

Editorial Comment

Talk About Spirit

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Send Wally Provost around. He might have the answer. Or let Dick Becker talk with some of the students at the University and he might come up with the answers. These are the fellows who are looking for the great Nebraska spirit to trot all over the land and point to itself saying, "We've got spirit and football." We don't need that kind of talk at this University. We'd just as soon let these men who romped through the gate of the University in raccoon

We're sorry. But we do believe there's hope both for Nebraska football and for the spirit of the University of Nebraska. We condemn those prophets of woe who would have us believe that school spirit has to be a loud blast on a fog horn every time a touchdown is scored. We condemn the practice of forcing piebets to yell or special privileges will not be given for a weekend. We condemn compulsory and ostentatious "spirit" as a phony component of modern life. The Lincoln Evening Journal stressed a good point when it said that each Nebraskan has a responsibility in assisting Cornhusker spirit. And for those who believe that football and spirit must be top flight before a school can be successful we would point to the Journal's words that such things as sparse crowds at convocations, scraps over parking, drinking and student shows are making it more difficult to top football spirit at Nebraska. For those who believe that we should get out on the streets and snake dance around on nights before games, we suggest they call off the cops and let us out. For those who believe that Nebraska is a second rate place and can never have anything of top quality we suggest that such institutions as the University and such projects as road building be handed substantial increases so that they can become first rate. No, the problem which the state and the University faces concerning spirit isn't one of whether the football team will be a success. We'll stand behind Bill Jennings and his outfit win or lose. The Greeks will be in their stunts in the stadium whether the Huskers are fielding a top notch team or not. We've got that ingrown pride in our institution and the guts to stick behind the University's football squad win, lose or draw. Some of us don't believe in the noise and the clutter of the Roaring Twenties. Some would like to be as noisy as mom and dad were when they were in school but they have the clamps put on them by the police and the administration. We'd like to see the people in Nebraska throw aside the pessimism which has been characteristic of this state for so long and get behind this football team which is doing its damndest to win for the state and the University. Then we'll see which comes first, the spirit or the football.



coats with ukeles flung over their shoulders just keep on mourning the passing of the so-called spirit. But they've got the situation analyzed about as well as the collegian whom Provost quoted as saying, "(there's) no hope at all." In other words, the question, "does football generate school spirit or does school spirit generate good football?" is the crux of the problem. The students must certainly take their share of the blame for not making a thunderous amount of noise at football games. But that's just the beginning, brothers. We've heard of schools which had a tradition of losing and still threw flowers and banners and what have you on the football field each time the team of that school scored a touchdown.

Invitation Stands

What's good government? It isn't just avoiding corruption and the like, is it? Not if you have the same ideas about government that great fighters for democracy had in the past. Now for a minute lay aside the mighty words of Patrick Henry and Tom Paine and the rest of those gentlemen and apply the principles to the University. We're talking about the student council. And they're talking about giving us the best possible government which students can give. Well, as far as we can see the first qualification for a good legislator is that he be informed of what's going on in the world so that he can use the facts to aid him in determining what should or should not be done. Therefore, the Daily Nebraskan has suggested that the council and applicants for positions on the board of publications come around and meet the boys. We haven't had any visitors. Perhaps both the applicants and the members of the nominating committee have the powers of telepathy at their disposal so they can peer into the rag and Cornhusker offices and through the records therein to determine the standards by which they will run, (on the one hand) or choose (on the other.) The responsibility for both the council and the applicants is such a great one that we shudder to think what would happen if they

don't find out the facts about the student publications. Did we hear correctly from a member of the council that the pub board members will be picked on the basis of their contributions to the University and the impressions they make when interviews come around? We hope not. Did we hear correctly that it doesn't matter what one knows about journalism just as long as one knows the candidates and the standards by which each operates. This couldn't be so. So, as far as we're concerned, the invitation still stands. If the students are in earnest about getting the student vote back on faculty committees, they had better start prodding their council representatives to push the nominating committee into conversation with publication officials. What was the term we used yesterday? The blind leading the blind? The day this becomes evident will be a day of ill repute for student government. It will be a day when the charges will fly fast and heavy that student governors just don't know what they're doing. Oh, And did we say that the invitation is still open for council members and applicants for pub board to drop down to the office and get an idea of what goes into making a newspaper or a yearbook?

from the editor—

First Things First...

by Jack Pollock

Problems of spirit and spirits are not those of Nebraska alone. . . . An editorial of the University of Detroit student newspaper asked, "What about next week's game? Will the stadium be packed again? We hope so." Replied the school's public information office, "If it is (packed), there are going to be over 12,000 disappointed fans, because there is no game next week . . . and the following week the (Detroit) Titans are playing in Denver, Colo." It happened at NU this year . . . A junior in Business Administration, who apparently missed his first two class meetings, caused quite a stir when he sat through 30 minutes of a second year French class before asking, "This isn't philosophy, is it?" An angry spectator at an Iowa State game stood up and yelled, "If I hear 'Go Big Red, Go' once more, I'm gonna throttle that cheerleader personally." The Iowa State Daily commented a few days later, "It does seem a little foolish for a pep squad to take three quarters to realize that the opposing team is wearing red and Iowa State isn't." Another Nebraska school reported an enrollment decrease this week. Enrollment at Peru

State College dropped 15 to 20 per cent from first semester enrollment last year. Although late registrations may bring the total to 425 students, only 409 had registered by the fifth day of classes, compared to 472 a year ago. Peak enrollment at Peru in 1956-57 was 516. Principal reasons for the decrease, according to President Neal S. Gomon were near-doubling of out-state tuition, a 25 per cent increase in resident tuition rates and lack of adequate on-campus housing facilities. Greatest loss was among out-state students. The freshman class normally has from 56 to 60 outstater, Gomon reported, but this year there are only 15 freshmen from beyond the state borders. More students cancelled plans to attend Peru during the last 10 days of August, Gomon said, than at any similar time in recent years. Principal reason for cancellation was lack of adequate funds to meet increased costs. Several married students failed to return because of their inability to find suitable living quarters. The Oklahoma Daily has a word of encouragement for smokers. The staff received a tip about a new cigarette with a tranquilizer filter. You die of lung cancer, but you don't give a d---n.

Lyle Hansen Bitter Ashes

As the days go whisking by in this new year, I am unavoidably becoming aware (again) of the need for something new in this vicious cycle called University Life. This may be the effects of a gaffly bite, but at any rate, my feeble thoughts seem to be more confused than usual the past few days.

Being an independent, and at the same time, not thoroughly entrenched in many of the old Cornhusker traditions, I feel that I could probably start most anywhere to brew up a fresh idea. But wherever I go, I run up against that old wall of conformity. I risk my health and well-being by becoming a non-conformist.

But how can we live in the present restrained by the old limiting modes of the past, without risking a bit of ourselves to bring the world up to date? It seems that not too many adventurous souls have found their way to our campus. And too many of those who have, have done their adventuring somewhere else than in the ups and downs and ins and outs of campus politics.

The opportunities for this kind of person are becoming more and more apparent. Some figures published a few days ago on this page would indicate so, at least. They suggest to some that the new students coming to the U are thinking differently than they used to. Possibly not a drastic change, but it is quite evident that there is some revolution of thought taking place.

This may be the beginning of a new era. An era void of many of the old moss-covered traditions and precedents. Who are we to deter these new developments (however small they may seem) on a campus which heretofore has been dominated by one segment—a campus that has listened to and accepted as royal law the dictates of a selected few for so long that even the few are not sure of what they're trying to accomplish anymore.

Lincoln's well known statement that a house divided against itself will not stand seems to be to be quite apropos in the current fraternity situation. There is no way

they can deny it or make a read for this natural trend. It is governed by the thinking of the individuals in the whole group who are looking for a particular personal satisfaction. In a group that thinks it is very powerful, these individuals will stop at nothing to satisfy what they believe right.

The whole group can either benefit from this new train of thought and become even more powerful, or it can be hopelessly split.

If there are two opposing forces when a situation like the letter occurs, the second usually jumps in for the kill. But for some unknown (?) reason, the opposite force which certainly does exist, has not really taken advantage of their opportunity.

Why, everyone asks, don't the Independents get off their haunches and do something? Well, they are moving. You can't expect an overnight landslide to occur. I'll bet it took fraternities a long time to get established on campuses around the country, too.

Look how long it has taken integration to come to the South. Still we have Gov. Faubus and many more like him who won't accept and obey the Federal law. Our situation is certainly not as severe, but at least comparable.

However, the Independent system should not overlook this as a great opportunity to gain its rightful position in power. In my opinion, a possible solution should be a solid political party. Rumor has it that some attempts were made last spring during the NUCWA Mock Legislature sessions. What happened? Evidently the time element was too great a barrier at that particular time. Well, the wall isn't quite so high and so wide now, and I trust that this group of strategists has learned a lesson rather than lose its courage.

There are many good, sound ideas in that framework, I'm told, as these plans and many additional ones lies the future of the Independent system and subsequently of the entire campus. I hope the work of these anonymous politicians can be seen before another all-campus election rolls around. How about it, fellows?

Letterip

Wants The News

To the Editor:

This was really great. I picked up the Rag and discovered that in 1935 the governor of Nebraska was R. L. Cochrane and the dean of Women was A. H. Heppner, etc.

That's just what I want to know about the campus. That's really news, man!

Why can't you let the student body know what happened to the boys who were picked up by the city police at the rally a couple of weeks ago? Why can't we know what ever became of the car load of bell-ringers who were clanging around last Wednesday night?

Then there's the amazing news about Jayne Mansfield on the back page of the rag. Just what the doctor ordered to tickle the funny bone but certainly old news for a college paper.

Here's a hint for a hard up

papar (if you're hard up): give us a round of what's going on at other colleges so we can see just how we stack up in comparison with them. Let us read more of Clarence Kaufman and see how we look to outsiders.

So much for that, I suppose. J. Silverheels

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WHAT EVERY YOUNG COED SHOULD WEAR

Gather round, girls. Flip open a pack of Marlboros, light up, enjoy that fine flavor, that good filter, relax and listen while Old Dad tells you about the latest campus fashions.

The key word this year is casual. Be casual. Be slapdash. Be rakish. Improvise. Invent your own ensembles—like ski pants with a peek-a-boo blouse, like pajama bottoms with an ermine stole, like a hockey sweater with a dirndl.

(Dirndl, incidentally, is one of the truly fascinating words in the English language. The word originated on June 27, 1846, when Dusty Sigafos, the famous scout and Indian fighter, went into the Golden Nugget Saloon in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to see Lily Langtry. Miss Langtry did her dance in pink tights. Dusty had never seen anything like that in his life and he was much impressed. He thought about her all the way home. When he got



home his wife Feldspar was waiting to show him a new skirt she had made for herself. "How do you like my new skirt, Dusty?" asked Feldspar. He looked at the large, voluminous garment, then thought of the pink tights on Lily Langtry. "Your skirt is darn dull," said Dusty. "Darn dull" was later shortened to dirndl, which is how dirndls got their name.)

But I digress. We were smoking a Marlboro and talking about the latest campus styles. Casual, we agree, is the key word. But casual need not mean drab. Liven up your outfits with a touch of glamor. Even the lowly dungaree and man-shirt combination can be made exciting if you'll adorn it with a simple necklace of 120 matched diamonds. With Bermuda shorts, wear knee-cymbals. Be guided by the famous poet, Cosmo Sigafos (whose cousin Dusty invented the dirndl), who wrote:

Sparkle, my beauty,  
Shimmer and shine,  
The night is young,  
The air's like wine,  
Cling to a leaf,  
Hang on a vine,  
Crawl on your belly,  
It's time to dine.

(Mr. Sigafos, it should be explained, was writing about a glowworm. Insects, as everyone knows, are among Mr. Sigafos' favorite subjects for poetry. Who can ever forget his immortal *Ode To a Boll Weevil* Or his *Tumbling Along with the Tumbling Tumblebug*? Or his *Fly Gently, Sweet Aphid!* Mr. Sigafos has been inactive since the invention of DDT.)

But I digress. We were smoking a Marlboro and discussing fashion. Let us turn now to headwear. The motif in hats this year will be familiar American scenes. There will be models to fit every head—for example, the "Empire State Building" for tall, thin heads; the "Jefferson Memorial" for squatty heads; "Niagara Falls" for dry scalps. Feature of the collection is the "Statue of Liberty," complete with a torch that actually burns. This is very handy for lighting your Marlboros, which is terribly important because no matter how good Marlboros are, they're nowhere unless you light them.

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