

Editorial Comment-

Fall Revue

Back in 1905 a group of enterprising University students banded together to found Kosmet Klub.

The Klub became one of the strongest activities on the University campus and added much to the University's store of tradition.

The Fall Revue and the Spring Show became hallmarks of campus entertainment and afforded many an outstanding amateur actor a chance to show his wares.

The Klub created an air of competition between fraternities and independents alike that by and large was more friendly than cutthroat. It filled many a house and dorm trophy case with its cups, and offered those who participated in its productions a good time along with the work they put in.

This year, for the 53rd time, Kosmet Klub is offering its Fall Revue.

There will be three skits and five long curtain acts this year as well as several "surprise acts." Including the crowning of Prince Kosmet and Nebraska Sweetheart, the show will run about two hours.

This is about a half hour shorter than last year's show. Kosmet Klub planned things this way for they felt that last year's show was a little too long.

From what the officers of Kosmet Klub say, this should be one of the more outstanding shows in recent year. If they manage to put on a show as good as last year's, the price of the ticket will be justified.

Criticism has been heaped upon the Fall Revue this year. Kosmet Klub has been reputed to be a dying organization, in debt up to its collective ears and incapable of putting on a good show.

Undoubtedly, some of this criticism is justified. The Fall Revue was certainly badly timed. It came too soon after Homecoming to allow most houses to handle both a Kosmet Klub skit and a Homecoming display well.

But to say that Kosmet Klub is an impotent organization, incapable of putting on a good show is not at all a fair appraisal of the facts.

A glance at the membership roles of the Klub proves that there are too many conscientious and responsible people in the organization to ever allow a flop to be produced.

A glance at the houses presenting skits is also an indication that the show will be as good as ever. The houses involved all have a good record when it comes to producing outstanding skits.

As for the charge that the Klub is a dying organization it might be well for the individuals making these charges to look at the sophomores who are working in Kosmet Klub this year. They will find that perhaps there are workers from their own houses in Kosmet Klub.

Friday night will be the proof of the pudding. The Daily Nebraskan is confident that the Kosmet Klub will not allow a 55 year tradition to die an inglorious death.



thru the peep-hole

BY DICK TEMPERO

Last week Brent Chambers, chairman of the IFC scholarship committee, placed a motion before the group that would place any fraternity on social probation if they fell below the all-male average for two semesters in a row.

This proposal, according to Chambers, is a synthesis of ideas from his committee and other interested IFC members. Statistics from the Daily Nebraskan for the past four semesters show the need for this motion. First, until recently the all-fraternity average has been above the all male average; however, the all-male average has been slightly higher than the all-fraternity average the last two semesters.

Second, it is the same fraternities that are managing to keep the all-fraternity average down. In the past two years, seven fraternities have been below the average all four semesters and four houses have been in this group three of the four times. Third, if this rule were in force now, there would be 12 fraternities on social probation.

This plan would provide, in the words of IFC president Gary Cadwallader, an 'incentive' for the Greeks to attain higher scholarship. It is a shame that a group of young college men (who have evidently come to college to learn about something besides campusology) must be threatened with social extinction before they are willing to do anything in one of the most important areas of their college career.

The road to high scholarship is fraught with the many pitfalls of modern campus life; however, there comes a time when the fraternity system must examine its structure minutely and comprehensively, find the faults, and then, most important of all, come up with a workable plan to rectify these weak spots. It won't be easy, it will seem unfair to many members; but, it must be done if the Greeks are to have campus prestige and leadership in something besides the activities world.

What can the fraternities tell high school seniors who question them about scholarship? The easiest thing to say is "It's bad—we want to work on it this year and bring it up!" Once used however, there should be no need for it again. The most used rushing point on campus this year was scholarship and almost every group used it. Either "We know that we are low, and we need your help to bring us up," or "We have good grades and we need your help to keep them there."

College Roundup- Sputnik Scare Stresses Education, Defense Unity

The Sputnik scare has made it clear "to the people and to the legislators alike that there is a connection between American defense and education," according to Dean Francis Keppel, Harvard University education dean.

Speaking at the University of North Carolina, Keppel said: "The federal government, of course, has long been influential in certain problems that affect the elementary and secondary schools: vocation education, the land-grant colleges, and the like.

"The question is not whether there shall be federal influence but the form it shall take."

The Daily Tar Heel said Keppel contended that federal influence should be increased following the pattern set in public health and agriculture. "By support of research and development and the spreading of tested practices through local units, the federal government can support education at its very weakest point: research and training."

Land Grant's Role President James H. Hilton of Iowa State University told a group of land grant college officials last week that the role of such schools has changed since their development "a century ago when food for a rapidly rising population was scarce."

The Iowa State Daily reports that Hilton says "the colleges must turn their attention to the welfare of people being displaced by technical advances in agriculture. A physics colloquium will be held at 4:15 today in 211 Brace Laboratory.

Dr. E. J. Zimmerman, associate professor of mathematics, will discuss "The Stopping of Hydrocarbon Compounds."

Individual Staff Views

By Wynn Smithberger

It appears to me that most students are not educated in the proper etiquette to be used upon the approach or formal mention of an official of the government.

To offer an example, at the recent dinner for Vice President Richard Nixon many people—not only students—blinked questioning when they noticed others rise when the vice president walked toward the speaker's podium. Then they stood up finally, wondering what everyone was trying to see!

More recently, when the State of Nebraska and the governor, as the elected head of that state, were recognized with a cannon salute, and when members of the ROTC units performed for the Saturday football crowd, jeers and derogatory comments were heard from all sides of the stadium.

Certainly I don't want to dramatically dwell on patriotism and honor or democracy, for I do not think that these were intentionally disregarded or even considered in these cases. Yet, I wonder what outsiders thought.

I recall my few days at Girl's State during which time we elected our own governor and state officials. A loud standing ovation acknowledged the appearance of our governor. In a fair, democratic election we had chosen her to represent us. Oh, undoubtedly the vote was not unanimous, but this was not evident for we accepted the rule of the majority and she was respected in that capacity until a new governor was inaugurated into office the following year.

I assumed from this example that Americans should always recognize those who hold their government's offices. Perhaps naively, I expected citizens to react automatically when the higher officials addressed them or were formally noticed. Certainly I did not expect even those who differed in opinion with these leaders to publicly display disrespect for them. This, after all, can be viewed in actual campaigning and in voting.

We sometimes assume that the few who enter the official political world will learn and abide by the social customs, but that we are free from such binds. Are our actions, then, due to a lack of training? Have we been given the opportunity to become acquainted with the rules of political decorum? If not, I withdraw my criticism of the student body and direct it rather to parents and teachers who have not included this in our instruction.

It appears to me, however, that we nonchalantly accept these people like referees whom we "boo," even though we know it's not the sportsmanlike thing to do, when we fail to appreciate their judgment.

Well, I'll admit that I too covered my ears and ducked my head during the LOUD cannon salute. (I hear the fellows in the press box dove for cover when the window trembled dangerously.) But I did notice that whole east side of the stadium rose when the attractive 1957 Honorary Commandant was driven past the stands. Interesting, isn't it?

From the Editor

A Few Words of a Kind

... e. e. hines

A few weeks ago a newspaper from another college carried a letter to the editor discussing birth control. The writer argued against any such proposal and was apparently replying to an article published in an earlier edition.

This brought to mind something that I heard from a speaker last year at Northwestern University. He (somehow I'm unable to find a record of his name) was one of Adlai Stevenson's speech writers during the last campaign. He stated emphatically that the Ike myth had been the big factor in winning the election, and contended that Adlai's proposal that atomic tests cease was the only constructive—although politically disastrous—proposal made during the entire campaign. Then the speaker attacked what he called campaign falsehood. Instead of facing the real issues that create world problems politicians, he said, hide behind economy, socialism and similar campaign tags. The real issues, he said, were continued atomic testing which was polluting the world's atmosphere, along with such matters as the booming population of man. Our numbers, he declared, are multiplying at an unbelievable, foolish and dangerous rate which cannot help but result in greater and greater social disorder in the future.

I filed away these thoughts until Tuesday when I happened to glance at a December copy of Reader's Digest and an article by Julian Huxley, English biologist and first director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It might be appropriate to quote a few of his comments:

"No other species has ever shown this unbridled increase both in proliferation and in consumption. And as the balance between human numbers is upset, the quality of the population will without question go down.

"It is thus clear that we need a careful plan for the best exploitation of our planet's resources. What we need above all is a world population policy, enabling us to reverse the present disastrous trend. There is a gleam of hope on the horizon. Two powerful countries—India and Japan—now have official policies of population control . . .

"If we do nothing to prevent our grandchildren's grandchildren (less than a century and a half in the future) from numbering ten or more billion, we shall deserve the obloquy of many generations to come."

These quotes contain a partial summary of Huxley's ideas on the problem. The article is recommended reading for the college masses. Although no single article or discussion can possibly change a person's views on a matter of this nature, at least open investigation, thought and discussion will help provide—or better enable the eventual providing—of a feasible solution.

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THE CLOTHES YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN

In this column we take up fashions for college men, which means of course, the Ivy Look. Today's Ivy Look clothes have made a great stride forward. Not only do they have thin lapels, three buttons, narrow trousers, and a minimum of shoulder padding, but—now hear this!—this year they are actually covered with yeast!

This new development, while attractive beyond the singing of it, nevertheless gives rise to certain hazards. For instance, people keep trying to plant you on Arbor Day. Indeed, this is precisely what happened to two SAE's of my acquaintance, Walter R. Gurlash and Fred Raap. Before they could protest, they were snatched up, planted, limed, and watered, and today they support a hammock in Cut and Shoot, Vermont.



Let us now discuss shirts. Again this year the campus favorite is the good old Oxford with button-down collar and barrel cuffs. This is without doubt an admirable garment, but let me ask you a question: if you don't wear anything but Oxfords, what do you do with all the cuff links people have been giving you for your birthday since you were twelve years old?

Well sir, some fellows have their wrists pierced, but what E. Mackenzie Sigafos, a Chi Psi of my acquaintance, did was to take a dozen pairs of his handsome gold monogrammed cuff links and string them together in a charm bracelet for his girl, Jo-Carol Isobar.

(It turned out, incidentally, to be a mistake. In short order so many admirers accrued to Jo-Carol on account of her gorgeous bracelet that she grew tired of plain old E. Mackenzie, and one night when she was seated on a bench in Lovens Lane throwing sticks for E. Mackenzie to retrieve, she suddenly, cruelly, without warning, told him they were through.

"I am heartbroken," said E. Mackenzie, heartbroken. "But if you must, give me back my charm bracelet."

"No, I will keep it," said Jo-Carol.

"What for?" said E. Mackenzie. "You can't wear it. The initials on the cuff links are all mine—E.M.S."

"Ha, ha, the joke is on you," said Jo-Carol. "Yesterday I was voted Miss Chinese Restaurant of 1958."

"So?" said E. Mackenzie.

"So," replied Jo-Carol, "E.M.S. does not stand for E. Mackenzie Sigafos. It stands for Eat More Suburmi!"

A broken man, E. Mackenzie today squeezes out a meagre living as a pendulum in Cleveland. Jo-Carol was killed in a long war.)

But I digress. We were talking about well-dressed men, and the one essential for every well-dressed man—and every well-dressed woman too—is a well-dressed cigarette—neat, compact, flavorful, and correct for work or play, sunshine or shower, repose or revelry, darkness or light. And where does one find such a perfect companion? Just go to any tobacco counter and ask for Philip Morris. Ask for it in long size or regular. Ask for it in soft pack or hard. But ask for it; that's the important thing. Don't just stand there making cryptic gestures at your tobaccoist. He may be armed.

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