealing with the Eisenhower administration is situated in the same place that one on student parking occupied the day before.

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. And the campus is split straight in two because of the controversy between the evangelists of the "practical" and "liberal" educations.

It is only natural, then, that a column by a student in a university newspaper should reflect the same kind of incongruity. Because the question "Where are we?" is rich with implications for a student, it is the title of this column; and it can be answered on any number of levels. Yet the answer to this question is one which must be found not on a printed page, but in the mind of the individual. It cannot be answered here, nor discussed with any fullness; but there are some things which attending a university means that often escape the attention of students as they worry about their tests and cavort around the taverns and basements at their parties.

The function of a column in any newspaper is to present one man's prejudiced opinion. The writer who claims that his column is free from slant and presents an objective report on "things" is fooling no one except, perhaps, himself. The writer of this column is an independent student; so the Greeks may expect no high praise here. He is a liberal arts candidate; so the "trade schools" may come in for their share of abuse. He is, he hopes, just one semester from his degree, and he has a touch of that superiority feeling which graduation always lends—meaning he feels qualified to look back with a critical eye upon what was done to him here in the process of educating him.

And he believes that education is a process and not a "thing" or a "science." He believes the end of that process to be not a certain kind of facility in doing something, but a prevailing wisdom and judgment which influences everything which is done. And a university which fails to imbue each of its graduates with these things, no matter if his specialty is astro-physics or accounting, does not deserve to be called "great."

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

Chickles

By CHICK TAYLOR

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.

According to some noteworthy scientist, alcohol was first distilled in Arabia. That explains those nights.

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. Language—That which we speak. Jealousy—A friendship between two women. Extravagance—A necktie on a nudist. Assets—Baby donkeys. Buccaneer—Too much for corn. Paralyze—Two fibs. Stagnation—Country for men only.

POME Here lies the body of Casey. A bullet turned him to clay. He was leading the life of Riley—While Riley was away!

Two cool cats were standing around in a night club, watching the revolving band platform when one cat turned to the other and said, "Will you feature your focal on that cool LP!"

"You know, my good man, that I cannot indulge in your kind of language, but this much I can tell you; I hope when you get home tonight, your mother will run out from under the porch and bite you."

"Darling, let's have a secret love code. If you nod, I can hold your hand, if you smile, I can kiss your lips." "Oh don't make me laugh."

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