

Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

Critical Decision

The prestige of the fraternity system at the University will come to a vote in the Interfraternity Council meeting tonight.

In this meeting the IFC will vote on a proposal to lower the grade average requirement for initiation from 5.0 to 4.5.

The main reason for this raise in average requirements was that the all-fraternity average was falling near or below the all-men's average.

But now, with the all-fraternity average for the first semester barely above the all men's average, the IFC is considering reversing their decision of four years ago.

One of the foundations of the fraternity system— and assumedly of most fraternities—is the promotion of high scholastic standards.

Because of this supposed emphasis on high scholarship it would be unfortunate if the system should contradict itself and lower its initiation standards.

that fraternities are more interested in filling their houses than they are in assuming a position of leadership in campus scholarship.

There are, of course, a number of strong arguments on why the average should be lowered. Small houses have trouble filling their houses if they cannot initiate all or nearly all of their pledges.

There also should be some method formulated to control the scholarship of active members, who often come out as low or lower than pledges.

Thus, in the battle between the economic necessity of keeping houses filled by lowering averages and the moral necessity of maintaining some sort of standards, it seems only right that scholastic achievement should win out.

It may seem unfortunate at first glance, but in the long run it is for the betterment of the system.

Having standards and not maintaining them is almost as miserable as not having any standards at all.

One Solution

Chancellor Hardin's sobering statement that the salary increases requested in the University's biennial budget now pending before the Legislature's Budget Committee may prove to be wholly inadequate should strike home with every student in the University.

Dr. Hardin reported that 60 per cent of University employees including a substantial number of faculty members are now earning on the average less than \$4,500 annually.

He said that the faculty is being approached almost daily by other institutions and industry offering them higher salaries and better working conditions.

"If this keeps up my estimate of losing 200 of our faculty and professional staff in the next two years may be short of the mark. I have never seen anything like this before," the chancellor exclaimed.

The student council is studying a proposal which would alleviate at least part of the crisis and which, if put into effect, might ease the burden on the state.

The Daily Nebraskan reported that the council had suggested turning the additional funds from the tuition which were added this past semester over to an emergency fund for salary increases.

We can see two stumbling blocks in the proposal, however. And if the Council is able to overcome these obstacles, the Daily Nebraskan will stand behind it in the project.

It might be noted that the entire ten dollar increase in a semester's tuition does not go toward the construction of the Union addition. Part of the money has been used in financing the new Student Health Center. And that leaves

about five dollars of every fee for the addition. The council suggests that this five dollars be placed in the fund.

We wonder whether the accumulation of funds would warrant such an action, however. Simple multiplication of 8000 students by five dollars shows that about 80,000 dollars would be made available per year or \$160,000 for the biennium.

The second problem which the council must face is the legality of the situation. An answer to this problem will come, probably this afternoon, when John Selleck, the University's business manager, confers with the council executive committee.

Selleck reported Tuesday that the move might be perfectly legal and yet the cost is retiring the bonds already financed by present funds might be prohibitive from making the plan feasible.

The gesture to temporarily defer the tuition money to a special salary fund is a good one on the part of the council. The members are to be congratulated for making a positive move in the direction of easing our greatest problem.

From the looks of things at the present time, the proposal is on wobbly ground. We can still hope for relief from the Unicameral. That is our first line of defense of the University in this crisis.

And yet we hope that the faculty will realize from this move on the part of the students' representatives that each Cornhusker is behind the faculty in obtaining a wage commensurate with their education and value to the State of Nebraska.

Student Voice Squelched

The Student Council is looking into the eight day exam period which was passed by the Faculty Senate last November.

The Council believes that the majority of the students on this campus would rather have the extended two-week examination period which has been successful in the past.

Originally the Senate called for a one week period for the exams, but the present eight-day system will run from the Monday of the first week through the Tuesday of the second.

The Daily Nebraskan has stood behind the two week exam period all through the struggle with the Faculty Senate. This paper commented editorially after the action of November when the calendar was passed by the faculty group.

The council has taken a stand now, or at least, will investigate the matter.

We hope some good will come out of the investigation. We hope that the Faculty Senate will realize that the voice of the student in regards to such matters as examination periods is important.

We feel that even as only a matter of good will the Senate should review the results of the poll as taken by the student council so they will know just where the vast majority of students stand on such a vital issue.

We are sorry the council waited so long to act on the matter. We know from past experience, however, that action can be taken after a time lapse and that the results will favor the students, if the entire student body stands be-

hind its representatives on the council to re-instate the two week exam period in place of this watered down eight-day rush passed by the Senate.

Regulations . . .

Words of wisdom from the University of Illinois: Students ranking in the lower quarter of their high school graduating classes will find it harder to enter U of I because of a new policy regarding admissions adopted by the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting.

Students who graduate from their high schools in the lower quarter will be required to take a special test from the counseling bureau before admittance. They also will be required to appear for an interview with the Student Counselor to be advised of their chances of successfully completing four years of college.

Even though a student is discouraged from entering, he will be free to do so, if he wishes.

In another stiffening of the admission regulations, the Board announced that henceforth, no students ranking in the lower half of non-Illinois high schools will be admitted to the University.

The new regulations, though only a "matter of formality of what we have done for years," are a step towards alleviating crowded conditions and remedial courses.

The University of Illinois has done some extensive research in the field of students who are unprepared for college.

It is a fine thought that a university's doors are open to each and every citizen of the state. It is a finer thought that admission to a university is a reward which may come easily to some and not so easily to others.

But the restriction of admissions would save some years for many high school graduates and may eliminate some broken hearts.



the iconoclast . . .

—steve schultz

You may have noted that Letterio has exploded within the last week or so. Everyone with a pencil and a tongue to lick it has been writing newsy little notes to the Rag. Some of them have even signed their epistles.

One of these non-anonymous notes repeated the often heard charge that fraternity men are a bunch of sheep in Ivy League clothing being blithely led down the primrose path of conformity by their belt buckles.

I am, of course, being sarcastic and disparaging — primarily because I think that the "fraternity men are all from the same mold" argument deserves that kind of treatment. It would be foolish to deny that sport coats and haircuts in the Greek houses are monotonously uniform.

Remember that fraternities choose their men carefully. Rushing looks haphazard to the outsider, but certain criteria are being considered throughout the entire process. And one of these criteria is strength of personality. I think

it is understood in most of the houses on campus that if a man cannot go through pledge training and the four years following without preserving his individuality, his "self," that he is not fit to be in a fraternity or much of anywhere else.

Moreover, the theory works in practice. I defy the critics of the system to point out one fraternity man who beneath his standard haircut is not an individual separate and distinct from his brothers. I for one, remain the same person I always was. This may not be altogether admirable on my part, but it is a source of some pride.

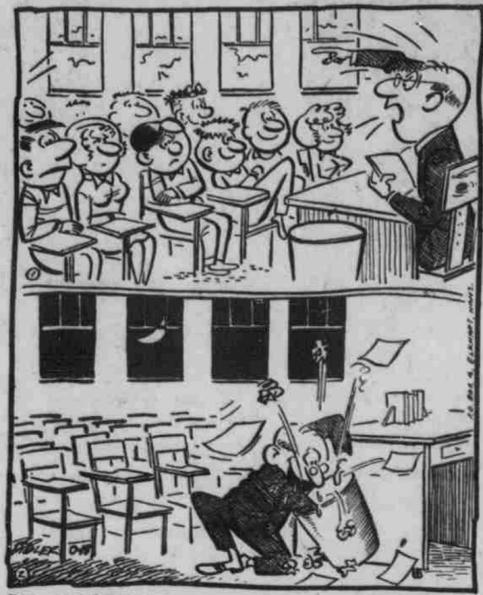
One of the feature writers took it upon himself the other day to give instructions to would-be pseudo-intellectuals. He proved that it is not necessary to be literate if you can drop the right names. Unfortunately, he left out the ultimate goal of the pseudo-intellect, the climactic peak of the art of succeeding in conversation without having anything to say. I would suggest that all you culture sponges read some obscure book by a well-known author. I myself have just finished The Sorrows of Young Werther by Goethe. Now, when I mention the book it gives the impression that I have read every-thing well-known and have moved

on to perusing the seldom noticed books. To tell the truth, I have not read Goeth's Faust, but if all I want to do is play a role, I will never have to.

Seriously speaking, this sudden upsurge of the pseudo-intellectual is, in many ways, a healthy symptom. The mental parasite is of himself dangerous. But the fact that he chooses to imitate true intelli-

gence shows that that intelligence must be attractive and must carry a certain amount of prestige. This is reassuring if one should become alarmed about the battle against intellect which was waged in the late, lamented political campaign. Besides, the pseudo may become tired of himself as a fake, and actually get some learning so he can stop his masquerade.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



Nebraskan Letterlips

To the Editor:

After reading the editorial pertaining to a 4.5 initiation standard in the Daily Nebraskan, I feel it only fair that the proponents' side of this proposal be presented so that its advantages can also be weighed. There are as many, if not more, reasons why the initiation on requirement should be lowered to a 4.5. The following factual material will validate this statement.

A study of the most recent material available (1954-55) has shown that the freshman average after one complete year in the University is 4.6 for all colleges combined. Averages such as 4.5, Business Administration; 4.6, Engineering; 4.7, Arts and Sciences are typical of freshman achievements.

From these statistics it can be seen that the freshman, in the second and third quarter of his graduating high school class is only able to make a 4.5 or thereabouts. I feel the reason for this is mainly a problem of adaptation and adjustment to the University.

The All Women's freshman average is 5.6, one full grade point higher than the All Men's average, yet the sororities also initiate on the 5.00 standard. It is known that girls coming out of high school adapt more readily to college life and are a great deal more conscientious about their school work than are the male students entering college.

It has been found that lowering the initiation average is not going to affect the overall averages of the fraternities. According to a national scholarship chairman of one of the houses, and who is also a member of the faculty, fraternity averages have not changed, but instead remained almost constant since the IFC placed the initiation standard at 5.00.

It is thought that a man who makes an average of 4.5 if of no value to his fraternity and that he possesses no leadership ability. This argument is entirely false, for there are many men who have exceptional qualities and capabilities even though their first semester average may not be a 5.

Even considering that the University eliminates men with very poor averages after their first year, the overall sophomore averages are almost one full grade point higher (4.6, freshman; 5.3, sophomore). In most cases a man will improve himself over his freshman year. That is, he will surpass a 5 average his second, third and fourth years in school. This is, of course, the result of scholastic adjustment and adaptation to the University.

There are persons who are concerned about lowering the initiation standard to a 4.5 because they feel it will hinder fraternity scholarship on the basis that a man initiated on a 4.5 will never make a 5. However, it is more unusual for a man to improve his scholarship, not remain the same or regress. If he does not he is eliminated by the University.

It must be realized that there are a limited number of outstanding scholars available coming out of the Nebraska high schools. Not every fraternity can have an entire pledge class of men in the upper fourth of their graduating high school class. Rather, each house is forced to take men in the second and even third quartiles. The chance of these men making the average, in the second and third quartiles, is much less than those in the first quartile.

There is no alternative but that the fraternities take some of these

men with inferior scholastic ability. There are just not enough good high school scholars to go around to all of the houses in the system.

In the college of Business Administration for the year 1955-56, 11 out of the 106 men made above a 5 average after completion of 27 hours. Also the Biz Ad college a man could obtain a 4.9 average after completion of 27 hours and be classified in the upper fourth of the freshman class.

This shows that if we were to initiate on a 4.5 standard the fraternity system would not be giving membership to below-average men. As was before stated, placing the average at 4.5 would not lower the standards of the University, because there has been no increase in overall averages since the 5' point system was instituted.

Kenneth Groves

FASHION . . . As I See It



by Judy Ramey

Your NU Representative to GOLD'S Advisory Board

Cute and comfortable . . . that's how you'll feel in these Schrank short pajamas. The little boy shorts are so cool for summer wear.

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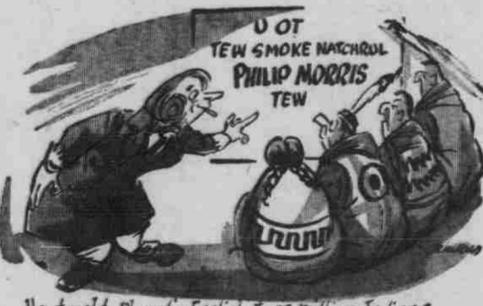
See the gay collection of Schrank pajamas in Gold's Lingerie Department, Second Floor.



On Campus with Max Schulman

THE PULSE-POUNDING SAGA OF DE WITT CLINTON, AMERICAN

Let us today turn our eager young minds to the inspiring story of De Witt Clinton, one of the greatest figures in American history and — unaccountably — one of the most neglected.



De Witt Clinton (sometimes called Aaron Burr) first made himself known to fame in 1756 when Governor William Penn commissioned him to survey the forests of the Western Reserve. (One is inclined to wonder what in the world Governor Penn could have been thinking of, for De Witt Clinton was eighteen months old at the time.) However, the little chap did remarkably well. He surveyed as far west as Spokane, teaching phonetic English to more than twelve million Indians along the way, and then, tired but happy, he became Johnny Applesseed.

Later, he became a keelboat and sailed home to enter politics. He tried to join the Greenback Party, but his back wasn't green enough, so he joined the Whigs.

He was offered the Whig nomination for the presidency, but declined with the celebrated statement: "If nominated I will not run; if elected I will not serve."

But the Whigs only nudged each other and said, "That old fox, he's just playing hard to get." So they nominated him anyhow, and sure enough he did not run, but he was elected anyhow, and sure enough he did not serve. In fact, he was elected to a second term, which he also did not serve. However, only a few top Whigs knew there was nobody in the White House. The rest of the country thought that the President was confined to his room with a wrenched knee. For a while people sent "Get Well" cards, but soon everyone forgot and turned their attention to important matters like opening the west, inventing the buffalo, and the Black Tom Explosion.

After two terms as President, De Witt Clinton entered Yale and took up smoking. He tried several brands of cigarettes until he found the one brand that pleased him in every particular—Philip Morris, of course!

(You knew I was going to say that, didn't you? Well, of course you did, especially if you are a Philip Morris smoker, for if you are, you know what a sweetheart of a smoke Philip Morris is — how full of rich, natural flavor, how natural and mellow, how long size and regular. And if you are not a Philip Morris smoker, you've got a treat coming. Light one soon. Light either end.)

Upon graduation from Yale, De Witt Clinton became commissioner of baseball and smoked and loved Philip Morris Cigarettes for the rest of his long and distinguished life, and when at last he was called to his reward, his friend Old Hickory (Daniel Webster) stood up in the Senate and said, "How sad that De Witt Clinton must now be forever separated from his beloved Philip Morris!"

"Nay!" cried Pitt, the Elder (Henry Clay), bounding to his feet. "We need not separate De Witt Clinton and Philip Morris. I know how to keep them together always!"

And, sure enough, if you will look at the blue federal tax stamp on your pack of Philip Morris, guess whose picture you'll see. De Witt Clinton's! That's whose!

The makers of Philip Morris, who bring you this column each week, don't subscribe to Old Max's historical data, but we sure admire his taste in cigarettes. You will too. Try a new natural Philip Morris today!

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