

Editorial Comment

Worried Fraternities

The Interfraternity Council obviously doesn't know what's doing it, but the number of freshmen going through fraternity rush is steadily declining. Their worries are probably reflected in modification of their rule which restricts pledging of freshmen who were in the lower quartile of their high school classes. Now, upon special appeal, the freshman may be pledged if he obtained an average above 80% while in high school. This is average or slightly below in most school's grading systems. It is therefore apparent that a worried group may possibly be doing a quick backslide on its drive to emphasize scholarship.

forts to make the fraternity beneficial to both members and the community by stressing help for others instead of raising hell to trouble others.

Hell Week should be tossed down the drain in all fraternities on the Nebraska campus by order of the IFC and replaced by a Help Week similar to the Greek Saturday last year when community charities and youth groups received cleanup help from fraternity men. Each fraternity should make Help Week a period in which the moral and spiritual characteristics which his fraternity are supposed to emphasize are emphasized. In addition, the fraternities should individually aid one youth or charitable group, and then later run a combined program with other fraternities. This would present a brighter picture of fraternity life than stolen One-Way signs and boasts of extraordinary vandalism.

It's Called Culture

This year may prove to be the best ever for University students who are interested in doing more with their time than learning the intricacies of slide rule manipulation, finesse at the bridge table or the art of coffee date small talk. Numerous University and civic organizations have announced plans to sponsor presentations by top notch professional entertainment organizations or outstanding plays and musical productions by students.

Here at the University, the University Theatre has lined up a season which features plays by Shakespeare, Aristophanes and O'Neill. The Foreign Film Society has announced plans for more outstanding films than have been shown in the past. The Community Concert Assn. is presently conducting a drive for student memberships which will open the way to see per-

formances by the Boston Pops Orchestra, the Robert Shaw Choral, Robert Rouns-ville, the Chicago Opera Ballet and Roberto Iglesias and his Spanish Dancers.

The Broadway Theatre League of Lincoln, meanwhile, has announced a four-play bill for folks interested in finding what a Broadway play looks like when its performed in person by professional troupes. The University Music Department can also be counted on to come up with some exceptional programs as it has in the past.

The student who thinks that college doesn't do a complete job in making him or her a well rounded world figure is right. No college or organization can do that. The student, however, can go a long way to enriching his background by joining one or more of these groups and attending their productions this year.

Closed Doors

The Student Tribunal has raised its ugly head and roared "our meetings are closed unless we think it advisable to open them." This is a wonderful example of the hoped for messiah turning out to be a devilish monster. This means that students will be no better off, if not worse off, this year than they have been in the past where conduct punishments are concerned.

When a group which the students themselves created has the audacity to tell the students they don't have any right to know what their so called representatives are doing, that is the time to laugh the organization off campus and defy any and all of its decisions. Student Council leaders have personally contacted the Daily Nebraskan this year and promised that meetings would not be closed. Last year's closed meetings and withheld information were discussed as unnecessary limitations. Can't the infant organization on this campus, the Tribunal, follow this course of action? Or is it going to act like a bunch

of children who want to play their games in secret?

Also, will the Council or somebody give us a ruling on the legality (if such a word may be applied to the Tribunal) of Gary Rodgers as a junior representative and vice-chairman of the Tribunal? Rodgers is now a student in Law College and as such would seemingly not be qualified to act as a junior representative. He simply is not, because of his freshman law student status, such an animal.

Chuckle a While

"Why don't you settle the case out of court?" said an Irish judge to the litigants before him.

"Sure, that's what we were doin', my lord, when the police came and interfered."

(Reader's Digest)

From the Editor

A Few Words of a Kind

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All those freshmen beans and not a one on anybody's head. The Nebraska football team is to blame for this. This uninformed bunch, who obviously don't read papers, went out and beat a team that everyone knew was going to win.

Why? Conditioning, breaks, spirit... list two or three dozen more reasons. But remember that if you were among the 25,000 at Memorial Stadium, you saw something that home fans hadn't seen for two long years and possibly weren't, according to some "experts," going to see this season.

Surprises can be pleasant. There were two women standing in the concession stand as you filed out from the game. They didn't get to see the game, but they had been pulling for the Huskers all the way. They were smiling as you walked past because their team had done the unexpected.

There were the two men talking in front of you. "This is the best I've seen Nebraska play for a long time. With all those sophomores and the freshman team as good as its supposed to be we're going to have a real team before long."

A policeman halted traffic on R Street as the Nebraska band marched sharply up to the corner, did a right flank and boomed and blared its way to the music building. Folks stood and watched and listened... proud of the band, proud of the team... glad to be a Husker, feeling inside that it's good to be a part of this University.

The grade school boy in a checkered shirt met a friend on the street. "That was a real good game, wasn't it?" His Cub Scout friend replied, "I had a seat on the fifty-yard line."

Then you met a friend who asked, al-

ready knowing the answer. "Great game, wasn't it?" You answered, "Yeah," and thought, "I had a seat on the 45-yard line. Wonder where he sat?"

Today it's appropriate to ask, "Where do you stand?" Nebraska won't win all its football games this year. (No, it didn't have a chance against Penn State either.) But the team should win every Nebraskan's support. That means at rallies, at games and even financially. Ever heard of the Extra Point Club? Ever thought of giving a dollar to help recruit more ball players to make future Husker teams better than ever?

You don't believe in free rides for athletes? Well, number one, a grant-in-aid isn't a free ride. It is less money than a person would get if he were to take his football time and use it for part-time work. Second, football is more demanding and hazardous than any part-time job I've ever had. If the certainty of charley-horses and bruises and the possibility of smashed ribs and elbows pushed in your face is the easy way to get through college, why don't you try it?

Also, stop thinking that athletes are a bunch of human paradoxes who are at the same time physical giants and mental dwarfs. This isn't true. Sports participation demands huge chunks of time for practice and weekend after weekend for the real performances. It wouldn't exactly be easy to study when you were gone every other week to an out of state football game, and often came back sporting a few aches and pains. A person has to be better than average to meet such demands and still stay eligible academically. Coach Bill Jennings knows this and has emphasized a player must be "sound on the field as well as off the field."

The Nebraska team isn't begging for your spiritual or financial support. But the squad can do a whole lot better if you are willing to offer it.

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Bungling

By Dick Shugrue

The Interfraternity Council made it very clear this past year to both its own members and to the incoming rushees of the fraternities that it would frown on spiking, dirty rushing, billeting of rushees in local homes, etc.



These rules, if not drawn out in black and white, were generally agreed upon by members of the IFC.

Rules and regulations aren't necessarily put to the acid test by what they promise. They, like an employee of a company or a bonus baseball player, show what they're worth when the chips are down.

Whether any action will be taken against certain houses for allowing incoming men to be quartered with fraternity men here in town; whether the dirty rushing which everyone knew went on will be dealt with; whether the spiking malpractices will be dealt with, I cannot say.

Just the same, if there is any honor among thieves; if there is any justice among Greeks; if the entire Greek system is to have the respect of the entire campus (a much larger whole than the Greeks are a part) some punishments must be meted out.

And if we come up with any Bernie Goldfines in the fraternity system who tell their fellow IFC'ers to overlook my mistakes and I'll overlook yours, or here, let's go out and drink a beer over this silly mess, I'd only say, "Beware of Greeks, even when they're bearing fits."

Now just as discipline cases involving fraternity row are batted about between the Division of Student Affairs and the IFC, let's have an investigation of the past rush week conducted by the party of the third part, the Student Tribunal.

It should be extremely in-

teresting to see 1) if the scandals of the rush week are covered up or if, 2) some action will be taken.

I'm betting on the first. Or better yet, I'm betting the student tribunal won't have a thing to do with it!

I see where the people of Grand Island turned down liquor by the drink this past week. The vote was 2 to 1 against serving CC or S7 or WL over the counter in a civilized fashion.

The argument used chiefly against L.B.T.D. is the temperance one. "Let people drink in a bar and we're headed for shame and corruption," say the foes of the custom.

On the other hand, the only alternative is the purchase and total consumption of a bottle by such as the University student who can't bring his goodies back to the campus.

One of the most beneficial steps the oncoming session of the Unicameral could take would be the establishment of a new state ruling allowing liquor (or at least beer) to be consumed on the college campus.

Now stop throwing those cubes at me, anti's. Drunkenness is a companion of over-indulgence. You wouldn't have to overindulge to enjoy yourself, necessarily. You could go in to a bar, have a drink, walk out in a straight line and get to bed.

As it stands now, you end up a lush just about every time you go out for a drink.

So, if you please, lobby for a sensible liquor law. Don't force it on anyone and abide by the decision of the lawmakers.

Students, as voters and as citizens of a University community, have a perfect right, and even more, an obligation, to speak up for what they want. Write candidates for state Unicameral posts and see what they think about this proposal to have liquor allowed on the campus. Perhaps that could be your guide to an intelligent vote in November, though it certainly shouldn't be the only one.

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Pleasure Palace

Dear Editor:

Every time I walk past the new additions to the Student Union, I hear these words echoing from nowhere:

"In Xanadu did Kubla Khan A stately pleasure dome decree."

I find it hard to believe that this pleasure palace will include bowling alleys. I thought our profs were underpaid, that new equipment and classroom space was needed. Even if ours is a rich university, my pocket book still

hurts where the raise in tuition hurt it, and it hurts worse every time I walk by that pleasure palace under construction.

It is too late to do much about it now. Even I will wander around there a little bit waiting out the years, waiting for my diploma. But this sizeable bit of extravagance ought to be pointed out to the state legislature when the University goes begging for more money.

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The Briar Patch

By R. M. Ireland

It seems to me that the Student Council's committee on student activities should take it upon themselves to investigate certain campus organizations during the course of the year.

I have always been a staunch opponent of unnecessary bureaucracy especially when dwells here at the University.

One particular organization which needs surveillance by said committee is Builders.

Somebody once called Builders an over-sized whale. Sporting numerous committees and an almost equal number of executive positions this group seems to me to typify the existing student busy-group with countless red-tape and with actually little to do.

Some of its functions include tours (a procedure of confusing the already confused mass of new students), issuance of so-called "calendars" (an indispensable item for all socially acceptable activity people), the dilatory release of the student directory (a conglomeration of wrong phone

numbers, omissions, colleges, and other useful facts), the "First Glance" (a magazine designed to introduce new students to activities and such, providing said groups pay for space), and other petty routine assignments.

Now I do not advocate the complete overthrow of Builders. However, certain limitations should be imposed on its octopus-like bureaucracy.

For instance the large collection of vice-presidents (which resembles the hierarchy of a bank) could be drastically reduced.

Likewise the publishing procedure of the student directory could be revised so that 1) students receive the thing before New Year's Eve and, 2) names, colleges and phone numbers are arranged correctly.

Of course if the whale is debilitated something will have to be done about the several hundred students who would undoubtedly lose their coveted jobs.

I suspect Builders arose out of typically all-encompassing New Dealist legislation.

Whatever the cause something should be done to remedy its gout-like over-expansionism.

By the way what do they build, anyhow?

No Man Is an Island

Articles written by directors of campus religious organizations appear each week in the Daily Nebraskan. Rex Knowles is author of today's article.

Have you ever heard a beautiful song and then tried to beat out the melody on a table with your fingers? You get a poor imitation of the richness and tone. So inadequately do the chapels and religious student houses on campus reproduce the invisible. Yet their very act of imitation of the invisible, weak as it may be, makes them the most meaningful of campus institutions.

Insist that they stutter and stammer. They do. But listen to what they are trying to say. "The unseen is real. All about us is the spiritual life, the God from whom we came, by whom we are sustained, to whom we go. The fatherhood of God, the availability of the spirit, the saviorhood of the Divine outpouring of Christ, the purposefulness of creation, the coming victory of righteousness, the fulfillment of life through love and service."

These things the religious student houses are trying to say. They are trying to say, "This world is more than a mere collection of atoms. Mind is the maker of the universe and purpose is at the heart of it and Providence in control of it and love underneath it and victory ahead for it, and what is excellent, as God lives, is permanent." Pigs look down. Dogs look

ahead and aside. Man has become an upward looking being. The loss of this upward look is a reversion to the animal. No human life justifies the erectness with which it is endowed which does not regularly look up.

However, they stutter and stammer, the religious programs on campus are saying the most meaningful thing being said. "Unto Thee, I lift up my eyes."

Deferred Rush Approved at KU

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The Panhellenic Council at the University of Kansas has voted to change the time for women's formal rush activities to the second semester of the freshman year.

For a number of years, the membership selection period has been held during the week before fall semester for women of sophomore standing or above.

No specific time during the second semester has been determined for rush activities yet. Freshman women will continue to live in University-operated freshman halls throughout their first year at KU.

