

# Don Cloak and Crown

The Homecoming Queen this year will don with the red cloak and crown the greatest amount of prestige and honor accorded one of her name. The reason is simple.

It goes back several years to criticism of the old method of selecting the junior girl who would represent the University to the students, the alums and the state. Under the system as it stood, the Queen virtually had to be a Tassel, unless some house wanted to slap its Tassel in the face by substituting another candidate for her.

The changes announced this week sweep away all the reasons for the general apathy and animosity engendered by a selection system which made membership in one organization a prerequisite for the honor of being selected queen of the Homecoming weekend.

Under the new system an interviewing board will narrow the field of 28 candidates—i.e. an equal number of Greeks and independents to a group of 10 finalists. This group of 10 coeds will be presented to the students for an all-day, all student

vote, rather than in the relatively restricted voting on finalists as was done previously.

Not only the queen, but her two attendants will be more highly honored. The announcement of the queen and her attendants on Friday, instead of not until Saturday's game, will give more meaning to the title.

More important than the relative degree of honor conferred on this trio of junior coeds, however, is the added degree of participation John Q. Student will have in the selection. The old method, while it did provide for an all-student election, was so constructed as to make voting inconvenient. If a student did not attend the rally, or wish to buck the crowds trying to stream into the Coliseum at precisely the same moment, he received no opportunity for helping to select the coed who would represent his school on Homecoming.

Congratulations to Tassels on acknowledging that something was wrong, studying the situation and coming up with a fine solution.

# A Careful Study, Please

Last year the Student Council Spring Day committee received an added duty, that of organizing an All-University Open House. Originally this was done because the Council hoped that the Open House would coordinate nicely with the usual Spring Day Fun and Games.

The Open House was designed to offer interested high school students a chance to preview their University experience and possibly to aid them in making a choice between colleges at Nebraska or between Nebraska and another university.

It didn't take the committee long to find out that the two activities would not fit as the Council desired and they set about working at two separate and unconnected tasks.

Recognizing this handicap the Council provided last year for the setting up of two separate committees in the future, one to handle the Spring Day celebration as usual and the other to organize the All-University Open House.

Last year's combination committee after enlisting the cooperation of some 17 colleges sent letters to high school principals in the state inviting interested students to attend.

The response to this invitation was disappointing to say the least. Only seven or eight principals answered and only two accepted the invitation.

In view of this setback the Spring Day committee which was also the All-University Open House committee recommended to the Student Council that the 1959 Spring Open House be dropped.

This Wednesday the Council set up a committee to plan an All-University Open House for 1960.

The Daily Nebraskan would first like to see this committee make a careful study of all present activities which are carried

on by the University and University groups in this field of bringing high school seniors to the campus.

Fine Arts Festival, J-Week, E-Week, Science and Agriculture Day, . . . are just a few of these activities which could conceivably be worked in with or provide competition for an all-University Open House, depending on the action of this committee.

Second, assuming the committee does an effective job of planning an open house, and there is no reason to think that they shouldn't, we hope that the State's High School principals who in the past have been quick to criticize the University or its student groups will take the time and effort to consider carefully all the work and planning which has gone into the Open House and allow their students to take a day off to sample what their future at the University of Nebraska holds for them.

# Ticket Snafu

One goof in 20 years is a pretty good record in handing out football tickets. A. J. Lewandowski said the last time an error, such as the one this year in which two groups received tickets for Section 10, Rows 22-29, was 20 years ago.

It is a distinct credit to Phi Delta Phi, law fraternity, and the other groups who have been willing to trade their tickets for seats in other sections that thus far no big storm has been raised over an honest mistake. The other group which has tickets for the section is the Med College faculty. Any student who has tickets in that section can get a different ticket if they will go to the Athletic Office next week.

# From Somewhere Out in Left Field

By Adam Staib

Editor's note: Staib & Co., i.e. anyone who is still up when he is sweating out a column, have discovered the original of a freshman's first letter home.

Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm sorry I didn't write to you sooner but you know how it is. A college man like myself has a great deal of responsibility and there's always something to do.

I know how you feel about fraternities but you just couldn't know how great fraternity life is unless you were in my place. There's nothing like it.

For example, the first night after I pledged all of us pledges got dates. I was really lucky. I had one of the sharpest dates at the party. Gosh she was real popular. She danced with almost all the guys at the party. I hardly even saw her, but gosh was she sharp.

The actives in this house are really a great bunch of guys. The night of the blast, one of the actives even asked me to double with him. He showed me all around the town. He really thinks I've got a neat car.

Oh, by the way Dad, will you send me a credit card. It will make things a lot easier when I buy gas. Anyway it's only a temporary deal, because the guys said that they would start chipping in for the rides that I've been giving them.

Did you notice the Greek letters engraved on the top of this stationery. Pretty classy, huh? You know how I always try to cut corners. Well I bought two boxes of personalized stationery instead of one. You see it's cheaper when you buy by quantity and it's something that I'll always be able to use anyway.

Yesterday I bought a real neat fraternity sweater. It's got the fraternity letters on it. It's just perfect for going on outdoor parties and such.

Mom, remember when you always told me to make sure that I bought clothes that wouldn't be out of style the day after I bought them? Well I really had a streak of luck. You see, one of the actives in the house is working in an exclusive clothing store downtown. He's one of the nicest guys I ever met and he dresses real sharp too. I don't know what I'd have done without him. He really fixed me up with some sharp clothes. And he gave me a good price on them too.

With the shoes, the drizzler, the three-piece suit, the topcoat, and all the Ivy League shirts and pants, the bill is just less than \$190. But that doesn't include my monogrammed shirts.

Real uptown, huh Dad? He even selected four real sharp sweaters from the stock room at the store, just for me.

Remember how I was always sold on engineering. Well you wouldn't believe it but I've changed my opinion. I've been talking to a lot of the fellas down here and they seem to think that it's just too heavy a load, at least for first semester. So I looked around and I finally decided to give it the old college try in Biz Ad. That's short for Business Administration College.

I'm only going to carry 13 hours but with so many things scheduled for this first semester I can't afford to overload myself. Gotta make that old average.

I realize that you have heard some bad things about fraternities, Dad, but one thing about this place, they make you hit those old books all the time. Of course there are a few routine pledge duties like answering the phone, and making beds, but I always could avoid work.



Staib

# June Graduate Tells Of Soviet Union Tour

A 1959 graduate of the University, Terry Mitchem, spent 40 days this past summer touring the Soviet Union and 10 days in Czechoslovakia as part of an exchange program of students between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Daily Nebraskan will publish a series of articles by Miss Mitchem as told to staff member Herb Probasco. The first article deals with her selection, an explanation of the exchange and her orientation.

By Terry Mitchem

The news of my selection as a member of a student delegation to the Soviet Union, part of an exchange between the United States and the USSR, came in March.

The exchange in which I participated was worked out two years ago along with other cultural exchanges with foreign governments.

Students in the exchanges are financed by private organizations, because if we were representatives of the United States we would be speaking directly for the national government.

A private organization, the Council of Student Travel, worked out the details of the exchange and turned specific areas over to the YMCA and YWCA and also to the Experiment in International Living.

The Numbers

The Council of Student Travel sent 66 students to the Soviet Union and asked for a stay of 60 days. In return the Soviet Union could send the same number of students for the same time.

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However, the USSR agreed to only 40 days for the 66 United States representatives. Instead of sending 66 students from the Soviet Union, they sent only 24 and for only 30 days.

These 24 students will be touring the United States this October. They will not be coming here, though, and will probably get only as far West as Minnesota.

'Official'

Of the 66 students from the United States this summer, 24 of us were classified as "official" delegates supposedly in the same class as the two dozen Soviet students coming to our country. The other 42 in our group were classified as "tourists."

Both the "official" delegates and the "tourists" had similar types of visits.

There are probably two reasons why the Soviet Union didn't want to send more students for a longer time to the United States. These reasons were brought out to us by the Council of Student Travel.

1. The USSR would rather send their best students to underdeveloped countries, because of the ideological impact they would have on those people.

2. When the students visiting the United States return to their own country it causes a certain amount of unrest.

My orientation for the visit began June 13 in New York City and lasted five days. I sailed from Montreal on the 18th aboard an Italian student ship, the Iripina. At the time the Italian seamen were on strike, so the crew on our ship was sailing against their wishes.

Exhibition Guides

Aboard the ship were all the guides going to the American exhibition in Moscow, so we had the same extensive orientation which they received.

We spent 10 days aboard ship and landed in Cannes, France. We traveled along the Riviera and spent two days in Italy. After a short stop in Vienna, Austria, we traveled north through Czechoslovakia and into Poland.

We entered the Soviet Union from Poland. Our first stop was at Brest.

Next: Universities and student life.

From the editor's desk:

# On Campuses 'n Things

By Diana Maxwell

It's the little things that "bug" you—all these minor irritations with which people come racing up to the editor demanding a crusade. Like these little rules which somebody instituted once but forgot to remember again.

So for a bit of scatter-shooting:

Well, Wednesday there was an AWS meeting in the dorm. The gals on AWS are a great bunch, charming, witty, etc., etc., but I wonder if they really never, never, never wear bermudas, slacks, etc., etc. According to their little rule book it's not nice for young ladies to wear such things on campus or downtown. The downtown part I can see—but when the rules say you shouldn't even wear sport clothes to the library, it's sort of too much.

Not that this is a new rule or anything—as far as I know the little rule book has always frowned upon the wearing of such revolutionary bits of apparel as slacks. That's why no coeds in the history of this institution have ever worn slacks, taper pants, bermudas, etc.

See what I mean about rules someone has forgotten to reconsider? Banning levis I can see—they do look pretty high schoolish outside the living units, but like someone commented the other day, it's pretty ridiculous to carry a rule on the books which if enforced would mean that everytime you planned to run over to the Union for coffee you'd have to don a skirt.

While we're scattering shots around, I'll accept one in our own direction and apologize to Tassels, especially you, Janey, for the goof in Wednesday's paper. The Homecoming Queen is not, repeat, not—finally



Diana

selected by a board of 10. It is an all-day, all-campus election—which is just what the Rag has campaigned for since even before my time here. Our faces are red.

But this is a game of give and take, so I'd like to pass on an observation by a member of the yell squad. We were commenting that Tassels and Cobs weren't any too vocal at last Saturday's game, when this gentleman commented that maybe the members of the two pep groups were so tired from hawking pompoms, buttons, carnations and so forth during the early hours of the day on the streets of Lincoln to do much cheering.

I'll readily admit that these two groups work like mad at selling—Cornhuskers, flowers, lollipops, etc. However, when Oregon arrives Oct. 3, I hope they'll put a bit more of their salesman chatter to work making a little noise along the cheering line.

Further shots go to that anonymous individual who has trained literally dozens of sturdy, solid, bulky students the fine art of stopping for conversations directly inside the north door to the Soc building. I don't know what it is about but it certainly would facilitate traffic if the participants would make themselves into moving bodies at the same time they are settling the arrangements for a car Saturday night.

A random shot goes to the unknown individual or group who caused the removal of the coke and coffee machines from the downstairs study lounge in the library. This is one of the most heartless moves yet. One wonders at the philosophy behind the strategy of removing all the liquids and leaving the apple machine. The thinking is too deep for me.

So put the scatter-gun away for a while and concentrate on larger things such as reading several hundred pages.

# small talk

By Ingrid Leder

When I was in high school I pictured colleges as having only a few buildings but a lot of trees under which students as well as professors sit and spend all their free time in informal academic discussions.

I realize that this idea was rather far-fetched, but I still think that you can learn as much as if not more from talking to your fellow students and professors than from books.

Congratulations to Don Geis for taking the initiative to reorganize the Young Democrats.

Alphabets

The Young Democrats, Young Republicans, YWCA, UNSEA, NUCWA—and I'm sure there are other campus groups which fit into this category—are organizations which promote discussions among students.

You don't have to solve the world crisis in a discussion—even the exchange of the most simple ideas is beneficial.

It doesn't really matter whether in UNSEA you discuss the practical problems a teacher has to face in the classroom, in YWCA the relation of Christianity to campus and social problems, in NUCWA the purpose of the United Nations, or in Young Republicans or Young Democrats the qualifications of a candidate for political office. It's not what you discuss—it's that you do discuss.

These five organizations not only promote discussions but also encourage thinking and intellectual activities among students by bringing in speakers from the various fields.

Not Superior

I'm not trying to say that these groups I mentioned are superior to Union, Builders, Red Cross, etc.,

which are in a way busy-work organizations. They can't help but be busy-work organizations because they have concrete instead of abstract purposes. For example, Union is devoted to promoting Student Union activities—this can only be done through doing actual work. Merely talking about the decorations for a dance wouldn't get them done.

Both work and discussion organizations are necessary on a University campus, but many of us seem to forget that campus organizations with an academic flavor exist.

You may wonder why I, certainly not known in intellectual circles, decided to devote this column to discussion-type campus groups.

Well, when I walked into the Young Democrats meeting Wednesday night after having been to several other meetings—it just felt good to relax and listen to a speaker for a change instead of getting more work to do.



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