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### Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

## **Fraternity Averages**

erage 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. However, the fraternity system should look at the situation carefully before any definite action is taken.

Fraternities are on delicate ground at the present time not only on this campus but on every other campus in the country. Not that the system does not perform a needed function in a university community.

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. Because the scholastic standard is so high it becomes increasingly difficult for the small houses to initiate a sufficient number of men to support the house.

What's more important, though, is the fact that the fraternity average is falling below the All University men's average. This might be a serious indicment of the fraternity system or it might be a warning to the men who comprise it.

Fraternities have prided themselves on three points: 1) the fact that they have "top men" on campus; 2) the fact that they are 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 understanding between the fraternities and the angle must not be lowered.

Talk of lowering the fraternity initiation av- 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. The men who live in mystic worlds will have to remain ultra-practical about the importance of a fine scholastic record.

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

It would be more of a shame if the University's faculty no longer felt that "leaders" were desirous of working hard for grades.

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, But we believe that every house on the campus can make the average needed if they are serious about their place in the Greek system.

If not, the Greek system will be sunk.

No longer will young men be challenged by the intellectual portion of college life. No longer will initiation be the honor it is; a goal worth working hard for.

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 these lines. In the first place, there is better the most strategic corner of the fraternity tri-

## **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 our aim in this crucial time to maintain military supremacy for the simple reason that it would mean the defeat of the purpose of our nation, our civilization, and our entire existence to do otherwise.

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. Through a strong defense, we can protect our home-land, and moreover, through the offensive power we maintain. we can put all aggressors in a position that they will know any aggression they start will end in their total destruction. This is our aim, and it is rightfully so.

Had we not the superb air power, naval supremacy and a large standing army, we would be confronted with Koreas, Indo-Chinas and like situations each day. For us to slacken our power, to lower our defenses is to invite disand turn our heads aside as the Communist aggressors continue to add more and more small countries to their fold. There is no peaceful coexistence, there is no half-way. The principles of democracy and communism are so basically different that one cannot exist while the other does, without a constant struggle for supremacy.

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 this, our power to end any conflict before it gets started, that will save us and the world from destruction. But the Communist nations will never give up, they will never end their transgression, it is, and always will be, their policy to continue to add "satellites" till they control the world-or are stopped. They will not be stopped by laying down our arms and telling them, "look, we're not going to hurt you, so don't hurt us."

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,

idea by sending their pledges out to do some

sort of manual labor type good deeds. And pad-

dles, of course, have been outlawed here for

What would be a good outlet for this captive

labor force would be a campus-wide "Help

Week," with pledges volunteering their services

and simple skills toward some collective end

And, of course, after dark actives could put

on their masks and brandish their swords and

rant and rave on how tough it was "when I

like the Hungarian student fund.

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**Students** 

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but not by much.

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Football

MINNEAPOLIS-(ACP) -If you

had your choice to go to a foot-

ball game or a basketball game,

which would you choose? As far

as college students are concerned

the football game has the edge.

College men however, would

prefer football by a margin of al-

most 2-1, while the coeds would

prefer basketball by the same mar-

Associated Collegiate Press gath-

ered the collegiate view on this

issue by asking the following ques-

tion of a representative national

If forced to a choice, would you

Men Women Total

57%

8%

35% 49%

43%

8%

prefer to watch a college football

in unanimous agreement that foot-

A sophomore attending the Col-

legt of St. Catherine St. Paul,

Minn.) feels the "color, the many

varied and intricate play paterns

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

fouls. Football is faster, harder

and more interesting to watch be-

cause of its complexity." But a

senior attending Ohio University

(Athens) sums up his opinion in

one statement: "I don't like smelly

Students liking basketball over

football feel that it has faster ac-

tion, is easier to understand, and is

played indoors out of inclement

weather. Here are a few com-

or basketball game?

Football ...... 58%

Basketball ..... 34%

Undecided .... 8%

sophomore puts it.

gyms."

The results:

cross-section of college students:



## with malice toward none ....

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 Weight." Under this plan, all serfs and peasants would haul their total crop yield to the capitol of Campus Universitatis, Abrahamsonland, each May to be weighed. Livestock would also be counted. These figures would be tabulated by a grand wizir, Wizdunninger.

The serfs and peasants would then offer their products to the Lords and Barons of such grandprovinces 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 Football enthusiasts are almost with Academicus's plan. They said that serfs and peasants should ball is more exciting and has more sell their products for what they color, etc. "I think that there is could get, but plans should be established to cure overproduction much more color at a football which the magnates believed to game ,and I have always enjoyed be basis of the agrarian problems. myself more," is the way a Villanova University (Villanova, Pa.)

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's 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

# **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

-sam jensen immediately began to organize calltees.

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.

Academucus said that these good gentlemen went so far as to ask to see hir speeches and addresses before he delivered them to the IAO 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 "exteriorforces" 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 newsprint 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?

ing the world the strength of our way of life, we show them a military policy deeply in condict with the very ideals upon which this country was founded. Can we talk to the Arabs about democracy and freedom while still supporting the absolute monarch King Saud? With our military outlook we cease to view the nations of Asia and Africa as homes of human beings to whom our moral standards apply. This very way of thinking will lose the respect, friendship and co-operation of these nations for us.

## Through These Doors...

Tuesday, February 26, 1957

### -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.

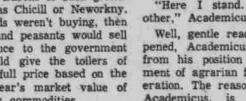
Now it appears that the State Department has pulled in its horns and wishes to forget the whole thing in the hopes that the general public will too. This is probably one of the State Department's wiser moves, since the legal grounds for their case are a little shakey without a formal declaration of war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



It is fine for us to speak in terms of demo- arms, and with our most valuable asset-our eratic ideals but we cannot just speak of them military supremacy.

Hell (p) Week

' An old and sometimes revered institution on by "Help Week" on many campuses. A number this campus is making its annual appearance- of houses on the University campus follow this iraternity 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. This goes on for a number of days. When not in class they are back at their respective lodges either working or undergoing physical training. There are study halls.

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

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. The same thing has been put into effect at the University of Florida.

Perhaps the same thing could be done on this campus.

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With the University surrounded on all sides by the city of Lincoln, extra lots come high. When present parking lots are turned into building sites, there will be the biggest mess you ever saw next to getting into Social Sciences Building at 10 a.m.

vears.

was a pledge."

. . . Apparently, for one reason or another, the hearings by the Committee on Academic Privilege and Tenure on charges by C. Clyde Mitchell are going to drag on into next

month. . The campus has been saturated with the "Mitchell Case" since the spring of 1956, and many students show a tendency toward extreme uninterest and mild distaste whenever the subject comes

Hold on, folks. Eventually we shall find out what the whole thing is or is not about. At least we hope we will find

The Daily Nebraskan

. . . The following is a warning to campus footpads, sneak thieves and trophy snatchers! A member of the University swimming team returned to his fraternity house in the quiet hours of the dawn Sunday morning after the team

bus pulled into the campus at 5 a.m. Finding the doors zipped up tight, he began to struggle through a first-floor window. He was half way across the sill when the paper boy spotted him, thought he was a burglar, and set about to attack the early-entering

swimmer. With blows from a largesize Sunday edition fanning his ears the "burglar" shouted "I live here," and bounded through the window, scared silly.

"Neither rain nor sleet nor dark of night .... "

nts typical of these o ability. "Action and comfort," is the

short statement of a junior at the Newark College of Engineering (Newark, N. J.), while a University of Arkansas (Favetteville 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 Aakima Valley Junior College (Yakima, Wash.) sophomore coed. But a University of Nebraska sophomore coed gives her view in two words: "costs pless."

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

Yet in its shortness,

Trying to catch a gleam

Of His divine purpose.

might have been,

Yet how oft it may seem

Content with nothingness; but

with everything.

Dare we dream Unearthly dreams,

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.

Rex 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 Nelson S, Chuang new nations. But instead of show-

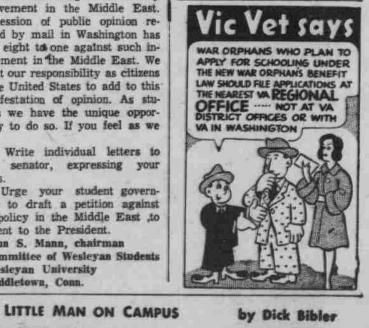
We have just witnessed another colossal failure of policy based on military force. Let us not repeat the mistakes of Britain and France in the Middle East, Such action will cripple us in the ideological struggle and place us in immediate danger of the total war which we canont afford.

To our militaristic foreign policy is now being added the Eisenhower doctrine committing us to military involvement in the Middle East. Expression of public opinion received by mail in Washington has been eight to one against such involvement in the Middle East. We feel it our responsibility as citizens of the United States to add to this: manifestation of opinion. As students we have the unique opportunity to do so. If you feel as we

do: 1) Write individual letters to your senator, expressing your views.

2) Urge your student government to draft a petition against our policy in the Middle East ,to be sent to the President. John S. Mann, chairman **Committee of Wesleyan Students** 

Wesleyan University Middletown, Conn.





"REMEMBER & I SAID THE TEST WOULD BE OVER CLASS DISCUSSIONS!"

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Utterly purposeless our life Were it not for His grace Our souls to redeem, .......................

Thus linking our littleness With the outlflowing continuous seam Of eternity and hopefulness, Cheerfully then do we toil

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?