

Editorial Comment

# Tribunal Matters

The Student Council Judiciary Committee should be complimented on its quick action on the eligibility of Gary Rodgers as a member of the Student Tribunal. It should also be complimented for making explicitly clear to Joe Baldwin, Tribunal chairman, that the eligibility of Tribunal members is one matter completely out of the hands of the student judges.

Donald Iburg, senior Tribunal judge, has reportedly expressed complaint that the group was being "judged guilty without a trial." He also commented, "The rules for the hearings have not been drawn up yet. I wish we could be given a chance." Here, Iburg was referring to reports that hearings of the Tribunal will probably be closed to the press and consequently the student body. All of the judges actions would thus be a secret from those who agreed to their organization in the first place. To this type of conduct, the label "farce" could easily be applied. This seems to be another decision which the Tribunal should have no right to make. Its duty is to pass judgment on student conduct, not to withhold information of its actions and protect the judged student or the judges, who may make a seemingly unfair decision about

which the entire student body should know.

The whole idea of a student group of judges should be to bring student justice out into the open, away from the closed doors of the administration. How can persons on campus help but wonder about what the Tribunal has in mind if it intends to close its hearings? Why, if the Tribunal has the power to place someone on probation or recommend his expulsion from school for cheating or drinking, can no one be told how it uses its powers?

The Nebraskan would recommend that the Student Council Judiciary Committee review the problem of closed hearings and make a recommendation or ruling on the matter. This, of course, should not be done without first carefully polling the opinions of the persons who the Council members represent. It seems almost certain that many unfavorable comments would be heard on the idea of secret pleas and punishments.

This paper has no intention to smear the names of guilty students across the pages in banner headlines. Conduct findings, however, should and would be reported if hearings are open. If the Tribunal's judgments are then fair, nobody will have cause to complain—including the student who may be found guilty.

# Fraternity Rushing

The Interfraternity Council's discussion on revamping rush week rules may prove extremely beneficial to Nebraska Greeks. The idea of a second semester rush week is one which numerous out-state students might find extremely attractive. Under the present program, if a student doesn't go through rush week he often has to wait until next year to show his desire to join a fraternity. When that next fall rolls around, he may decide he doesn't want to be a pledge with a group of freshmen he doesn't know, so he forgets about frats and stays in the dorm or finds an apartment for the rest of his college life.

The listing of pledge preferences by the rushee and the houses—a system similar to that now used by Panhellenic—seems capable of adding more dignity to rush week. A more intensive rush program out-state will undoubtedly give the IFC its most headaches. The costs of caravans to high schools might be prohibitive, but could be effective. One of the best types of selling fraternities will be messages of "good works" done by these organizations. The IFC has plenty of time to make certain this campus doesn't lack fraternities willing to do community work to add to the stature of the Greek system.

# No Man Is an Island

The Rev. Darrell Patton, Methodist university pastor, is author of this week's religious feature.

Religion in America seems to have gained a new popularity. This fact has excited considerable comment from a number of sources. The principle point in question seems to be whether or not the revival of interest in religion is genuine or superficial. I am sure that no one is qualified to give an accurate answer to the question. The facts seem to indicate that it is a strange mixture of both. Historically the current popularity of religion has never been a test of its vitality. In fact history seems to indicate that when religion is most popular it is also most ineffectual. A virile faith is usually the product of adversity.

Let's take an honest look. We who profess a faith claim that it gives ultimate meaning to our existence. But does it really? Too often it is merely an inter-

esting hobby to be enjoyed when we have nothing more important to do. This kind of indifference is especially apparent on the campus. Students who claim to have inquiring minds seem perfectly content to leave the whole realm of religious knowledge unexplored. We somehow assume that if we have a casual association with some form of organized religion we will absorb sufficient knowledge of it by some kind of a "spiritual osmosis." From our great wealth of ignorance thus absorbed we are quick to supply information about our faith when religion becomes the topic of the late hour bull session.

If we are honest with ourselves we are forced to admit that our campus religious life is often merely another extra curricular activity. We profess a faith but fail to practice it. We affirm a faith with our lips and deny it with our lives. Let us accept the challenge to become students of our faith not in name only but also in deed.

## From the Editor

# A Few Words of a Kind

... e. e. hines

There are 18 minutes left until deadline. There is only one answer . . . Hines' stream of unconsciousness. This should be great, I tell myself. Everyone is already saying that I am unconscious.

How the devil did that fly get inside that paste pot? Why don't flies stick to the paste? If I don't hurry up I'll never make it to class on time. I never do anyway. Damn phone never works right.

Just when you try to work somebody walks in and asks a question. Why do they ask me? I don't know what the devil is wrong with them.

Got to hurry. Debate meeting tonight. Can't go. No date Sunday. Got to get one. Could call . . . no.

They're talking outside. Sam Jensen scored a touchdown for the Betas. I don't believe it. That's right, I reply. He's in law school. How do you spell his name? S-e-n? Yeah. It's S-e-n. They start laughing. Sam, playing football? Why don't they keep quiet.

Time running out. Someone asked me,



e.e.

finding it hard to find anything to write about? Absolutely, I replied. Now he will know I'm kidding.

I'm going to marry a rich girl. One rich girl could certainly prove as useful as two poor girls. No, I won't either. Be a bachelor. Go to South America. Do public relations.

Time's running out. Should have brought old clothes to use in the theatre lab. Too late now. Studnicka never has painted that plaster bird he gave me. Wonder if the Phi Gams will ever quit kicking the football across the street.

Funny the pledge of ours wondered if I was a real terror. Never seen me smile, he told someone. Say, that fraternity brother of mine is really screwing up my love life. Wonder how much more before I get to the end of this. Keep it short. Say something clever. Read where there are 3 million alcoholics in the United States. Didn't know there were that many newspapermen.

Read somewhere that cut flowers seem to keep better in gin than water. That explains hung-over flowers.

I'm late for class. I believe in school spirit, the extra point club, and scratching yourself when you itch.

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# Nebraskan Letterip

## Double Jeopardy

In an invited visit to a fraternity on campus a day or so ago, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Frank Halgren, was entertained as the honored guest. After dinner he spoke about University policy on scholarship and other interesting regulations.

When asked about the supposed "double jeopardy" that students are confronted with when they break state, county and city laws, Dean Halgren denied the existence of such punishment. To prove this point he cited an example:

An employee of a business concern is found guilty of drunken driving. He is fined \$100 and his license is revoked for six months. When he appears for work the next morning he is fired because his actions have brought undue publicity to the company and is hurting its reputation.

The punishment of the University is represented in this manner. Is this simile correct? I don't think it is.

The University is a function of the state, the business is not. The laws are also a function of the state. Therefore, when a student is punished by the University after he has been punished by the authorities, he is actually appearing before the state twice and is punished by the state twice for the same crime.

This action, this "double jeopardy" is strictly forbidden in the constitution of the United States. Why then is the student subjected to "double jeopardy?"

C. W.

## Builders Reply

Although (R. M. Ireland) scarcely merits reply, his column of last Monday has caused a certain amount of controversy in some circles—mostly as to where he got his ideas.

As stated in the Builders' constitution, our purpose is "to build a greater University." To do this, our activities are channeled in three directions.

In the field of public relations, the publicity committee handles a great deal of out-state publicity for the University. Members of this committee accompanied administrative personnel, at the administration's request, to high schools through the state acquainting high school students with the campus and University life. Between the city campus publicity committee and its counterpart on Ag campus, approximately 2,000 potential University students were reached personally.

Another 5,000 outstanding high school students received letters from Builders congratulating them on their individual achievements. That this program has been effective is shown by the fact that the administration wants to expand these activities even more this year.

Parties and conventions committee sponsors a dance

for high schoolers at state tournament time, helps officiate at the Fine Arts Festival, and assists with a banquet for those attending the high school press convention.

The city and Ag tours committees do not specifically conduct tours of the campus for freshmen. It is rather a service to high school groups and other interested organizations who wish to become acquainted with the University campus. Between six and eight thousand people were guided around our campus by members of these two committees last year.

In the field of publications, Special Edition, First Glance and Husker Handbook provide various views of the campus to help orientate incoming freshmen. Special Edition covers matters of interest to new students from the Military Ball to life in the dorms to what to wear. First Glance provides a pictorial presentation of the various activities on campus, and it does so more cheaply and more effectively than the individual organizations could do themselves.

Husker Handbook is placed in the freshmen packets along with administrative pamphlets, which speaks "highly," in the words of Dean Chatfield, for the worth of the publication.

As for the columnist's specific complaints (on the Student Directory), all the phone numbers in the directory are checked by the telephone company and the omissions are those of students who neglected to fill out a card during registration.

Because it is simply not feasible to run back and forth between the city and Ag campuses, the Ag committees in University Builders perform some of the same, but many of their own, functions on that campus.

Because of the lines of service—public relations, publications and ag—three vice-presidents are necessary. One would hardly expect that one person would have sufficient knowledge of all these different fields, even if that person had the time, to adequately coordinate all three.

If by "whale" you refer to our size, Mr. Ireland, you are right, for Builders is certainly a large organization. It has to be to accomplish all that it does.

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# Bungling

By Dick Shugrue

If it's not the growl of an Air Force ROTC tiger—just as another columnist predicted would be heard — then it's something even more ridiculous . . . and in the same department!

Think of it. Men. College men. One minute they're hearing of the horrors of atomic warfare and the great part the USAF will play in it and the next minute they're making model airplanes.

Yes, mothers of River City, model airplanes. That's the semester project for the sophomores. Each cadet checks the name of a plane off the list and proceeds to make it for a display to be discussed later.

Now how about that for college-level training? I finished my last model plane the night I got my report card from the sixth grade.

And, taxpayers, your hard earned dollars are going to support this type of course, this kind of assignment.

I have never heard the likes of the noises coming from the Student Tribunal. If the ruling on Gary Rodgers is going to be typical of the Tribunal doings, I say get rid of the thing before it gets uncaged.

Have you ever heard of an organization which rules on the eligibility of its own members? I have, but the organizations didn't last long when the public caught on.

It's not the question of whether old Rodgers is eligible—he isn't in my book; you can only have one law school judge—but rather the question of what body is responsible for the good conduct of the Tribunal.

That's the Student Council. And, by jove, if they don't put the tribunal in its place quick, the whole bunch will

have to be dealt with—and long before next May.

Dave Keene, can't you do anything with these self-perpetuating tribunals?



This is just going to be a statement of facts—as I lived them and as I write them.

8:15 p.m. Wednesday: I write down number of back volume of periodical I need for report.

8:20 p.m. Wed.: Move from Social Studies reading room to call desk; hand call slip to Librarian No. 1.

8:35 p.m. Wed.: Librarian No. 2 asks, "Are you being helped?" Reply: I think so; won't guarantee it.

9:05 p.m. Wed.: Librarian No. 1 says, "This volume is lost; we don't have it."

Oh, Mr. Lundy, why is life so tough? I thought I paid that last fine in May.

The student - library situation isn't the same as the student - teacher situation. I mean, the librarian has a certain "service-type" obligation to be nice to the customers—it's so seldom she sees most of them.

So far this year I have wanted three books from Love Library. One is in the bindery, another is lost and the third is checked out for the semester to a faculty member. Therefore, I go to the nice old lady in the College View branch of the city libraries. She keeps a civil tongue, has a book or two and is 237 per cent more efficient than these gals I dealt with Wednesday eve.

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