Nebraskan Editorials:

Challenge To Fraternities

be experiencing their first challenge from that pendent houses don't have repledges or inactive numerous and nebulous group called the inde-

beginning of worry and a new era. While the combined average of fraternities dropped, the grade average of men's co-ops and Selleck Quadrangle raised. If Cornhusker Co-op and Gustayson House II, the leaders of the two divisions. had been placed within the fraternity ratings, they would have rated sixth and eighth respectively. The average of the leading house in Selleck Quad was boosted by .115 and the leading house average of the Men's Co-ops was increased by the respectable percentage .379.

The combined fraternity average of 24 groups dropped .080 as compared with last semester's average. The lowest average on record this academic exercise. semester was recorded by a fraternity.

Looking on the brighter side, fraternity men may still fall back on the actual averages of fraternities and independents. The All fraternity average is 5.409 and the combined average of Selleck Quad and the co-ops is approximately 5.260-a difference of .149. If fraternities had had accurate scholarship rolls in all cases the dif- now .- S.J.

Few fraternities can equal the actual physical facilities of Selleck Quadrangle, but most can Recent scholarship reports might herald the better the food. Not many fraternities can match the housebill for the dorm, but they all possess such things as fellowship and prestige which are intangible and inestimable as to

> All the things which fraternities extol as common only to their Greek organizations, however, are meaningless if the purpose of University life is defeated. No matter how green an incoming freshman might be, it is very doubtful that he would join a mystic group which has a mediocre record in scholarship and the promise of fun and games-which hardly can be termed as

The hour comes, and it is very likely that it is here now, when fraternities should re-examine their position on scholarship. At a university, scholarship is decidedly a virtue and if fraternities are to remain a part of University life at Nebraska, it is imperative that scholarship becomes a year around concern - starting

A Successful Week

students in seminars, addresses and "bull themselves drawn into these informal sessions. sessions" in the organized houses.

of the City Campus Religious Council.

And from a number of angles, it was a success. First, REW almost reached its goal of reaching every student on the campus. True, there were probably a large number of students who did not actually attend a seminar or a lecture. or who missed out on the informal discussions.

But there scarcely could be any students who did not realize that Religious Emphasis Week was taking place on the campus, and that his fellow students were taking part in it and talk- student. ing about it.

Even if an individual student did not take part, he very likely found himself in the middle of a private discussion prompted by what someone else picked up in REW.

The most effective way of contacting the students was through the informal discussions problems, might find a way leading out of the held in the organized houses. Here students maze in which modern man so often finds could sit down with the speakers and hash out himself. -F.T.D.

Religious Emphasis Week for 1956 has come to their questions in an informal, unembarrasing an end. Nine speakers from across the nation manner. Students who would never think of athave spoken to an undetermined number of tending an organized lecture or seminar found

The sort of contact with religion afforded by All this was accomplished in five days, from Religious Emphasis Week does not produce con-Sunday to Thursday, after months of planning verts. There is no attempt to win the individual by various committees, all under the auspices over to the ways of one creed or faith. It does produce cognisance of the concern of religious men for the university student.

> By talking with these men, and listening to their beliefs and the beliefs of their particular faiths, students could perhaps find something that explained their own beliefs, or lack of them. By realizing that men of good faith have interest in the religious life of the student, a new interest in spiritual matters might be roused in this

Religious Emphasis Week has ended, for this year. Enough student interest in it was aroused to warrant it being continued. This, however, is not important.

The important thing is that University students, by realizing that religion can hold something for them, and that others are interested in their

Indications Of Success

With a flurry of banners and back-room Politics is not a dull, academic concern and it saucuses, the Mock Political Convention will is more than black cigars and baby-kissing. They invade the campus next week. All indications should be regarded as free exchange of opinion seem to point to a hugely successful meeting of on policy and a compromise intended to work

NUCWA, sponsoring organization with the Student Council, should be congratulated for bringing the opportunity to University students. Harrison, received only discouraging comments when they began work on the idea some months

Harrison said he had been told he would get only twenty students at such a meeting, if that many. At present, over 400 students are on delegation lists, and not all delegations have been taken.

The convention itself is a healthy sign of political activity on the campus for students who will soon compose the country's electorate. It is an opportunity for students to learn the ins and outs of the complicated American political system and how it functions to formulate some of the policies which will result in law.

Political matters cannot be ignored by citizens. They crop out in everything from higher taxes on a national level to zoning ordinances. Politics are the backbone of society; Law pre-NUCWA leaders and the group's adviser, James supposes politics in this political system and law is the cohesive force of society.

It is the purpose of NUCWA to encourage political awareness on the University campus. This is a laudable motive and the Convention is a much more effective device than NUCWA's previous mock United Nations assemblies.

The Nebraskan hopes that NUCWA will continue to give the campus such opportunities as this one. The group is to be commended for its effort and renewed vigor.

The Nebraskan also urges that as many students as possible attend the sessions. They will be more colorful, exciting and different than the daily coffee hour. They might be more profitable too .- J.B.

All colleges have traditions. This is an estabdare open its doors to prospective students behind three inches of bristle. without a few traditions and legends hanging around.

The University of Nebraska, although sometimes a little sun-bleached from the prairie sun, has managed to build up a few traditions itself, and displays these with the proper amount of pride and enthusiasm.

One of these is the annual Whisker King contest, which opens next Monday, and closes May 12 during the Farmers Fair. To qualify, a male student must present his clean-shaven face when he turns in his application. Contestants are judged for fullness, texture and originality.

All in all it is a fine tradition, well suited for our agricultural state, and to the Farmers Fair. Although modern Nebraska farmers are seldom seen with whisker-fested chins, their sons seem to have a fine old time growing beards every

The reasons for a healthy young male growing a beard in the springtime are a little obscure, however. Aside from the personal prestige gained from having the most whiskers on the campus and in pushing the Farmers Fair. there doesn't seem to be much else in favor of

Some habitual woman-haters might like the years.

idea, or those who have just broken up with a lished fact. No self-respecting school would "true love" and wish to hide their broken hearts

There also may be certain advantages in growing a beard if one was hiding from the Federal authorities, or trying to keep from paying a

The main disadvantage is in the thwarting of most amorous endeavors during the period in

which the beard is flowering into full maturity, As one time-honored young maiden said, long ago: "It tickles!"-F.T.D.

Afterthoughts

Amazing Medium

Advertising is an amazing medium. Even at the University, hard-hitting, bright-eyed publicity chairmen have learned to hold their fingers to the student pulse. A new poster in the Union begins:

"MARTINIS are not what we are interested

in, but now that we have your attention . . ." It was accompanied by a picture of the big-

gest and driest martini to hit this compus in

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS





Intellectual 'Type' **Bluffs Criticism**

By CORBAN LePELL

Much of the painting that is being done today is unintelligible for the lay gallery goer who travels the gallery halls infrequently. cannot expect to be familiar with all the many specialized fields which surround him in his society.

Art is specialized as are many other fields of today, but the lay gallery goer tries to afford himself the luxury of being an able art

The man who affords himself this false luxury must feel he understands the problems, motives, desires and needs of the contemporary artist. The man who boasts of possession such a luxury is a fool. The product of a modern artist is of a personal nature. Modern

painting has certainly reduced its audience from the days of the Barbizon School of pretty landscape painting. Today painting has an extremely esoteric range. It is rarely conceivable that the

University intellectual would think of himself as being excluded from that esotreic group. He can pluff his way through art history and then with all profoundness say, "I've discovered Velasquez." This intellectual Type is always lacking superficialities on to con temporary painting.

He talks of art as philosophy, sociology and grass cutting, but and boring both artist and critic.

never art as art. The University Intellectual is always explaining art to the people he is trying to impress. This God-Act makes him feel superior. There are no words which can replace vision, but this Type tries to do just that.

The Type also tries to explicate music in terms of social enigma, giving intellectual meaning, or a message, importance greater than that of aural expression. From him expression built upon relationships

The Image

in pitch and time does not have the value of expression built upon his own preconceived allegorical relationships.

He has placed media above expression. He prefers opera with its literary value to the more abstract chamber works, thus judging music by literary criteria. This is certainly a narrow approach. of the printed word.

When Shakespeare comes to town in the form of a movie the Type really goes to work. He may be familiar with the play through the printed work or, and this is less likely, the stage.

This Type who creates no art of his own, but is trapped in the shallow ground between the sensitive critic and the artist serves no purpose but that of annoying

Nebraskan Letterip

Union Chapel Not Constitutional

The City Campus Religious Council petition proposing the inclusion of a chapel or meditation room in the new Union, and The Nebraskan editorial ("A Logical Follow Through") supporting it, are examples of some of the least logical thinking I have ever seen in the

The writer of the editorial tries to differentiate between "church" and "religion" in a manner not very acceptable to either the religious man or the adherent of our national and state consitutions.

The concept of the separation of church and state is more than "traditional," and it cannot be circumvented by omission of the word "church."

The United States Constitution prohibits "an establishment of religion." Where does that leave the proposed chapel which is to be "identified with religion itself"?

The language of the petition is just vague enough to make it enticing to prospective signers. "The Student Union is to serve the needs of all students." Well, we students have a lot of different needs; and most of us do not expect the Union to supply them all.

"A chapel or meditation room would serve as an opportunity to

strengthen spiritual growth." This not susceptible of proof. How has the spirituality of UN debates been augmented by that organization's

meditation room. "No specific place on the University campus (emphasis mine) is provided for all students and faculty to worship and meditate. " Is

this a criciticism of the University for abiding by the spirit of the national and state constitutions? And "Most major universities in the Midwest have a chapel or meditation for room for general campus use." This is frank "band, wagon" technique. Should NU students feel hopelessly underprivileged spiritually if theirs is the only school in the Big Seven with-

out a chapel on state property? If I seem harsh, it is because observation and experience have taught me that any weakening of the barrier between church and state (the released-time system in public schools as a notorious example) results in no advantage for either side, but rather in a loss of both power and function for

"God does not need our lies"-St. Gregory. Much less, I believe, does He need our illegalities and

our logical absurdities. G. Thomas Fairclough,

Presumptuous Headline

Whatever the functions of a student newspaper may be, pa rading its limitations before the public is not one of them. I refer, specifically, to the story on the front page of Wednesday's Nebraskan headed, "Speakers Clarify Basis of Existence in Session."

Now there are those who believe the basis (or bases) of existence has not vet been discovered, let sione clarified. Have these men isolated, in one week, what the greatest minds of every age have cought to locate? I cannot believe the speakers

themazives are as presumptuous as the individual who write this

And the story itself! Space is umited, I realize; but there is no excuse for tossing quotations from each speech (apparently picked at random) into this pseudo-electric stew which is offered as a clarifica-

Is this the intelligent summation of significant discussions students have a right to demand from their newspaper? I leave it up to you to decide.

And let me say to those men who put considerable time and effort into preparing a lecture, that there are students who appreciate that time and effort.

Barbara Farquar

Wake Up, University

To The Editor An open letter to the Committee on Students for Johnson, and to others appearing to be robots: The following is a quote from

a letter sent to the fraternity and sorority system at Nebraska by the Students for Johnson Commit-

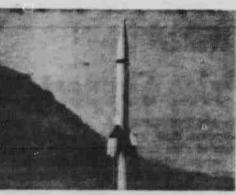
"In our minds it matters not whether you are Democrat or Republican or whether you are an advocate of Dick Johnson's policies or not - the problem is thisdo you want a representative of your University who is also a who is now crying for financial aid from that system, do you wish that call to go unanswered?"

The committee implices here that the only important thing is that we support this member of the University and Greek system. What, might I ask, ever posses-

sed the members of this committee to put such trivial things before their own beliefs and convictions? Are we of the University or Greek system such thin-shelled individuals as to put these two things above all else? Might I say, wake up commit-

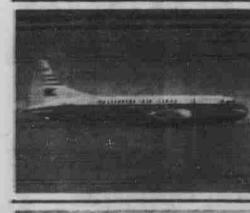
tee, University, Greeks, independents or whoever you may be lest you lose confidence in yourmember of the Greek system, | self and become mere robots with some crackpot pushing the but-

Paul Zurker











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