

Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

Fraternity Averages

Talk of lowering the fraternity initiation average from a five to a 4.5 has been floating around the campus.

Many houses would like the idea since it would mean that more pledges could become activated.

Fraternities are on delicate ground at the present time not only on this campus but on every other campus in the country.

Rather, growing desire of administrators to house male freshmen as well as women in university dormitories combined with worries about the financial prosperity of the fraternity system are points to be taken into consideration before any action is taken.

The Inter Fraternity Board of Control is worrying about the small houses on the campus.

What's more important, though, is the fact that the fraternity average is falling below the All University men's average.

Fraternities have prided themselves on three points: 1) the fact that they are "top men" on campus; 2) the fact that they have a fine social adjuster; 3) the fact that they help a boy scholastically.

In the past few years, the fraternity system has been able to improve itself along two of these lines.

Our Nation's Strength

The policy of our nation is based on the building of a strong military force—it is of necessity so.

It is to us, the people of the United States, that the peoples of the world look for a solution to world peace, not only because we are a peace-loving country, but because we are strong.

Military strength has been said to lead to war, but this is not so. In this case, it is our only chance to prevent war.

Had we not the superb air power, naval supremacy and a large standing army, we would be confronted with Koreans, Indo-Chinese and like situations each day.

It is fine for us to speak in terms of democratic ideals but we cannot just speak of them

independents now than ever before and secondly, fraternity leaders have done a great deal to improve the quality of the University.

But when the University becomes disappointed in the average fraternity men make, then the Greek system will let the heart of the institution fall out.

This must not happen. The fraternity system, if anything, must take a firm stand on scholastic achievement.

It would be a shame if the little houses on campus had to nail their doors shut because they couldn't support themselves.

No concessions should be made in the field of scholastic endeavor on the part of the fraternity system.

Small houses will have to work hard to obtain more men. They will have to make their present memberships work hard for the University and the Greek system to attract fine pledges.

If not, the Greek system will be sunk. No longer will young men be challenged by the intellectual portion of college life.

We seriously believe that the end of the Greek system would be in sight if the initiation average is in sight. A part must be sacrificed for the whole if needs be; but the standards in the most strategic corner of the fraternity triangle must not be lowered.

and turn our heads aside as the Communist aggressors continue to add more and more small countries to their fold. There is no peaceful co-existence, there is no half-way.

Our military organization saved us at Korea. Had we not entered the conflict at Korea and successfully conquered the Communist forces there, that same war would still be being fought today, in China, Europe, or even in the United States.

It is, then, our responsibility to protect not only our own interests, but also the rights of all peace-loving countries. It was with this in mind that our President has vowed to protect the countries of the Middle East with financial aid, arms, and with our most valuable asset—our military supremacy.

Hell (p) Week

An old and sometimes revered institution on this campus is making its annual appearance—fraternity Hell Week.

Early in the second semester pledges from the different houses can be seen trotting to class dressed in suits and ties, a little haggard and more than a little perplexed.

What goes on behind those closed doors is only speculation. Different houses have different methods of pre-initiation drill.

In recent years Hell Week has been replaced

by "Hell Week" on many campuses. A number of houses on the University campus follow this idea by sending their pledges out to do some sort of manual labor type good deeds.

What would be a good outlet for this captive labor force would be a campus-wide "Hell Week," with pledges volunteering their services and simple skills toward some collective end like the Hungarian student fund.

And, of course, after dark activities could put on their masks and brandish their swords and rant and rave on how tough it was "when I was a pledge."

From The Editor's Desk: A word or two before you go...

By FRED DALY Editor

From the Febr. 22 Battalion, student newspaper at Texas A&M:

"Is raising the tuition the only way to get more money for the schools or is it the easiest way? There seems to be no movement toward increasing revenue from any of the other many sources of state income. Students have no lobbies."

It seems we are all in the same boat, all over the country.

Kansas State College is considering the possibility of banning cars of freshmen from the campus in an attempt to help the K-State traffic situation.

Perhaps the same thing could be done on this campus.

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ACP: Students Prefer Football

MINNEAPOLIS—(ACP)—If you had your choice to go to a football game or a basketball game, which would you choose? As far as college students are concerned the football game has the edge, but not by much.

College men however, would prefer football by a margin of almost 2-1, while the coeds would prefer basketball by the same margin.

Associated Collegiate Press gathered the collegiate view on this issue by asking the following question of a representative national cross-section of college students:

If forced to a choice, would you prefer to watch a college football or basketball game?

Table with 4 columns: Activity, Men, Women, Total. Football: 58%, 35%, 49%. Basketball: 34%, 57%, 43%. Undecided: 8%, 8%, 8%.

Football enthusiasts are almost in unanimous agreement that football is more exciting and has more color, etc. "I think that there is much more color at a football game and I have always enjoyed myself more," is the way a Villanova University (Villanova, Pa.) sophomore puts it.

A sophomore attending the College of St. Catherine St. Paul, Minn., feels the "color, the many varied and intricate play patterns make for a more interesting game." And a Moorhead State Teachers College (Moorhead, Minn.) junior looks at it this way: "Basketball has too many rules on fous. Football is faster, harder and more interesting to watch because of its complexity."

Students liking basketball over football feel that it has faster action, is easier to understand, and is played indoors out of inclement weather. Here are a few comments typical of these opinions:

"Action and comfort," is the short statement of a junior at the Newark College of Engineering (Newark, N. J.), while a University of Arkansas (Fayetteville senior) says: "There is action all the time." And a Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, N. Y.) sophomore feels the "game is much faster and more exciting."

Another Rochester Institute of Technology student, a freshman, feels that basketball "is a more interesting game from the spectators point of view because you can see what is going on better," while a sophomore coed at Mississippi College (Clinton) simply says: "I understand basketball and not football."

"I understand basketball, and besides you don't freeze to death," is the feeling of a Yakima Valley Junior College (Yakima, Wash.) sophomore coed. But a University of Nebraska sophomore coed gives her view in two words: "costs less."

Students undecided on the question generally agree with the view expressed by a Georgetown University (Washington, D. C.) sophomore coed who says: "It depends on the teams," or else they echo the opinion of a Villanova University sophomore coed who says: "I really like and enjoy both sports very much."

The Campus Green Arrested

If we take time Arrested in perfect immobility. And extract from it The essence of now: Have we ever paused to wonder, And to meditate upon how Transient this our life is? Yet in its shortness, Dare we dream Unearthly dreams, Trying to catch a gleam Of His divine purpose. Yet how oft it may seem Utterly purposeless our life might have been, Were it not for His grace Our souls to redeem, Thus linking our littleness With the outflowing continuous seam

Of eternity and hopefulness, Cheerfully then do we toil Without sighing and without complaining; And not from our daily tasks recoil, Content with nothingness, but with everything. Nelson S. Chuang

with malice toward none... —sam jensen

In the land Campus Universitatis, there once lived an official of the department of agrarian financial remuneration who believed that the only way to help the serfs and the peasant population was to establish what he called a "May Weigh."

The serfs and peasants would then offer their products to the Lords and Barons of such grand provinces as Chicill or Neworkny. If the Lords weren't buying, then the serfs and peasants would sell their produce to the government which would give the toilers of the soil a full price based on the previous year's market value of the various commodities.

This was the plan of the official whom we shall call Academicus Libertus.

Now the rulers of this country were not in the least impressed with Academicus's plan. They said that serfs and peasants should sell their products for what they could get, but plans should be established to cure overproduction which the magnates believed to be basis of the agrarian problems.

The rulers told Academicus that they did not favor the plan, nevertheless, our brave official toured the country extolling the praises of the "May Weigh." He spoke to meetings of the International Agrarian Organization and they rallied to the flag of the May Weigh. Our hero addressed rallies of the Cousins of Daughters of the Civil War and these women

immediately began to organize rallies. Now the rulers of Campus Universitatis summoned Academicus. They asked him not to advocate the May Weigh in such a way that the people thought the program to be an official policy of the government.

Academicus said that these good gentlemen went so far as to ask to see his speeches and addresses before he delivered them to the LAO or the CDCW. They told him that he would have to quit his post if he didn't cease advocating the "May Weigh."

"Here I stand, I can do no other," Academicus said.

Well, gentle readers, as it happened, Academicus was removed from his position in the department of agrarian financial remuneration. The reason, according to Academicus, is the "exterior forces" influenced the rulers of the country to relieve him of his duties.

Now when this happened, there arrived on the scene a white steed of newprint color with a tall rider. "What ho, Rosanante?," cried the noble knight as he charged the windmill which was in reality the state capitol building. But the windmill would not fight back.

And Academicus retired to a far far better land where he was paid 4 times the salary that he received in Campus Universitatis. And he is still there for all we know.

In conclusion, dear reader, we would agree with the author who said "a busy person never knows how much he weighs," and who knows how much a "May Weigh" may weigh?

Nebraskan Letterips

To the Editor: Just for the record I would like to give my opinion of Mr. Dunningre's performance. The test that I devised for him was designed not to prove him a fraud but to determine some of the limitations of his ability.

First, I believe, that his "reading" abilities are restricted to number combinations and to simple and short phrases. I also believe that the emotional and intellectual condition of his "subjects" is a limiting factor on his "reading" ability.

It appeared to me that his show was a mixture of honest ability and showmanship—but a man has to make a living.

P. S. The article I had concealed on my person was a Remington pistol, the date of which is 1858. Dunninger said the article was a "coin or medallion" but guessed the right date.

Ren Menney

To the Editor: In an age possessing the power of unthinkable destruction, it must be the primary concern of every citizen of this country to establish international understanding, and to abolish the ever-present possibility of war.

The United States today is in a position to lead the way toward peace, and it must meet this grave responsibility. We feel that our present foreign policy, founded as it is on the struggle to maintain military supremacy, is leading us toward, rather than away from war.

The outcome of every arms race in history has been war, and this one is carrying us headlong in the same direction. The accumulation of military strength implies the threat of using that strength as a means for protecting our interests. It is unthinkable that we fully intend to unleash the destructive powers of our atomic weapons on even our most bitter enemies.

Yet even if we do not intend this, and our threat is a bluff, it is naive to suppose that this bluff will not eventually be called. When it is called, we will be compelled to carry out our threats, and the use of arms will cease to be a bluff. It will be a necessity. Our race for military supremacy draws us inevitably to the use of military power.

Our military policy has repeatedly failed to achieve its objectives. China and northern Indo-China have become communist in spite of such a policy; military action in Korea has solved nothing. Communism has continued to spread without regard for military alliances. The growth of fear about us, reflected in the nervous plunge into accelerated military production, is an index of this expansion. We must come to the realization that our military policy cannot halt this advance. The appeal of communism is ideological. On this front we have failed to meet the communist challenge. Do we feel that we have no strong alternative to offer the new nations of Africa and Asia? We submit that there is much in the democratic ideals of the United States to inspire these new nations. But instead of show-

Through These Doors... —george moyer

Recently, the State Department announced its intention to prosecute three American newsmen who had disobeyed a State Department directive and used their passports to visit the Chinese mainland and the Communist colossus which occupies it.

The State Department used as a legal basis for their case the "Trading With The Enemy Act", which makes it illegal to carry on commercial relations with a nation with which we are at war.

Now it appears that the State Department has pulled in its horns and wishes to forget the whole thing in the hopes that the general public will too. This is probably one of the State Department's wiser moves, since the legal grounds for their case are a little shaky without a formal declaration of war from Congress.

It is my hope that the Department's wish that the American people forget the incident is as shaky as the legal foundation of the affair. For the State Department has attempted to abridge one of the fundamental rights of the American people; freedom of the press.

In spite of anything the government thinks to the contrary, the American people have a right to know what goes on in Red China if their press can provide them with the information.

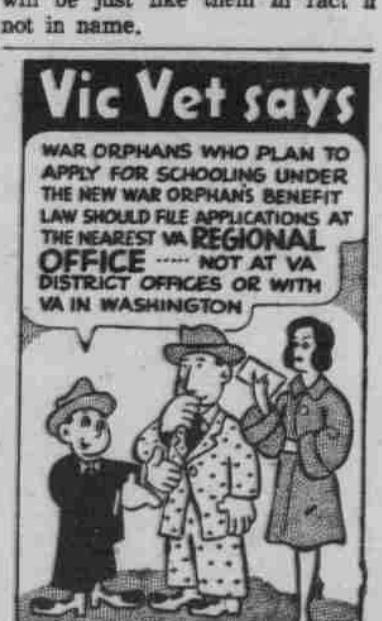
Of course the Chinese could desire privacy, but in this case they didn't having invited the reporters in question to tour their country. The reporters jumped at the chance to take a look at "the other side" in the hopes that they could provide the American people with some interesting and useful information.

The American government might have found it interesting and useful too.) Presented with a chance, then, to improve relations with the Chinese and gather a little information from them, our State Department decided instead to close its eyes and continue to fight the "Cold War" blind. At the same time they took another poke at our poor constitution, which has been so chopped up it has begun to look like the television screen after "Air Power" on Sundays.

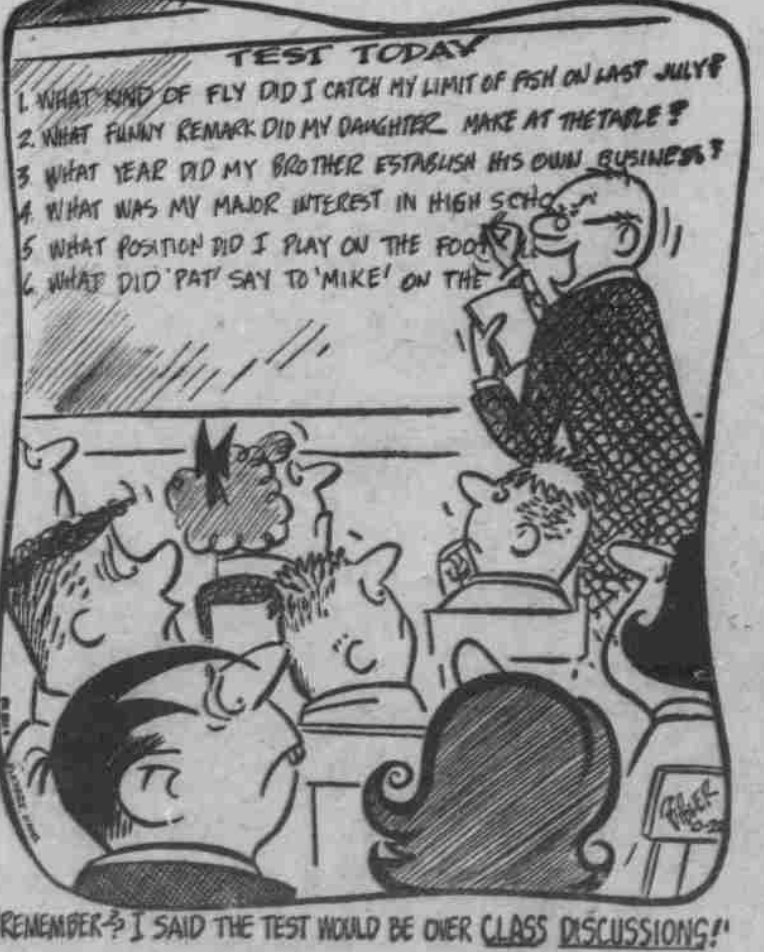
All this leads to one conclusion. This column is too damn long. What I should have said in the first place to avoid the tedium this is probably bringing you to read, is that we had better keep an eye on those fellows in Washington or maybe someday the outcry won't be loud enough to make the government stop such things as abridgement of the press. When this happens, we might as well join the Communists, because we will be just like them in fact if not in name.

Vic Vet says

WAR ORPHANS WHO PLAN TO APPLY FOR SCHOOLING UNDER THE NEW WAR ORPHANS BENEFIT LAW SHOULD FILE APPLICATIONS AT THE NEAREST VA REGIONAL OFFICE... NOT AT VA DISTRICT OFFICES OR WITH VA IN WASHINGTON



LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



REMEMBER: I SAID THE TEST WOULD BE OVER CLASS DISCUSSIONS!