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## Editorial Comment

**Personal View On 'Security Officers'** 

Drinking, the pastime and the legal offense, shows no sign of cooling off as an issue or conversation piece. The most recent move in the administration's enforcement program, the "security officers," did much to change the issue from red to white hot.

Like it or not, fraternities must realize the University administrators intend to go through with their program. Fraternities will be inspected; they will cooperate or put themselves in a position where severe discipline will result. Should the "security officers" be forced out of the picture by popular agitation by the organizations involved, they will be replaced by some other enforcement body. In short, the University intends to do what it has said, students shall not have alcoholic beverages on the campus.

The program of enforcement fits neatly into the administration's view on its responsibilities to its students and to those students' parents. Chancellor Hardin has felt the need for a crackdown or more strict enforcement of antidrinking regulations because of what he feels to be popular opinion among the people of Nebraska. Whether his feeling is an accurate measure of public opinion is a matter of question. In any case, whether or not there is popular sentiment to the effect that there is too much drinking here is a matter of opinion, and the administration's "opinion" will prevail.

However, administrators, like all humans, have made serious mistakes in their enforcement problems. Students resent being kept in the dark about what is being planned. They resent being told point-blank what to do. They resent being told only half the story when the remainder is to affect them.

For a case in point, take the series of events that led up to the bitterly received announcement of the "security officers" plan. Early in the year, Chancellor Hardin appeared before the Interfraternity Council to explain his stand on the drinking regulations in effect at the University. At the meeting, questions of how the enforcement plans for the old rules would be enforced were coldly received. The attitude of the administration seemed to be that IFC delegates were only trying to find out what the enforcement program would be in order to plan ways of circumventing not only the rules but the efforts to enforce them. This assumption, or apparent assumption of evil intention was not justified. In any case, the methods, the exact methods, by which the drinking policy was to be enforced this semester was kept veiled. This was unwise.

For the second example, take the announcement of the "security officers" plan. Here again the announcement was made to the IFC, this time by Associate Dean of Student Affairs Frank Hallgren. And here again, the secrecy of before was present. The inspector's names were not announced. Their exact powers were not defined. Their methods of operation were not described.

To criticize without suggestion for improvement serves no useful purpose. The Nebraskan has no wish to present useless criticism. What the administration should have done in the past and should do in the future is let students know what is planned in the way of enforcement. This is only logical when it is remembered the administration considers or at least purports to consider students capable of mature, adult action. If the administration presupposes that students will look only for loop holes in an announced program, then requests for student help should come to an end.

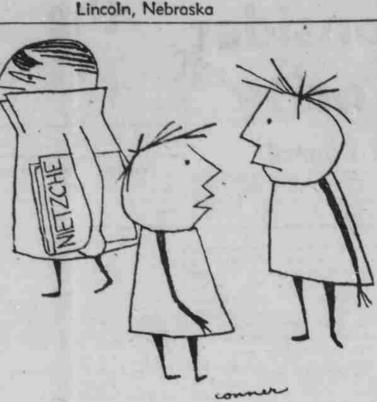
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Simply announcing an already formulated program to students is not any means to the end of active student cooperation; previous announcements which include specific information, not simply general theory, is. (General "theory" was the major type of information given students on a committee which met with the Chancellor before any announcement was made concerning the liquor use regulations.)

More specifically, the administration could have smoothed the path to full cooperation in its "security officer" operation by introducing the new inspectors to the IFC during the same meeting that new policy was announced. To keep these men in the background is to invite student suspicion of them. Fraternities are naturally reticent to cooperate to the adult-like level the administration seems to want.

Fraternities have not raised serious objection to the inspections of their premises by Dean Hallgren. The reasons are obvious. Hallgren is not considered a secret agent, bent on involving organizations in serious difficulties with the administration. This has been learned through past experience. However, fraternities have no assurance this will be the case with the 'security officers."

Fraternities are not contesting the right of the University to regulate and enforce bona fide laws. They are rightfully unhappy, and justifiably dissatisfied with administration methods in carrying out the required enforcement. In a change in the administration scheme of enforcement, public relations is a necessity if the administration ever hopes to receive that which it asks for-student cooperation .- T. W.



"Have you noticed how strangely Emil has been acting ever since he started taking that German Lit, course?"

## Copped Copy **KU Student Speculates On Weather In Utopia**

By JANCY CARMAN look around me in class and what To coin an old phrase, "The grass do I see? One student (a loose term is always greener on the other at best) is deeply engrossed in deside."-but is it? You live in Ne- termining which teams to pick on braska, but you'd rather live in a parlay card. Of course we close Florida, while those living in Flor- our eyes to such goings on because ida might find it either too hot or after all this is strictly extra-letoo expensive there and would gal activity and besides we've alprefer living somewhere else, ready picked our teams.

Students comment from time to time how much prettier another that a group of four girls are intently discussing the relative mercampus is, or how much more its of their Saturday night dates. lenient their rules are, but how do Smirks galore are diffused all over students on that other campus their faces, and right in the middle feel?

What would that place called function of the duodemum or a lec-Utopia be like? Below is "one ture on the composition of the Senman's opinion" as it appeared in ate, they spontaneously let out an the Daily Kansan. inconspicuous roar of laughter.

Utopia. That is the place where Sweet indulgence spreads over the the sun always shines for the sun benign face of said instructor as he bather, the place where it always rains for the farmers, and the place where it always snows for the skilers. The temperature is alwaus cool for those who don't like hot weather and always hot for those who don't like cold weather. The on the part of the prof immediatetrees are always green for the people who like the spring and always golden and brown for the people who like the fall. That is Utopia.

that everyone talked about the weather, but no one did anything ferent in Mark's day, but the peo- graphically that which he has ple of today do plenty about the expounded. This is the signal for

Woman's View

# **Confusion Hits NU** With Follies Season

By MARILYN TYSON to the coeds for that Friday or same pattern goes on and on. floor with leaps and bounds.

to learn a dance step.

just doesn't quite have it.

duction is sitting with a group of to retrieve their own contributions dancers shouting that the lines to the costume cause of Coed Folarn't straight and groaning over lies and during that month the unco-ordinated Suzi who just can't complaining about lost articles is Looking further, we perceive seem to get her fect to go in the ceaseless. same direction as everyone else's.

of a discussion on the physiological Mu Nu girls and vice versa. Every-

Then there are always the objectors who shout new suggestions to the concentrating dancers, only adding to their already confused unobotrusively picks up the nearest directions. Sarah always has a

word or two of advice to give dance number. book (or paper weight as the case to her partner, which drives the may be) and gently heaves it in their direction. This outburst of Follies directors to distraction. Usually in the midst of chaos the dicongeniality and good fellowship rector will scream for slince take a deep breath, fix a stern eye on ly sets off a mass riot. (Psychothe sheepish girls before her and tageous to certain frustrated indi- calmly whisper, "O. K. let's start logically this is perhaps advanviduals, but generally it distracts all over again and do it right this time." Then things calm down

short lesson in science?"

for awhile until the point of con Telephone calls from the fellas fusion is reached again and the Saturday night date have changed After the rehearsals are over from the usual "Thank you, I'd for the night, you might find the love to" to "I'd love to but we have Coed Follies practice and I'll practice rooms looking like a torget a campus if I'm not there." nade hit them. The piano is moved And this isn't just a feelble ex- to the center of the dining room. cuse to avoid a date! Coed Fol- Lamp shades, formerly used for lies practices are being poured hats or props, are scattered on on heavily in every women's or- the floor with strands of crepe ganized house on campus. Drop in paper and sheets with blurred lyron any one of these houses and ics printed on them. The televisyou'll find first floor crowded with ion set is facing the wall and coeds in bermuda shorts and jeans chairs are piled up in the corners singing and dancing around the or artistically pyramided around the room having served as stage

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If you don't get lost in thet first settings or backdrops and flats floor confusion, go on down to the for the rehearsing coeds. Ash basement and you'll find the trays are filled to overflowing with same thing. The whole house still smouldering cigarettes and echoes with shouts from the Coed someones' makeshift costume is Follies directors that sound like draped over the stair bannister. this: "Mary, you're doing that And during Coed Follies season wrong." Or this: "Pronounce your everyone drags out all the old words clearly. Stop shouting!" props and costumes that have long Every piano in the house is beat- been stored in the attic, gathering ing out some rhythm to which a dust and moths, to see if something group of panting coeds are trying is still usable. .Often the ambitious costume crews get con-In some comparatively quiet fused and wind up with some ar-

room on second floor, a group of ticles that haven't been in the atgals are feverishly working on cos- tic but have been left on tables tumes or rewriting some song that and chairs and forgotted by careless coeds in their rush. It usually Every girl who isn't in the pro- takes a good month for everyone

Meanwhile, the guys on campus Why all this frantic rushing? will just have to be patient. It Simple: Coed Follies tryouts are isn't that Mary doesn't want to go next week and the Omega Upsilon out; it's just that Coed Follies girls are determined to out do the practices come first. You get to be king during 10 months of the one wants to be in Coed Follies. year but in January and February, Coed Follies takes your place. Pinmates will just have to take their nights out with the boys now and let the light of their lives concentrate on the tricky modern



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## Mark Twain was wrong when one from the business at hand for he said something to the effect periods up to 50 minutes.) After order is restored in the classroom, the professor turns to about it. Maybe people were dif. the board, there to explain

On Campus Max Shulman

SCIENCE MADE SIMPLE: No. 1

In this day and age, as I like to call it, everybody should know

have asked the makers of Philip Morris whether I might not from

said to them, "might I not from time to time use this space for a

"Bless you, lad!" cried the makers, chuckling. "You may cer-tainly use this space from time to time for a short lesson in science."

animals, community singing, and simple country food. Their benevo-lence is due in no small measure to the cigarettes they smoke, for Philip Morris is a cigarette to soothe the most savage of breasts. I refer not only to the quality of the tobacco – which, as everyone

knows, is amiable, humane, and gracious - but also to the quality of the package. Here is no fiendishly contrived container to fray the fingernails and rasp the nerves. Here, instead, is the most simple

of devices: you pull a tab, a snap is heard, and there, ready at hand, are your Philip Morris Cigarettes. Strike a match, take a puff, and

So, with the cordial concurrence of the makers, I will from time to

Let us start today with chemistry. It is fitting that chemistry should be the first of our series, for chemistry is the oldest of sciences, having been discovered by Ben Franklin in 123 B.C. when an apple fell on his head while he was shooting the breeze with Pythagoras

one day outside the Acropolis. (The reason they were outside the Acropolis and not inside was that Pythagoras had been thrown out

for drawing right triangles all over the walls. They had several meetings outside the Acropolis, but finally Franklin said, "Look,

Pythagoras, this is nothing against you, see, but I'm no kid any more

and if I keep laying around on this wet grass with you, I'm liable to get the break-bone fever. I'm going inside." Pythagoras, friendless now, moped around Athens for a while, then drifted off to Brussels

where he married a girl named Harriet Sigafoos and went into the

heave a delicious little rippling sigh of pure content.

time devote this column to a brief lesson in science.

They are very benign men, the makers, fond of children, small

time to time use this space for a short lesson in science. "Makers,

(Author of "Barefoot Boy With Check," sto.)

## The Biggest Test Without warning came the announcement legal existence as a multiple-party system mem-

Monday that Claude Lightfoot, -executive secre- ber. From here regulation of the Party fell tary of the Communist Youth League in Illi- under the jurisdiction of the Smith Act, which nois, went on trial in Chicago In the U.S. gov- the Communist Control Act specifically proernment's first attempt to prove that mere membership in the Communist Party constitutes a criminal offense. The announcement came as no surprise to many speculators who have been following the gradual tightening up by the Judicial Department of Communist activities in the U.S. The bold Judiciary blow has been softened by court successes in previously convicting 81 persons under the Smith Act clause which prohibits any conspiracy to organize groups working for or teaching the violent overthrow of the U.S. government. The Lightfoot case does not fall under this clause, however, but under a heretofore untested clause of the same Act which makes it a crime "to become a member of, or affiliate with" any group which teaches, advocates or encourages the violent overthow of the government. Obviously the Lightfoot trial is a test of the extent to which government authority can go to curtail Communist activities by whether or not this particular portion of the Smith Act will stand up in court. If Lightfoot is convicted and if the decision is upheld by the Supreme Court, then the Smith Act provision making membership in the Communist Party a crime will take its place among the statutes as being valid without exception.

The governmental authority to regulate subversives was revamped in 1940 with the passage of the Smith Act-the Internal Security Act. It was passed at a time when the Fascist Fifth Column was in full operation and menacing our home security. Since the war and the rise of Communist infiltration and activity in the U.S., the government's first attempt to control the Party was through the Smith Act provision which prohibits the teaching of viclent overthrow of the government. Because the Communist Party was recognized as a legal minority group in the U.S. multiple-party system, the Judiciary ran into difficulty making accusations of "violent overthrow teachings" stick. The difficulty of getting proof and legal red tape seriously slowed up the FBL Then came the governmental gimmick of convicting Comnists on perjury charges but this too entailed getting proof- that the suspect had lied. Then the Commies califiated the Fifth Amendment as a form answer while under questioning thus eliminating the danger of perjury charges and leaving the government helpless.

Governmental frustration culminated into the Communist Control Act which Congress passed last August. This Act outlawed the Communist Party by delying it "the rights and privileges and immunities attendant upon legal bodies." The Communist Party was labeled as "an instrument of a conspiracy to overthrow the U.S. government" Therefore withdrawing from it

vided. While the Communist Control Act was in the

process of passage in the House and Senate, a controversial issue arose. A clause, added to the bill in the Senate, specifically made memoership in the Party a punishable felony. When the bill went to the House the membership clause was dropped under the prodding of Attorney General Brownell, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and President Eisenhower. The final bill outlaws the Communist Party but it does not make membership a crime.

The administration gave as reason for not wanting the membership clause in the bill:

have registered are guilty of a felony, how will 1. If Communist Party membership were a crime, the Fifth Amendment would bar the government from compelling Reds to register under the Smith Act. (Under the Smith Act a registered Communist is disqualified for nonelective federal jobs, defense plant jobs, passports, etc. It requires Communists to register with the Attorney General or face penalties up to five years imprisonment and/or up to \$10,-000 fine.)

2. Driving the Reds underground would make

it harder to keep them under surveillance. These two reasons have been the basis of administrative policy toward the control of Communist activity in the U.S. The main objective, according to Brownell, was to keep the Communists out in the open so that the Judiciary Department could watch their movements. The administration's objections to the clause in the Communist Control Act which would make membership in the Party a felony were based on the grounds that such a provision would negate previous governmental policy and drive the Reds underground,

Yet Monday a Communist leader went on trial in the first attempt to establish that membership in the Communist Party is a crimethe very thing which Congress refused to insert in the Communist Control Act and which the Judiciary Department and the President fought against when it was proposed in the Senate

Just how the Lightfoot trial will end, no one can possibly know because the questions which arise are not answerable by speculation. The trial is predicted to go to the Supreme Court, which will ultimately decide the validity of the Smith Act. The main ouestion which arises on this point is whether or not the Smith Act is constitutional. What of the Fifth Amendment which protects the individual from self-incrimination? If the government in one breath provides that Communists register or be subject to penalty and in another declares that those who have registered are guilty of a felony how will the governmental policy of keeping the Reds out in the open by keeping them registered be maintained?

weather - they complain.

has there been people of such ver- souls who hear the cry of satility. After four months of hot the wild cue stick or "8" ball. An weather the first cool day comes average mortality rate of 42 per along to break the heat wave, and cent during such incidents is not most people are tired of cold weath- unusual. er. After three years of a definite

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much snow or not enough. The sleep, in which occupation fully same holds true in winter, spring half the class is engaged. and fall.

If it snow there is either too much snow or not enough. The same with rain. The same for everything. But Utopia, that's the place.

Then there are students in sunny Georgia. But they have their problems too. From the campus newspaper at the University of Georgia comes this skeptical view on school life.

It never ceases to amaze me how certain professors can lecture come hell or high water. Take for instance a certain individual (so what do you want, names yet?) I

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mass migration from the class on Never in the history of mankind the part of the more industrious something about science. Unfortunately, however, the great majority of us are majoring in elocution, and we do not get a chance to take any science. But we can at least learn the fundamentals. Though this column is intended to be a source of innocent merri-ment for all sexes and not to concern itself with weighty matters,

The atmosphere in the classroom live wires, and overhead is a Then the trend is reversed. The maze of pipes which unobtrusiveone cool day passes and the mer- ly drip water on the heads of for-

Since windows are against the If the wind blows in the summer policy, they have therefore been time people complain of the hot thoughtfully left out and replaced breeze, but if the breeze stops by stopped-up ventilators and becool of it were blowing. The same vitamins, minerals, ultraviolet rays holds true in winter, spring and and Hadacol over the inhabitants of the cubicle. It is amazing how It it snows there is iether too conducive this atmosphere is to



where he married a girl handed Harriet Sigaroos and went into the linseed oil game. He would also certainly be forgotten today had not Shakespeare written "Othello.") But I digress. We were beginning a discussion of chemistry, and the best way to begin is, of course, with fundamentals. Chemicals are divided into elements. There are four: air, earth, fire, and water. Any number of delightful combinations can be made from these Any humber of designtful combinations call be made from these elements, such as firewater, dacron, and chef's salad. Chemicals can be further divided into the classes of explosive and non-explosive. A wise chemist always touches a match to his chemicals before he begins an experiment. A great variety of containers of different sizes and shapes are used, in a chemister lab. There are taken vield beckers flasts nightles

in a chemistry lab. There are tubes, vials, beakers, flasks, pipettes, and retorts. (A retort is also a snappy comeback, such as "Oh, yeah?" or "So's your old man!"

Cr "So's your old man!" (Perhaps the most famous retort ever made was delivered by none other than Noah Webster himself. It seems that one day Mr. Webster's wife walked unexpectedly into Mr. Webster's office and found Mr. Webster's secretary sitting on Mr. Webster's knee. "Why Mr. Webster!" cried Mr. Webster's wife. "I am surprised!" ("No, my dear," he replied. "I am surprised!" ("No, my dear," he replied. "I am surprised!" (Well, sir, it must be admitted that old Mr. Webster got off a good one, but still one can not help wishing he had spent less time trifling with his secretary, and more time working on his diction-ary. Many of his definitions show an appalling want of scholarship. Take, for instance, what happened to me not long ago. I went to the dictionary to look up "houghband" which is a band that you pass around the leg and neck of an animal. At the time I was planning to pass bands around the legs and necks of some animals, and I

around the leg and neck of an animal. At the time I was planning to pass bands around the legs and necks of some animals, and I wanted to be sure I ordered the right thing. (Well sir, thumbing throug! the H's in the dictionary, I hap-pened to come across "horse." And this is how Mr. Webster defines "horse"—"a large, solid hoofed herbivorous mammal, used as a draft minut " draft animal."

(Now this, I submit, is just plain sloppiness. The most cursory investigation would have shown Mr. Webster that horses are not mammals. Mammals give milk. Horses do not give milk. It has to be taken from them under the most severe dureas.

(Nor is the horse a draft animal, as Mr. Webster says. Man is a draft animal. Mr. Webster obviously had the cavalry in mind, bus even in the cavalry it is men who are trafted. Horses volunteer.)

But I digress. We were discussing chemistry. I have told you the most important aspects, but there are many more-far too many to cover in the space remaining here. However, I am sure that there is a fine chemistry lab at your very own college. Why don't you go up some afternoon and poke around? Make a kind of fun day out of it. Bring ukeleles. Wear funny hats. Toast frankfurters on the Bunsen burners. Be gay, be merry, be loose, for chemistry is your friend! (CMax Stelman, 1954

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