

Nebraskan Editorials A Different AWS Point System

Until definite arrangements are made between Student Council and the AWS Board, a certain amount of confusion must exist in the minds of women students participating in activities. At the present time, women are subject to two sets of rules governing their participation in activities, and there are differences in the two systems. In some cases AWS point system would be more strict; in others the Student Council's. The major difference is that AWS has jurisdiction over sororities and a few women's organizations not included on the Student Council list. Therefore, many cases might arise where a woman holding offices in two organizations and also her sorority would be overpointed, whereas her position with the Council would be safe.

As it stands now, a woman would be responsible to which ever ruling was the most strict in her particular case. However, the Student Council is on the top as far as jurisdiction is concerned, so that the AWS point system would be of value only in fringe cases arising from inconsistencies in the two systems. For the most part, the previous work of the point chairman and her committee in AWS will be adequately taken care of through Dean Hallgren's office and the Student Council. This means that a reevaluation of the AWS point system, unless it is to claim a responsibility that is no longer necessary, is a necessity.

At first glance, it seems that the fringe cases previously cited would not justify continuation of the point system in AWS, since most of this would be taken care of by the Student Council without help or advice from AWS. However, differences in the two systems are due to differences in the reasons given for the two systems.

According to the Council president, the SC action was taken for one basic purpose—to prevent one person from gaining too much prestige, authority or power. The AWS point system has a three-fold purpose: 1. to prevent a woman

from being overworked, 2. to protect organizations from having officers who cannot perform their duties and 3. to spread positions and offices among more women.

The reasons for the AWS point system allow for exceptions to the rule. According to AWS philosophy there might be cases in which a woman could be overpointed and still not violate the basic premises upon which the system is formed. For this reason, AWS has an appeal board. Student Council will not have an appeal board, because a person has too much prestige, authority or power as soon as he violates the system which they have set up.

Regardless of any machinery which the AWS Board may have set up, a woman is responsible first and foremost to the Student Council, except, as has been stated, in certain fringe cases. The question then is, taking the three principles upon which the point system is founded, does AWS have a legitimate reason for continuing the point system in view of the Student Council action?

Sorority offices constitute a broad area on the campus. The Council has no authority over sororities and fraternities, and they are furthermore unrelated to the Council's basic premise. A house presidency does not entail prestige, authority or power in the same sense that president of AUF does. It does, however, entail an amount of work which makes the first two AWS principles applicable. Granting the principles of AWS, then, the organization does have a legitimate reason for continuing its limitation of women in activities.

However, AWS will not be operating the point system in the same sense that it was prior to the Student Council action, and women would not be responsible to AWS in the same way. There will be dual control, but not overlapping of control. The AWS point system will be merely an extension of the Student Council rules, justified by the difference in reasons for the two systems.—K. N.

Another Political Faux Pas

The dismissal of State Department executive Edward Corsi has thrown the Department back into the tiger-pit of party politics and once again embarrassed the Eisenhower administration.

Corsi, who was a political power in the Dewey machine of New York, was lifted by Attorney General Brownell into an important State Department position, administering the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. But Corsi had made political enemies even before he entered the Department, and he had expressed a disdain for the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

Corsi claims to have never disparaged the refugee program, but admitted he was an outspoken opponent of the general immigration program. This attitude, and what was described as "poor judgement, loose treatment of the truth, and scorn for the law," by Democratic congressman Francis E. Walter, led to a series of cloak-and-dagger high level meetings and finally to Corsi's dismissal.

A Senate subcommittee is investigating the case, but whatever its findings, Corsi will still be out of his job, and the State Department will still have another scar to heal. These scars of periodic purges and "axings" of Department underlings are beginning to embarrass the Administration, and hurt its prospects for alluring future career diplomats and top liberal politicians.

Corsi told the Senate committee that just before his dismissal he had been told by Secretary of State Dulles that it would be less embarrassing for Dulles if Corsi was dismissed, thus averting a hassle with Congress. In this case, Dulles was proved wrong, but regardless, this seeming weakness of Dulles' part continued a harmful precedent in government service.

Every conscientious government official that is released or demoted because of political pres-

sure shows up a weakness in the administration. Too long a continuation of this precedent will prompt other talented and hard-working politicians and government men to think twice before accepting a position with a government agency.

It seems only reasonable for a conscientious employee to expect to be courageously and vigorously defended by his superiors, and to expect a certain amount of safety from outside pressure. It seems only reasonable to also expect one's superiors to consider one's case mainly on the basis of work done in the department and not be influenced by what one said outside of the government about politics. It is quite possible for someone to do a good job with a program he does not necessarily advocate.

College students, planning to enter government service or the foreign service, must consider these factors carefully before going on in those fields. Working for the government has become too precarious for many otherwise talented and interested young men. The turn-over in these fields has been too large, and the effects of such an incident as the Corsi affair are too devastating. No matter how many counter-charges and accusations Corsi may make, he will still undoubtedly suffer the greatest damage himself. Such a dismissal is a smear on his name and a difficult one to wipe off.

The point is not whether Corsi deserved to be removed, but how he was removed. The details will be forgotten quickly, but the memory of the quick dismissal in an atmosphere of political pressure will hang on. It will be recalled again, along with the other half-remembered cases like it, when the young men in colleges and high schools today consider devoting their lives to government service. And those young men are far more important than Corsi.—R. H.

Campus Circuits

World Of Shortcut Knowledge Harbors Intellectual Softies

From The College Eye
Iowa State Teachers College
Since it was raining the other day, and we had nothing better to do, we dropped into one of the local bookshops and began to browse around. We performed our scholastic duty by duly noting the Modern Library and Mentor selections, and then moved on to those paperback volumes which bring joy to the hearts of college students.

But before we had left the more academic selections we could not help noticing some of the mighty titles of these learned tomes. There before our bewitched eyes paraded in all their glory these weighty works: Van Loon's "Story of Mankind"; Durant's "Story of Philosophy"; Wells' "Outline of History"; great and small treasures of poetry; cuttings from the writings of the great men of history. These books struck a responsive chord in our American souls, and caused us to reflect just a bit.

Why is it, we asked ourselves, that we sophisticated Americans ask for and receive all manner of shortcuts, compressions, selections, anthologies, condensations and outlines when we go in search for knowledge? Why are we seldom satisfied with what a writer says or the way he says it, but must seek out what someone else thinks about what the author said, in a streamlined, cut down, shortened and inevitably weakened way?

Perhaps, we thought to ourselves, we as a nation are becoming intellectually soft. We have come to expect our culture to be served to us on a foreshortened platter. So accustomed have we become to technological shortcuts that we

feel any attempt to educate us must be equally quick, fast, and easy as a do-it-yourself kit. What is the use of reading a novel when the Reader's Digest will give you a version that can be read during the television commercials? Why torture yourself by wading through War and Peace or Das Kapital when any number of learned gentlemen will explain what these folks meant to say, without all the fuss of actual reading? We find that anyone can learn to speak French or play the piano or become an irresistible salesman if one has ten dollars and is willing to study one hour a day for three weeks.

However, we reminded ourselves, we must not be hasty in our condemnation of this tendency. We must be objective and thoughtful and slow to make up our minds. It might well be that our craving for the easy way is not so bad after all. After all, it certainly is good that people want knowledge in any form, even if they do want it in three easy, painless installments. It could be that this is the way to wean people away from their television sets.

But a wee small voice, hidden way down deep inside of us, raised its ugly little head and asked in a critical voice if we really believed that nonsense. It follows, reasoned this destroyer of complacency, that anyone who wants Faust in a thimble really doesn't want Faust at all. This parasite, our remnant of an academic conscience continued, wants only the ghost of Faust to display before his admiring friends. Not knowing how to answer the arguments of our conscience we stunned him with a quick blow to the head with a copy of humorous quotations and merrily went our way.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"Anyone else like to disagree on what the test should have covered?"

Nebraskan Letterip

Dear Editor:

A study of sociology, mass psychology and spring can provide the only reason for Thursday evening's riot. Inspired by the welcomed warm weather, a group of students started a harmless water-fight. Crowds gathered as crowds usually do; and without using its head, this mob moved by emotion rather than by brains—as crowds always do when under the spell of mob hysteria.

A study of psychology can provide the only reason for the State Legislature's possible use of the riot as an excuse for refusing the Chancellor's budget request. And the same study might show one reason why the Administration is taking such serious steps against students identified in the riot.

The University has had similar riots, some not so serious, others, perhaps, worse. It is fact, not opinion, that few can be expected to "think" once a riot starts snowballing. Nevertheless, this is no excuse for the riot.

It is, however, an important consideration for the Administration. For their thoughtlessness, a few students are being severely punished. The black mark on their records could easily ruin their lives, although it is to be hoped that they have the mental stamina to face the black mark with chins up. Nevertheless, expulsion from school will always be present to plague their lives and ambitions.

Of course, such action shows the Legislature that the Administration is "doing something." Therefore these few students must help the Administration to appease the budget committee and public opinion. Punishment, it must be admitted, is unavoidable, and it is inevitable that some students must serve as examples. But the life-long punishment for those who had no previous offense and who did not damage property is inexcusable—even at the price of \$3,000,000.

In addition, one fraternity must suffer social probation for its water-fight—a spring prank which was hardly intended to start the damaging riot. This punishment, too, is unavoidable; the members knew better. But its terms are unreasonable. With its spring formal only a week away, the fraternity had reserved a ball-room and had purchased favors for dates. Instead of allowing the fraternity to continue with its formal plans, the Administration began the probation immediately. It is one thing to be just; another to be blindly unreasonable.

Some must be punished. They did not use their brains and destruction was the result. It is hoped that after the University budget is decided and after state-wide comment calms down, the Administration will contemplate its actions and consider, justly, fairly and calmly, appeals from the expelled students. Also it is hoped that in the future (for there is the possibility of a future riot just as there are more springs to come), the Administration will punish its examples with probations and fines, not with a black mark which can never be explained nor erased.

JUNIOR COED

Dear Editor:

The pantie raid seems to me to be the result of a request which was made to me when I left for college: it was — "Have fun, but behave yourself!" (I'm sure this was also told to many other stu-

dents, too.) The answer seems to be this: "Well, mom, what shall it be, have fun OR behave myself?" The students have chosen to have "fun," as they choose to call it.

Little more can be added to the story in the Rag except to say that we have lost the increase of funds which we, the students, so earnestly desired; part of these funds would have gone into the opening of Love Library on Sundays.

I am not an honor student nor a playgirl. I am simply a person that enjoys to study as well as to have a good, clean and respectable time. It seems to me that this excess energy could have been devoted to a little bit more studying; that is, if the students can find the time. Because, after all, studying DOES interfere with such delightful occupations as frightening people into hysteria, waving bras and panties in the air with a cry of "look what I have!" — the complete and absolute destruction of both clothes and property, and bringing the abolishment of our won privileges as well as abolishment to the reputation of the University of Nebraska!

SHARON S. MOORE

National Guard

Dear Editor:

After four of these bastardly rehearsals an air of indignity is pointed at the people in authority and time is draining near.

If I had the responsibilities of the University of Nebraska beneath my jurisdiction I would proper channels to use the services of the National Guard. This must be a known fact. On occasion should property damage approach an unreasonable figure, the services of this unit would be initiated.

The burden of related property damage must be assessed against the mob concurrent to civil law procedure.

There are methods for quelling and controlling mob action and the mobber.

Furthermore, the neutralizing effect suggested by the Nebraskan warrants merit. It behooves one to take hold of himself once in a while and accept our fellowman's suggestion.

This two-listed approach will stymie events and will save our beloved female a panty or two.

The stage is set every spring and as a pessimist, I must admit, panties and what have you will be swiped, but on the other hand, mob action will not persist with the inevitable and dare you not doubt it.

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Hortence 'n Gertrude Human Behavior Amid Foodstuffs

By MARY SHELLEDY

and
JANET GORDON

"Hortence, I went to the grocery store this afternoon."
"Good. We eat again! I trust you came home with three six-packs of tonic water."

"I couldn't pronounce Schweppes. We're back to Cliquot. However, that's not the point. I was observing human behavior amid the foodstuffs."

"Greedy little fingers, eh, Gertrude?"
"When I went in, I extracted a metal basket from a swarming nest of such objects, bounced from it a small boy, and went to the vegetable counter."

"Getting awfully healthful these days, aren't you?"
"Standing right in front of me was a Lettuce Hetter. She was the female counterpart of 'After' the pictures of the 93-pound weaking. Not a head of lettuce was left that she hadn't played handball with against the plywood display-rack."

"How absorbing."
"Some people can't resist heavy heads. Next to her was a Cantaloupe Puncher. With one horny, calloused thumb, she dented in the ends of 43 cantaloupes before she found a good one."

"Obviously you were disgusted."
"This wasn't the worst. At the meat counter, I stood aghast as

three women played Bologna Jumble. When they were finished, they had a game of Braunschweiger Bust."

"Couldn't you find the beer saki?"
"I gave up. At the fruit counter while searching for a really big orange, the pyramid collapsed. Knee-deep in oranges."

"I told you to wear Bermuda shorts."

"So I thought, 'To heck with it, we'll just have weiners.' Off to the bread rack I went. There was an old harridan wearing flowered chintz, playing Loaf Squish. I was glad that I only wanted 'Buns."

"Every single loaf of bread had been dented."

"I hear the wheat crop is going to be smaller this year."

"Plague, drouth, disaster and riots! I'm going back to grits and cornpone."
"Where's the grits department at the Hinky-Dinky?"
"There was no use. I finally bought three boxes of tea bags and a bag of candy corn."
"That's nothing new."
"After paying the greasy-handed cashier, I escaped. And if Washington wants to support agriculture, I'm not going to even ask for my tax refund next year."

Jest Jestin'

New Philosophy In Troubled Days

By JESS BROWNELL

This column isn't going to be a lousy soldier, always on report.

It happened that soon after these two entered the Army a global war broke out and Jim and Bob were both sent into action with the same outfit and were killed in an atomic bomb blast. Moral: Some people can't see the forest for the trees, but when the bombs start to fall, it won't make much difference anyway.

"This is the story of two boys. I shall call them Jim and Bob, because these names bring to mind typical American, boys, tall, athletic, not handsome but good-looking, bright but far from intellectual. And in truth, they were of this sort, and like all people of this type it was practically impossible to distinguish them from many thousands of their counterparts."

"There was, however, one quality which they did not have in common although this difference did not appear until they entered college and enrolled in ROTC. They soon discovered that while Jim liked the military system, Bob didn't care for it at all. Jim wore his uniform proudly and always carried himself in the military manner. Bob, on the other hand, was sloppy and sarcastic, often referring to his class as "people-killing" or "blood-spilling."

"I am sorry to report that this difference in opinion became a point of contention between them and led to a cooling of their friendship. Jim insisted that being an officer would be a good deal in case a war broke out, but Bob just couldn't see it that way and stubbornly refused to be persuaded, saying that he would wait for the draft and take his chances."

"After the necessary four years, both graduated. Jim received his commission and soon proved himself to be a good officer, finding the life quite to his liking. Bob was drafted, and because he had such a poor attitude turned out to

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