Editorial Comment

Ungolden Silence

The story remains unchanged. The Student Tribunal has not brought student discipline out into the open. Every case of this nature is still conducted behind a door closed to judgment or evaluation by the campus population as a whole. A student is very neatly charged, arraigned, hand slapped and pushed out the door, probably with don't toss pebble edicts ringing in his ears.

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No one but the student, the judges and the administration know what transpires during Tribunal court sessions. Officially only the judges and the administration know the nature of all cases being tried and their dispositions.

A few weeks ago Joe Baldwin and his disciples attempted to rule on the eligibillty of one of their own members who had changed colleges. The Student Council reminded the tribunal it did not have this right, and then made a ruling in favor of the eligibility of the judge involved. The Dally Nebraskan thanked this Council for this speedy ruling and then asked, "Why not investigate the reaction of the student body to the closing of Tribunal hearings? Why not make a ruling on the manner in which these hearings should be conducted?" So far this request has been completely ignored.

Wednesday the Tribunal met. The same farce that occurred earlier this year was repeated. Charges were secret, except for individual comments from the students, and the outcome was the same, unknown.

We, as University students, should object to this high handed conduct by the student judges. If they desire to play lord high executioners let them at least be held responsible for sloppy head chopping when it does occur.

To illustrate the extreme to which the blundering and lordly Tribunal has gone to assert its self-assumed power of secrecy, the Nebraskan need only outline events which occurred at the Wednesday meeting. A reporter-photographer was sent to cover the session. The judges would be happy to pose for a shot they said. No picture taking or reporter, however, would be allowed during the hearing. The reporter wanted to ask two students scheduled to appear before the Tribunal if they objected to the hearing being open.

What then? The Tribunal pointed to another self-designed regulation which said that the student on trial must request in writing, before the hearing, that it be open. Oddly enough there is no actual stipulation as to how long before the hearing this written request must be made. If the students were willing to make written requests Wednesday, by means of a neat method of interpretation by the Tribunal, the reporter would still have been denied entrance. The written request, the judges rently contend, must be made when the student reports to the Division of Student Affairs earlier in the week.

that the Tribunal is considering making an announcement on the slip which charged students receive. This will outline his need for a written request if the Nebraskan is to attend.

So here we are back to the basic issue: why a closed meeting in the first place, why should the student have right to close it? The written request issue appears to be merely another way for the Tribunal to appear fancy while slapping the press and student information in the face.

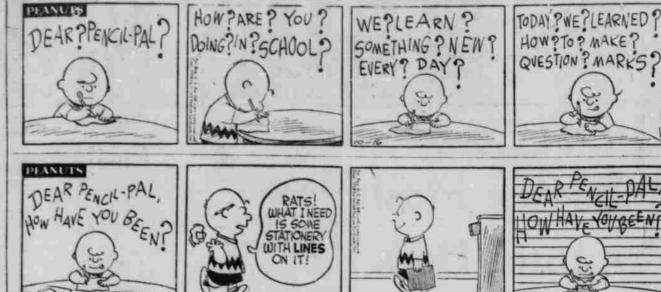
The Nebraskan can hardly forget the words of a Tribunal student judge made earlier in the year. "Why don't they give us a chance?" We're being condemned, the judge said, without getting a chance. Well, the judges have already muffed a couple of chances for judgment by childish insistence on secret meetings. If they are too small to admit that this is an encroachment on freedom of information and a mistake that should be corrected, they are too small to judge anything or anyone, they are especially unworthy of continued existence in what is ideally a mature university atmosphere.

This year the Iowa State Daily reprinted a Nebraskan editorial in behalf of open student courts and commented: "We have many times stated the case for open student conduct cases. Open cases (1) squelch undesirable rumor (2) give subsequent defendants some measure of protection and (3) allow the public to know what the court is doing."

How long will the Tribunal continue to be a sham for fair student discipline machinery?

The burden for correcting the faults of the present Tribunal rest with the administration and the Student Council as well as the Tribunal judges. The administration, namely the Division of Student Affairs and its dean, should publicly announce whether it is pro or con on closed Tribunal meetings. Student conduct was a matter of endless speculation and false rumor while it was administered in secret by the Division of Student Affairs. Under the present setup it is impossible to determine whether the Tribunal is just a rubber stamp for the administration or an independently operated group. Certainly the administration and Tribunal should be interested in discrediting these rumors. The best way to do so would be by opening the hearings, not by making announcements of piety which secrecy makes it impossible to check.

The Student Council should be interested in holding a complete investigation of student reaction to closed meetings. This would be as constructive a task as the student representatives could possibly undertake. If the Council strives honestly to do its job, it will not overlook this important matter.



College Students Ponder Integration, Pro and Con

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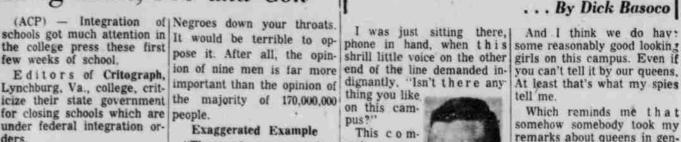
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Defy The Government "What do the so-called leaders of this state hope to gain by closing schools in order to defy the federal government? The Byrdmen admit that the closing will only postpone the inevitable and that the state has not one leg to stand on in a federal court

"The high school students without high schools other side for a change . . . know who is on the losing end of this deal. Students in Warren county high school and Charlottesville are feel. damage from this alone are here for anyone who clude you when I say that most organizations are basic-

er and prestige . . . ize this, the sooner Johnny 51. can get back to school . .

Beyond Civilization Critograph ends the editor- grated schools. If they get inial with a quote from the to our schools, they will get Raleigh, N.C., News and Ob- into our social functions. server: "Closing down the Don't think they won't, beschools is something beyond cause they will. Maybe you secession from the Union; it don't mind a Negro dancing is secession from civiliza- with your girl or asking her for a date, but I do. Remem-The Central Michigan Col- ber, if we give an inch, they'll lege Life thinks the closing take a mile . . .



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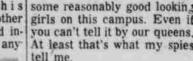
wouldn't mind if Negroes just can mention, but it's not the read with much attention. attended our classes. The worst either, and the facilities

bullheaded segregation stand. Students in Little Rock, Ark., are retarded tremendously the campus community that tainly are worthwhile-basic-

and Cream is out there trying.

I think most of the organi-"It doesn't stop with intezations on this campus are

instead? basically worthwhile. So maybe you can't point out in dollars and cents where a group does anything beneficial; the mere fact that they exist and give the small minority a chance to do something is proof enough for me of their worth. But then I'm not very of the Little Rock high schools "When forced integration Now this probably qualifies



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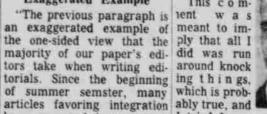
Which reminds me that somehow somebody took my remarks about queens in general and the Homecoming Queen in particular pretty personally. It was perhaps unfortunate that I spoke at a time when Homecoming Queen was so much in the spotlight, but I wasn't particularly referring to any of the present five contenders. But

ishly to come up with some- then nobody really cares about present set up so I doubt that

"Some of us say that we the best school that anyone body's chances or were even And cheer up, Tassels, I in-

But what is this "Project" one school, white students out and yell like mad while thing? I'm serious, I'd like "Whether we like it or not, averaged 98 while Negro stu- we're ahead or after we're to know. It's always being there is only one Law of the dents with the same educa- ahead, but those who g t mumbled by someone, but as Land. The sooner people real. tional facilities averaged only worked up into a wild tizzy far as I can tell it's primary just because the old Scarlet function is to think positively. Why doesn't everybody just take a Dale Carnegie course

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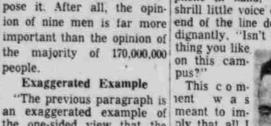


Social Functions

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are feeling the effects of their because of integrated classes. has campus spirit. I don't ally governor's wild bid for pow- In a national test given in mean just the people that go

"is weakening the United starts in our school, home me for a spot in the nearest



Oddly enough, the slip which the student signs says nothing about his need to make a written request if he desires to have the hearing open. Perhaps he is supposed to guess about this matter. Now word comes

Next Wednesday, rumor has it, the Tribunal will meet. Next week, as a result of the closed door system of student justice, you will know as much about the efficiency, effectiveness and value of the Tribunal as you do today-exactly nothing. Justice is truly blind.

Penny Carnival

Hats off to Coed Counselors. The decision to abolish Penny Carnival may bring a few regretful sighs but over-all the announcement will probably be met with complete satisfaction. Jan Lichtenberger, president, said the reason for ending the annual fall task for pledges was that "really satisfactory results were not obtained." This type of honesty is rare these days.

The Coed Counselors deserve even further praise for their decision to carry out a complete revamping program, the abolition of Penny Carnival representing only the beginning. Many organizations originally formed to perform beneficial tasks have degenerated into busy, busy activities in which the primary duty often seems to get lost and forgotten. But the Counselors have wisely checked any such trend in their organization by deciding to cut down on the number of Coed Counselers. select members by board interviews, improve their training program, shorten their period of active work, and aim their fall program primarily at Independent women -who have no big sisters to aid them in becoming adjusted to college life.

"Our primary aim is to increase the efficiency of this organization and its effectiveness as a counseling service," says Miss Lichtenberger. Right there you have the most mature statement a leader of an organization can make. The group will now forget, if they follow their stated course of action, the fringe matters and activities, and get down to better and more complete counseling.

College Vandalism

A few immature fellows, who didn't get their fingers slapped for marking crayon on their walls at home as children, have carried their thoughtless doodling with them to college.

If any person can state with pride that he has stayed up until the wee hours of the morning in order to sneak to some fraternity house or class room building and disfigure a door or wall with paint, he is obviously walking about with a head filled with a distorted evaluator.

The Pi Xis have their claim to fame, if it be such, in stenciling their trade mark on campus sidewalks. This does little damage and presents little distraction,

although it too is not among the list of things one can be proud of having accomplished while at college. The more serious offenders are those who mistake fraternity or group esprit de corps with mutual destruction and defacing of property. They are totally unrelated. If the same people who slapped "Beat Iowa State" on the sidewalks about campus and the Student Union wall had to scrub it off, they would realize the childishness of their action. If the same people who slapped paint on a recently painted door had to remove that paint, buy new paint, and repaint that door, they too would understand the smallness of their apparent "feat."

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does matter is that freedom in." to learn is failing, and the

failure is as dangerous as any war." Louisiana State University's

Daily Reveille notes "opposition to school closing is com- Band Day ing from parents who realize Dick Basoco doesn't like that the education of their Band Day!

children is more important So what if it doesn't serve than segregation. And, it is a useful purpose? It's orna- If you go into any of the time state officials in Arkan- mental, like the hood ornasas and Virginia also realize ment on an automobile this factor, for it is question-

uphold the public-private ple who "customize" their deal... school system." cars. Would he like to "nose Graduate Students and deck" the University? The paper reported that 59

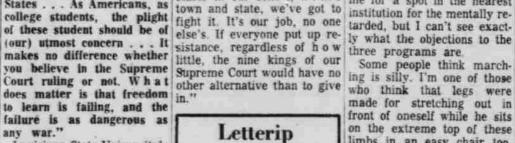
Negro students are enrolled. in LSU in New Orleans LSUNO) but none at Baton Poetry Reading Rouge, though some have Karl Shapiro, of the Uni-

been there since 1950-all but one were graduate or law versity English department students.

The day after the above poet, will be featured in a Reveille comment appeared, poetry reading on KUON-TV the paper ran this letter from tonight.

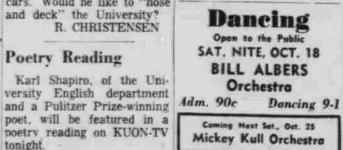
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made for stretching out in front of oneself while he sits on the extreme top of these limbs in an easy chair too, but then marching is a pretty minute portion of ROTC. It's just like a lot of other things on this planet-it all depends on what kind of an attitude you go into it wish. ROTC programs thinking it'll be an ordeal, chances are it Basoco, however, seems to will be. But it certainly able whether the courts will be of the same order of peo- doesn't have to be an or



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