

Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

A United Front

After many weeks of factionous debate and cleavage the IFC members finally compromised last night and agreed to postpone executive elections until next Thursday. This action seemed to meet with the approval of both the IFC Advisors who previously had advocated an early March election and certain fraternity presidents who spoke for an immediate election.

This compromise action is indeed significant when one surveys the proceedings of last month and the results thereof. It was pointed out both by the Council advisors and the more conservative fraternity presidents that results of an immediate election (which was called for in the last meeting of Jan. 16) could conceivably be retracted by the IFC Board of Control decision, which will be issued next Wednesday. Thus the Council wisely avoided further complication by delaying their elections to the night following the Board of Control report.

During the course of last Wednesday's debate IFC faculty advisor Dr. Bertrand Schultz issued some solemn warnings to the fraternity presidents that the adverse publicity resulting from the Jan. 16 executive resignations had seriously jeopardized next year's rushing program. These wise words of advice—coupled with an unwritten historical principle which states that after any pseudo-revolutionary action has been instigated former foundations are inevitably weakened—presents a serious problem to the IFC in toto.

In order for any of its future actions to have any effect the IFC must drastically minimize the politics in future elections. Granted this is an idealistic solution but most if not all of the trouble which has arisen in the Council during this academic year was caused by politics in one way or another.

The majority faction of the IFC comprising of those members who favored the Jan. 16 executive resignation bemoaned the fact that two fraternities had dominated the Council for the past two or three years. This fact is certainly true but it must be remembered that these two fraternities accomplished much of the IFC work during that time and that many of the other member fraternities were negligent in their scrutiny of Council actions and proceedings.

However, now that the gullotine ceremonies are presumably over, the IFC must present a unified front in order to perpetuate the fraternity system at the University. Only by such a unification will the fraternity system regain its former status and wipe out the black mark left by recent, unfavorable news articles which have appeared throughout the state. (Incidentally much of this unfavorable publicity can be attributed to the terse official IFC statement concerning the Jan. 16 meeting which was released for publication.)

The Interfraternity Council must cease to be a political arena. Instead it should take on much the same responsibilities and characteristics of one big fraternal group.

The Quiet Men

The Interfraternity Council meeting Wednesday brought up an interesting point. Several members of the body, and the advisors, were concerned about unfavorable state-wide publicity which resulted from the ousting of the officers.

Obviously, the call for dismissal was itself bad publicity. Secondly, no concrete reasons other

than vague generalizations about how the officers were not acting in accordance with body were given. Thirdly, closed meetings do not offer much chance for clear presentation of the case for either side. An issue of any sort can be backed only as far as facts support it. You can't get many facts out of secret meetings.

The Eternal Dimension

(The following is the first of a series of articles by campus religious readers which will continue through Religious Emphasis Week, February 10 to 14.)

Religious Emphasis Week will be held on our campus next week, February 10-14. This year we are planning to make use of the existing meetings on campus and to go into the classrooms and organized houses. In this way, we will be reaching the students by going into the normal life of the campus rather than by asking the campus to come to REW.

The purpose of REW is to impress upon the student the need for religion in his everyday life. It is important, not only to go to church, but also to have religion in the classroom, in the organized house, in activities, and in every area in which stu-

dents are gathered together.

This year's theme for REW is "The Eternal Dimension." You have probably noticed the symbol depicting this theme around the campus. It shows that life is not square. It has many dimensions, uncountless depths and heights. Man's world is not flat, nor is his mind, nor is his spirit. The symbol of REW reminds us of these truths, and it tells us further that man does not stand alone. He stands with his brothers in mutual obligations and responsibilities under the judgment and protection of God. Symbolically we see the Star of David and the Cross of Christ speaking forth the truth—that we stand in the midst of the great Judeo-Christian tradition, being measured by it in every dimension of our existence.

We usually ask the question during REW, "What must I do to find God?" The symbol suggests a truer and more courageous question, "What must I do now that I have found Him?"

Basically the meaning of "The Eternal Dimension" is future life. The idea of the theme is to give the student a broader perspective into religion and its meanings to him on the campus. Most important, the student must realize that although he is away from home he has not lost contact with his God. With this idea in mind, REW will give the students the opportunity to deepen and strengthen their spiritual needs. Will YOU take advantage of this opportunity?

Joan Norris
City Campus Chairman
Religious Emphasis Week

Peanuts: Try One, You'll Never Stop

"Peanuts," the comic strip which won for its creator—Charles W. Schulz—the title of 1956 Cartoonist of the Year, has made its appearance in the columns of The Daily Nebraskan. Look directly above for a peek into the wonderful world of Schulz's little people.

The strip combines humor and insight for a blend that has proved irresistible on campuses around the country. The Whittier College campus newspaper said, "Peanuts" is the comic strip of the century." And from Duke University came the comment, "Peanuts" has won the hearts of Duke students."

Schulz seems mildly abashed by all this praise. He says, "It sure is nice to know that people enjoy your work."

So there it is, and there you are. We hope the charming world of Charley Brown will become a daily part of your world.

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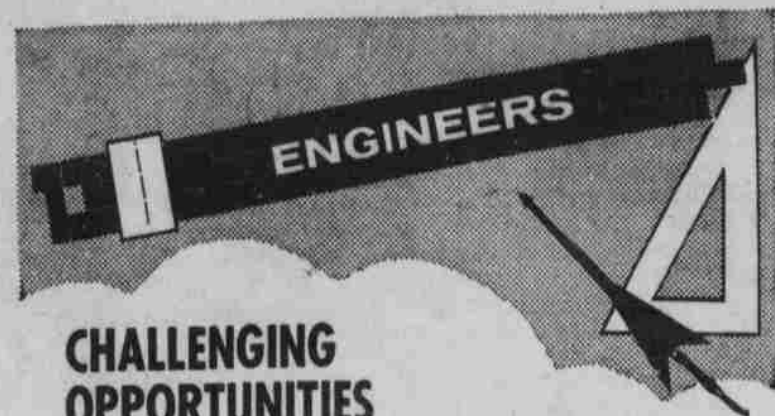
To the Editor:

As a member of the Film Committee of the Student Union, I feel a debt of gratitude for the publicity the Rag has given our efforts. However, after reading "A Laughing Stock," an article on our 1957 Film Society in your February 5 issue, I can't help being concerned.

You say that it is a wonderful thing that students are responding so well to such a cultural series of classics, "even on the silver screen." This, I feel, is a rap to the movies themselves.

I'd like to point out that motion pictures are a more influential and wider reaching medium than newspapers, and the although we are exposed more often to poor movies rather than good ones, a real film classic is in every way as worthwhile as any other sort of classic. As an example, may I submit our series?

John C. West



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