

Editorial Comment:

Activity Emphasis Points to Maturity

It's one, two, three strikes and out for the IFC Ball.

According to IFC social chairman Joe Knoll, "There will never be another IFC Ball as we know it."

If the IFC is looking for consolation, they have plenty of it in other organizations around campus.

And there are some indications that the Ball might not be the last function to feel the razor's edge.

Which all points to a reaction against the traditional things that students used to enjoy doing activity-wise.

In some respects, this is not a bad thing. It may indicate that students are becoming more serious about their purpose at the University.

At the same time, there seems to be no lack of interest in campus activities that emphasize service.

Apparently, then, students are becoming more serious. If they are going to spend their free time on some campus activity, they want to spend it on something with a more altruistic value than building a prize-winning booth or dancing to a hired band to support the Greek system.

This rather sober attitude shows up in other areas too. Most campuses have a satire magazine to give student wits full reign.

The University also has The Blueprint, a consistently top-flight engineering college publication, which acts as another serious outlet for creative student scientists.

The University's social reputation suffers by comparison with Colorado University and the Universities of Missouri and Oklahoma.

The Spectrum

By Carroll Kraus

With continued discussion about student apathy towards anything and everything, and murmurings of aged campus organizations crumbling at the roots, it was refreshing to see that the Union is bringing the Kingston Trio to Lincoln after it had almost given up on city-wide shows in 1957.

The appearance of the Trio here should not only bring out students in droves, but also help the finances of the Union and show that campus organizations are still capable of acting positively and putting the University on the map.

Although it's probably too early to predict complete success for the show, comments from many students on hearing that the group was to be here were very favorable.

Perhaps that's why a number of campus organization-sponsored events have been dropped, changed or have flopped.

Leadership of any group demands a sort of analytical mind—what can one give to people and how can one keep them interested in what they have after they've



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social policy.

Interest in constructive activities is not fading at Nebraska. But the activities that have traditionally identified themselves with collegiate high jinks and typical Joe College antics seem to be having rough going.

In a way, this too is regrettable. However, no matter how dedicated students become, they always seem to be able to find time for some good solid fun.

The real meaning of the decline in certain campus activities seems to be that students today are more mature. They are more serious about getting an education while at the same time making a serious contribution to the student community.

Now, if we could only convince the administration of that.

Question Is Apportionment

Latest registration figures released by the administration reveal a slight midyear jump in enrollment. They also indicate a shift in enrollment emphasis from Engineering College to Teachers College.

Engineering College now ranks third on the list behind Teachers with 1406 students and Arts and Science with 1309. Student engineers total 1252.

This leaves the Student Council with a problem. During the spring semester last year, the Council reapportioned Council representation to give Engineering College three representatives. Now, apparently, the Council will have to give Teachers three and take one away from Engineering or give all three colleges three representatives.

Three representatives from each college appears to us to be the most reasonable of the two possibilities. Though the leadership, enrollment wise, may shift from one to the other as times goes on, the three colleges appear a cinch to remain substantially larger than the fourth leading college, Biz Ad with 921.

Since there are well over a thousand students in each of the top three colleges, it would seem natural that they should have more representation. Furthermore, giving each college three representatives would avoid the periodic problem of shifting a representative to the largest college.

Whatever the Council solution, it is certain that they cannot go back to just two delegates from every college. By giving Arts and Science an extra member in the first place the Council admitted that more representation for enrollment above 1200 was necessary.

got it.

So here's my recommendation for prospective activity presidents — study psychology, sociology, etc., and you'll find a way to satisfy everyone and become famous.

Subnotes:

1. I am not a psychology or sociology major.

2. Any letters of approval, high psychology grades or offers of assistantships in social science departments will be accepted.

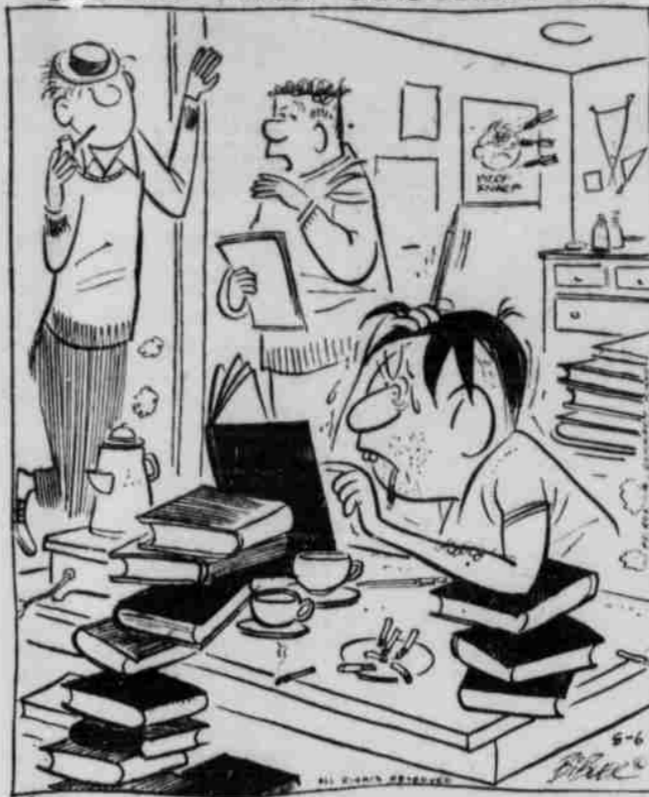
Spring Fever

Although some persons have been complaining about the weather being somewhat nasty the past few weeks, they have two things to look forward to. One will be the fine spring weather and the second is the spring fever that comes along with it. This is a fever that just can't be cured in the classroom.

Now, I would be the last to approve of cutting classes, but if you are prone to fevers of this sort, it's a good idea to go to your classes now. Student Health hasn't been noted for giving excuses for this ailment.

And as it was pointed out in my Monday econ class, cuts are not expressly prohibited by the administration unless they affect the progress of the student. But as the prof added, they may not affect progress, but they certainly can affect grades.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



BETTER LEAVE HIM ALONE—HE'S LOOKING FOR THREE MORE WORDS TO FINISH A 10,000 WORD THEME.

Buck Shot

"I don't read the columns." —typical NU student. Perhaps better never than late.

Caution

Children, look out! I'm breathin' fire and ready to shoot. The way I feel, the world is in danger. I must warn the naive ones not to read this column: it is a habit more dangerous by far than the delights of drink, a woman's clutch, or a math final.

Easier Way

I taped an inspiring news item on my wall which says, "Majors Must Pull 4's In Arts College." While I am proud to belong to a college with such a high standard, I feel burdened by the terrible obligation of getting 4's or better in my

major subject. Isn't there an easier way?

Talent?

Drawing upon the literary talent of my 14 1/2 year old sister, she wrote "Love Poem," which I print in part:

I think of you always In our school hallways, In the cafeteria And when I'm near ya', And when I think of your eyes I think of bullets Piercing my heart.

Flatter Than . . .

If there is anything flatter than a pancake, it is a bank account after paying tuition, especially after the \$20 increase per semester. The Union addition (the pleasure palace) also helps to make our University a ritzy attraction. So why the sackcloth-and-ashes routine for the budget presented to the legislature?

"Graygore"

Those of you who watch "Our Gang" movies in the Union lounge would enjoy reading a story written by my 7 year old sister, from which I have taken an excerpt. This is a thrilling story about "graygore and frankinstine."

One night graygore and frankinstine saw a witch. She was wicked and crucl, and said I love you children, my castle is nice. Would you like to meet me there tomorrow. Yes said gragre. Meet me there at 1:00 and went to sleep. Meet time She was fixing traps for graygore and frankinstine. She had so many she did not have time to put them all out. then graygore and frankinstine were eating there breakfast. And when they were finished they went to the castle and the witch Let they found in and graygore Looked for the traps and found one and said What is this doing hear. And the Witch said I do not know . . .

Bible

Bible selection for this week: "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot! So because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth."

—Revelation 3:15-16. And so I am pleased to be called an extremist, a fanatic.

Let's Hear It

I want everyone to write to "Letterip" damning my column. Nothing except praise could make me happier.

Dogpatch Due At Ole' NU

"Li'l Abner," the final show of the Broadway Theater League, will be presented in Pershing Municipal Auditorium March 2.

General admission is \$2.95 and reserved seats range in price from \$3.95 to \$4.75.

With a cast of 40, the musical comedy brings to life the hillbilly brainchildren of cartoonist Al Capp.

Daily Nebraskan Letterip

Misunderstanding

In the Friday's edition of the paper, it was stated on the editorial page that "The Board of Student Publications neglected to appoint a circulation manager last semester."

The Board did appoint a circulation manager at the time they appointed the rest of the staff. This man, Mr. Dick Whitcomb, was never able to assume the position due to ill health. The Board because it did not have a chairman, was unable to meet until Monday to appoint a new circulation manager. Apparently there was some misunderstanding on the part of the editorial staff.

Charles Keyes Student Member of Pub Board

Tough Courses

Upon reading a recent column "from the Sideslines," I have come to the conclusion that the writer is quite confused as to precisely what she does and doesn't know.

She begins by stating her beliefs, which briefly are: "University courses are becoming more difficult. This toughening-up, according to administrative officials, is not an over-all University policy; hence, it must be one inaugurated by the various colleges and departments."

I will readily agree with Miss Sides' belief that the University is getting "stiffer." I imagine that just about every one of us can cite at least one example from our personal experiences to support the argument that courses at NU are not a game of tiddly-winks.

As the article progress, Miss Sides presents two questions which she believes will eliminate the confusion when they can be answered. They are: 1. Is it true that the various colleges are stiffening their curriculums? 2. Is it true that this toughening-up is not an over-all University policy?

If Miss Sides would take the time to look back several paragraphs, she would see that she has answered these questions previously, and quite adequately at that.

Miss Sides continues, reporting that this "stiffening" policy, if not in the hands of the administration, must be in the hands of the departments of the University she wonders if toughening-up in certain fields of study and not in others is fair to the students involved. Isn't this expecting more of certain students than others? The answer is quite obviously yes.

However, this extra work is not necessarily something which is unfair. To the sincere student, it is a definite advantage. When additional work is assigned in a course, a student will ordinarily study harder. And the more one studies the more knowledge one accumulates.

Although other motives enter the picture, isn't the acquiring of skills and knowledge the primary reason for our being here? It will be a very poor investment indeed if we spend more than four years wandering through snap courses so that we may keep a five average and have a good time to boot.

If gaining an education was the foremost goal of the NU student, the toughening-up policy would be greeted with open arms.

Miss Sides concludes her discussion with a useless question: "If things are getting tougher shouldn't the students know about it?" Aren't down slips, exam failures, poor grade reports, etc., ample warning that a course is not the "snap" it was expected to be? What further proof is needed?

o Bill

Lenten Notes:

Probing Eye Reveals Naked Souls

Editors note—with the advent of Lent, the Daily Nebraskan has asked the ministers of the student religious houses to do a series of articles discussing the season. Space limitations prevented us from beginning earlier as we would have liked.

By Rev. Rex Knowles

How like the king in Hans Christian Andersen's wonderful tale we are! We go along feeling that we are splendidly clothed mentally and spiritually in the raiment of practicability, scientific reasoning, objectivity and common sense. Then suddenly the probing eye of the Lenten season reveals to us that our souls are naked.

We cover our shame with scraps of negation and self-denial. We give up cigarettes, or candy, or desserts, or movies, hoping thereby to delude our contemporaries, but knowing ourselves that we are still unclothed.

Why not use this Lenten season to find attire for the mind? Why not avail ourselves of the opportunities offered by the various religious groups on campus to find the richness of spiritual raiment available at this season of the church year? Why not start shopping now for Easter clothes for the soul?

Why not put away our preoccupation with things that we can feel, touch, see



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and jingle in our pockets; put away our idle thoughts, our selfish desires and the continual gnawing of doubt?

Meditate There are two times when we feel uncomfortably undressed; in our higher moments when we meditate to see what man can be with the help of God and in our lower moments when we think of what we have

been and are continuing to be without His help.

To walk for a while with Jesus, Paul, Francis of Assisi, Joan of Arc, John Wesley, is to cower in nakedness and at the same time to stand forth confidently in hope. To realize that each of these great minds found shining raiment as they put on the mind of Christ is to discover the way our Lenten season directs us.

The command of Lent is simply, "Get dressed!" Take a good look at the threadbare condition of our inner self and get dressed.

Paul, writing to his friend, Timothy, expressed it this way: "Set your heart on goodness, Christlikeness, faith, love, patience and humility. Fight the good fight of faith and keep your grip on that life eternal to which you have been called."

Spirit of Love To the people of Philippi, he expressed it this way: "Now if your experience of Christ's encouragement and love means anything to you, if you have known something of the fellowship of His spirit, and all that it means in kindness and

deep sympathy, do make the best hope for you come true. Live together in love as though you had only one mind and one spirit between you. Have that mind in you which was in Christ Jesus."

If we are to have the mind that was in Christ Jesus, this season is the time to start dressing up our mind, stripped so bare by our pride of intellect and our preoccupation with things. Lent is the time to get dressed.

Air Force Tests Slated in March

The Air Force Officer Qualifying Test will begin at 7:45 a.m. March 6.

All interested persons should apply on or before Feb. 28.

The examination is for choosing advanced Air Force ROTC members.

Alpha Kappa Psi

Ted Schafer has been elected president of Alpha Kappa Psi. Other new officers of the professional business fraternity are: Dale Sweeney, vice president; Dave Widman, secretary, and Leroy "Jack" Verschuor, treasurer.

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