

## Conservative Estimate

By John Hoerner

The long and hotly contested controversy over the selection of Homecoming Queen candidates jumped into the spotlight of campus opinion in a fire works filled session of Student Council Wednesday.

It seems that the way a girl gets to be a Homecoming Queen under the present system goes something like this:

When she is still a freshman she and one other girl are selected to represent their house at a tea given by Tassels. At this tea the Tassel organization decides which one of these girls will be a Tassel next year.

**Step Number One—** This girl works long and hard in Tassels and when she gets to be a junior her house gets a letter saying in essence: The homecoming election is coming up, your junior Tassel is Ardith Mae Turispeed. We of Tassels feel that she is eminently qualified to be your Homecoming Queen candidate and so she will be unless you would care to make a substitution.

(One house this year cared to make a substitution).

**Step Number Two—** A board consisting of the Yell King, president of Corn Cobs, president of N Club, a faculty advisor, and three Tassels selects five finalists from these candidates.

**Step Number Three—** A monster rally is held at which the five finalists are announced. After the rally the 900 or so students at the

rally flock into the coliseum and vote for THEIR choice.

**At Last—** The new procedure recommended by the Student Council would change this procedure so that theoretically any qualified girl would have an equal chance to be Homecoming Queen.

The inclusion on the interviewing board of the BABW president and Panhell president in place of two Tassels would eliminate that organization's near-control of this board.

The elimination of the Tassel letter, which announces the election while at the same time recommending a Tassel candidate, would give each house a chance to elect anyone they desired.

As T. C. Smith, chairman of the council activities committee, pointed out, the sisterhood is so close in sororities that it would be almost impossible for another girl to be substituted for the junior Tassel under the present system without causing hurt feelings.

While I disagreed with her viewpoint on almost everything she said in defense of Tassels' present procedure I would like to publicly congratulate Jolaine Loseke, Tassels council representative, on her fine defense of that organization's views.

Miss Loseke stood up and told the Council exactly what she thought in no uncertain terms. For this she deserves the admiration of all of us.

There are too many "members" on Student Council, various campus committees and organizations, and even legislative bodies on the state and national levels.

It is a real thrill to see a representative take the floor for a change.

## From the Slot

... by George Moyer

As a reward for many heroic space filling adventures on the editorial page, our noble leader, editor Ernie Hines has decided to endow me with a regular column of my own.

Moreover, he has decided that it should be dignified with a name to give it a distinction beyond the mundane Staff Views tag to which the rest of the news side is accustomed.

The name selected refers to the practice common to most daily newspapers (yes folks, we are a newspaper) of seating their managing editor in the middle of a slot cut into a round table known as the copy desk.

From this slot, the managing editor is supposed to supervise the operations of assigning heads to stories, making sure the stories are well-written and correct, and placing them in their respective positions on the newspaper dummy sheet.

The moral of this story is: Don't volunteer to write for the editorial page or you too will find yourself trying desperately to fill a quantity of allotted inches within an allotted deadline.

The other day, I dropped into the Crib, plopped down in the booth marked Union Stockholders and lit up a Lucky Strike.

No doubt in retaliation (because it was his cigarette I was smoking), my friend across the table pointed a coffee stained finger at me and said accusingly:

"You never take a stand on anything. You are wishy washy."

To satisfy my antagonist and fellow columnist Dick Tempero, I will today take a stand on something.

Recently, there passed through the copy desk a story in which Nebraska's school administrators cried foul at the Greek rushing system.

In assuming this position, the school administrators look a little like a New York Yankee who has just discovered that Warren Spahn has picked him off first base in the ninth inning of the deciding game of the world series.

First, the school administrators included sororities in their charge. Since sororities do not conduct a summer rush program, the school administrators must be talking about some other school.

Second, they claim that "the pressures of social life in a fraternity jeopardize the academic standing of college freshmen."

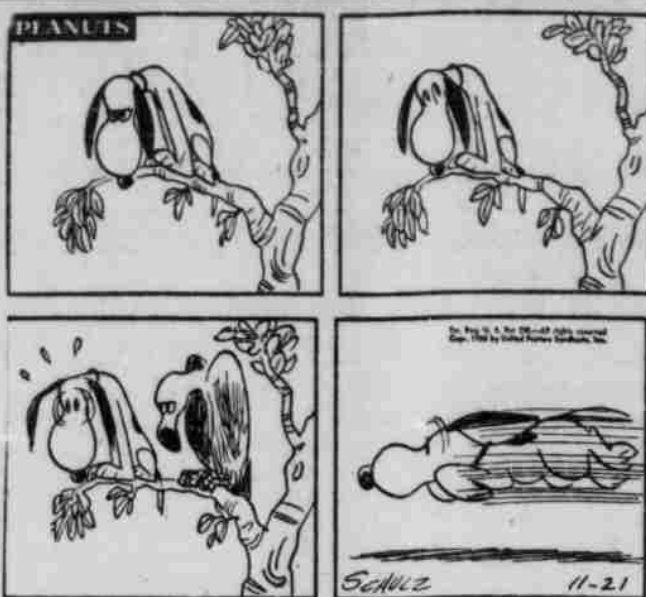
This neatly overlooks the fact that about the same proportion of non-fraternity freshmen flunk out as fraternity.

Moreover, it overlooks the academic pressure which fraternities put on their pledges to make a good average. Enforced pledge study hall and quiet hours, tutoring sessions with scholastically secure actives and Friday and Sunday night campuses for frosh with downslips are never mentioned by the school administrators.

Third, the charge that summer rushing is the culprit is downright ridiculous. Unless a rushee is going to summer school, it is hardly likely that one or two visits by a fraternity man during the summer, will jeopardize his average.

The school administrators are obviously searching for a scapegoat. They have been wrong for a long time on what kind of college preparatory classes a high school should offer and they refuse to admit it.

A sound background in English fundamentals, a required four year math course, a required four year science course, and the deletion of shop, band, home ec, mechanical drawing, typing and other such nonessentials would go much further toward solving the problem than an ill-considered attack on the time honored whipping boy—the fraternity system.



## ROTC Groups Pick Ball Representatives

Final Selection Next Week;  
TV to Carry Ceremonies

The service queen candidates for the Military Ball have been announced by the Military Ball Committee.

For Miss Army are Phyllis Bonner, Alpha Omicron Pi; Pat Gorman, Alpha Xi Delta; and Mary Vrba, Love Hall.

Candidates for Miss Navy are Monica Ross, Pi Beta Phi; Margaret Schwenker, Chi Omega; and Nan Carlson, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Air Force representatives are Joyce Evans, Alpha Xi Delta; Terry Mitchem, Gamma Phi Beta; and Mary Lynn Stafford, Kappa Alpha Theta.

The three services will choose their individual service queen from these girls on Monday and Tuesday. The selections, along with the campus selection for Honorary Commandant will be revealed at the Military Ball Dec. 5.

Featuring the Glenn Miller orchestra under the direction of Ray McKinley, the ball will be held in Pershing Municipal Auditorium with dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Union, Military and Naval Science Building, Miller and Paine Tune Shop, Gold's Record Shop, Walt's Music Store and Dietz Music House, for \$3.50 a couple. Spectator tickets are \$1.

The revealing of the Honorary Commandant will be carried in Lincoln by KOLN-TV, Channel 10, the evening of Dec. 5.

The organization is the national professional association for college and university students preparing to teach. Its purposes are to develop professional competence, to gain understanding of the history of teaching and to provide experiences which will interest students in teaching as a career.

At Monday's meeting the constitution will be organized and the membership drive started.

"Our constitution will be charted from national in one month," Janet Anderson, membership chairman said.

Dues of the organization are \$2.50, of which \$2 goes for national dues and 50c for local. Temporary officers are Judy Keenan, president; Lois Dean, secretary and Janet Anderson, membership chairman.

## Four Initiated By Premed Frat

Dale Riepe, Don Waltemath, James Brown, and Roger Neil were initiated into Theta Nu, honorary pre-medical fraternity Tuesday night.

Newly elected officers announced were George Eagleton, president; Al Berggren, vice-president; and John Goldner, secretary-treasurer. Theta Nu advisor is Dr. Eugene Powell.

After the initiation, a movie on congenital heart disease was shown.

## Letterip

### AUF Says Thanks

I would like to thank all the students who volunteered this year to canvass the Lincoln independent students. I wish I could personally thank every independent student, sorority girl and IFC volunteer for all the time each gave to AUF. It takes not only money but also generous amounts of time to make the Independent Drive a success.

When students respond in this way, I know that AUF's two-fold goal of making students aware of the value of charity as well as donating money is being accomplished.

Sue Schnabel

## 'Teaching Begins With Personality'

Beggs Tells Pi Lambda Theta  
At Annual Initiation Dinner

The impact of the teacher's personality in the classroom—this is where teaching begins—Dean W. K. Beggs, dean of Teachers College, told the initiates and members of Pi Lambda Theta at their initiation banquet Thursday evening.

Forty-five girls were initiated into the national honorary and professional association for women in education. "Teaching has nothing to do with the great knowledge a teacher must have. It starts after the teacher gets into the classroom," Dean Beggs stressed.

The determining factor of the success of an education system lies where the teacher meets the learner, he said.

The dean stated that "while there are many people involved in the education system and many policies decided at the national level, the real job is done by the teacher at the teaching level."

If the present education system ever breaks down, it won't be at the philosophical level, he added, it will be at the teaching level when communication is lacking between the teacher and the learner.

Fran Gourlay, president of Pi Lambda Theta presided at the banquet.

An honored guest was Miss Lucivity Hill, a University faculty member in Business Education and a charter member of Nebraska's chapter.

The initiates are: Ruth Adams, Mary Pat Arbuthnot, Patricia Ann Arnold, Barbara Arhl, Mrs. Gail Beal, Nancy Beal, Jeanette Beckenbauer, Marcia Boden, Mary Jane Coe, Jane Curfman, Doreen Diedericks, Polly Doering, Judy Douthett, Sally Evans.

Shirley Gibb, Dorothy Glade, Mary Gorman, Dorothy Hall, Cynthia Hansen, Joyce Johnson, Glenda Klein, Jane Kramer, Sandra Kully, Nancy Lewis, Juliana Mestl, Carol Moorehead, Dorothy Mulhair, Jane Oehlund, Elaine Peterson, Karen Peterson, Carol Pohlman, Kathleen Roach, Ida Mae Ryan.

Sue Schnabel, Karen Schuster, Donna Scriven, Sharon Smith, Mary Strickland, Gayle Sunderman, Kay Marie Swarts, Mildred Swift, Mrs. Margaret Talroe, Patricia Tress, Linda Wall, Mari Wata.

## Radio Sets Extension Safety Prizes

Safety awards for Home Extension clubs in Nebraska are to be sponsored by radio station KFAB of Omaha.

According to Bill Lutes, University Extension safety specialist, plans are to award a trophy to the two Nebraska Home Extension clubs having the best all-around safety program. One member of the top two clubs will be awarded a trip to the National Safety Congress in Chicago, Ill.

Bruce Davies, farm director for station KFAB, says the main purposes of the award are to recognize outstanding achievement in the field of farm and home safety, leadership of county agents and home agents and to express Station KFAB's interest in the safety of Nebraska's families.

Each county is to select one Extension club to enter the state contest and submit a report of the club's activities by Sept. 15, 1959.

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