

# Just Leave Quietly

So downs are out.

This year all the naughty girls who didn't study hard enough won't be clocked in at 8 p.m. on week nights as in the past, but they will be required to designate study places and study times. And should they fail to observe the study hours, camping follows.

Ah, yes, college is indeed a most wonderfully ridiculous place.

Consider the ludicrous aspects of the downs system and the retribution which follows receipt of same.

If Mary doesn't study hard enough, Mary receives a down. (No one ever says right out that perhaps Mary doesn't have either the smarts or the desire to attain the degree). Maybe Mary doesn't give a tinkers tool about what she may or may not learn at the great big school.

But because Mary is here, by Goren we're going to cram knowledge down her resisting throat. If she doesn't have the good sense to skim her text once in a while, why then the good angels who are looking after her will see to it that she does. If she hasn't the diligence to remain at her desk for an hour or so once in a while, the angels will make a rule that says you stay there or else we'll deprive you of some of your play time: i.e. you can't go out next Friday or next Sunday night.

This being a fate more cruel than eating spinach, Mary will naturally awaken to the folly of her ways and will work like a coed Trojan until the ten-week downs come out so that the cloud of a dateless Friday need plague her no longer.

Such is the tragedy of a philosophy which says not only does everyone have the right to an education, but that someone else must see to it that they receive it even though the individual makes no particular effort along that line.

This being a state school, perhaps accept-

ing all the Marys cannot be avoided. It does seem futile though, to work so hard at keeping them here to clutter up already crowded lower-level sections.

When analyzed, this Big Sister, Big Brother attitude assumes appealing proportions. With it in the foreground, the idea of college training being a precious opportunity offered to all those willing to make the sacrifice and perform the duties it demands fades and gets lost somewhere in the throes of a forced study hall.

There's something pathetic about the very phrase study hall. It connotes a place not of quiet, where those who wish may probe for knowledge, but instead a place of punishment for those who have not "made the grade," "pulled the mark," "snowed the course," "hacked the exam," and so on ad barfium.

It is difficult to have sympathy with those students, both male and female, who clutter the campuses with their bodies only because everyone else goes to college. It is nauseating to see them pampered, prodded, begged and coerced into doing some minimal amount of studying which will enable them to stay for at least one more semester.

Sure, help the freshman over the first birth pains of college life. Suggest to him that the demands will be great upon him. Keep him out of activities for the first six weeks. Sympathize a little with him when the full realization of the life into which he has now entered strikes him.

But for the sake of all those who love knowledge, who seek wisdom, who treasure learning, don't bend over so far trying to keep those here who have no place. If they lack the capacity to learn the motivation to study, to be blunt—let them flunk. Let them leave quietly.

The world has little need for any addition to the ranks of hollow-headed degree wavers whose any benefit from the college experience was some degree of poise or superciliousness.

# Don't Laugh, Anyone

Earlier this fall, the editor of Scrip sent out a plea for more material of the light and humorous sort for his publication. Most pieces submitted he said, were of a gloomy, depressed nature. An editorial from the Daily Kansan in September is equally apt here.

"The University of Kansas will have no humor magazine this year.

"This we hate to see, for it seems to reflect on the age in which we live.

"We students, like other Americans, live fast, work hard. There isn't time to laugh. We could take time for humor. But we don't. We only take time to be serious.

"Education has become a stepping stone to success. The student who does not produce in school jeopardizes his chances of getting a good job after graduation.

"There is no place in the academic world for the student who gingerly mixed fun with his labor. The ridiculous, the wild, the satirical, have disappeared with the raccoon coat and the touring car.

"We do not laugh because we are frightened that we will break through the false facade of seriousness we have erected around ourselves. We cower before decaying idols of conformity and personal gain.

"We cringe when faced with a harmless institution like a humor magazine. For this quarter's worth of paper has power. Its satire wields the sword that will smash our idols and free us from our complacency.

"We apparently have no desire for this freedom—the opportunity to see things as they are. We prefer to remain within our flimsy shell, rejecting the humorous or unusual, while tolerating our sickness."

From the editor's desk:

# On Campuses 'n Things

Amid the gripes and the howls of persecution, it is reassuring to note that there are a few points about which students at the University might well be thankful.

Like this issue of administrative suppression. I'll be the first to comment that in many areas student-administration relationships are not based on as firm a trust as they might be—but all is not black. Early last week as I was leafing through exchange papers, a vast expanse of white space on the left hand side of page 2 of the Arizona Wildcats from the University of Arizona brought me up short. A subsequent edition of the Wildcat notes that it had the same effect on the students there.

The explanation given was that an editorial had been written by Tom Dau, the Wildcat editor, criticizing the action of the University's administration in suspending three coeds. Apparently, our colleagues at AU do not enjoy the privilege of uncensored publication which we do, for in the words of a paid ad in the Wildcat "The story was promptly squelched by the administration."

Comments the ad, "Sincerest sympathies to Tom Dau, his staff, and to anyone else who might ever attempt to fulfill his responsibilities to his position."

In the editorial column of the Oct. 7 issue, the following comment appeared to explain the white space, "Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Wildcat staff was unable to publish the editorial written for that particular space. Feeling that what we had written was just, we hes-

itated to replace the editorial with another."

The Daily Nebraskan has never had to fight this particular battle—at least not in the remembered past. Our adviser, Dr. Robert G. Cranford, was told by the Chancellor when he assumed his post about three years ago that his function was to advise, to comfort, to criticize, but never to censor.

Sometimes we forget to appreciate the freedom we enjoy. It is my understanding that many college papers are in the same position as the Wildcat. Not many would have openly bucked the "powers that be" as they did. Our sympathies and our moral support—whatever good they might be.

Most everyone got back from Migration, probably. It seems as though every year just a few get left behind for a day or two.

For instance last year, one group decided that normal modes of transporting human bodies westward were inadequate for their needs, so they chartered a small plane to take them on the Colorado version of Migration.

They got out there in splendid time—weren't exhausted from the car ride, didn't lose 10 or 12 hours of travel, etc., etc., etc.

The only snag was that weather turned inclement part way through the return trip, and the small plane they were using was forced down in some isolated mountain. They missed something like two full days of school after the Big Trek.

Situation getting desperate on mum sales. Other 11 salespeople doing spendid job. One has even gone 25 over her quota. She's treasurer. At the writing, yours truly had something like 75 to go.

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# small talk

By Ingrid Leder  
Now that Tassels are working on an improved program to promote school spirit and have come up with a pretty good system for selecting the Homecoming Queen — with the exception of the blunders made during the election — it would be wise for members



Ingrid

of the group to look at the membership program.

The way it is now Tassels' membership is limited to 60 girls, divided equally between Greeks and Independents.

Main Purpose  
It seems to me while selling Cornhuskers and other projects of the organization are worthwhile, the main purpose of Tassels is still to promote spirit at games and rallies, and here I cannot see the reason for limiting the number of members.

After all, the more persons there are to cheer, the louder the noise. Comments have also been made that the work Tassel members, especially pledges, are required to do, exceeds that of most organizations. If membership would be increased, each member's work load would also be decreased.

But maybe there is a reason for limiting membership in this pep organization, perhaps to keep the group from growing too large and getting out of hand. However, several other campus groups have over 100 members, and they do not get out of hand. All it takes is qualified leadership.

Unfair  
Still on the subject of Tassel membership, I think that it is unfair to Greek houses that they can only have two Tassel members while Love Hall usually has five or six because since Love Hall is an organized house, it competes on an equal basis with Greek houses for the activities participation cup on Ivy Day.

Another thing that seems unfair is that while independent women get three points for every Cornhusker they sell, Greek affiliated women get only two points. The points count toward initiation. The theory behind this is based on the belief that all sororities require their members to buy Cornhuskers, which makes it easier for Greeks to sell them.

However, most sororities do not require buying Cornhuskers. It has to be remembered that while sorority girls can only sell to the girls in their own sorority, Independents are not restricted to the hall or house in which they live, but can sell to any independent girl. (All Tassels can sell to boys and persons who are not students).

Even So  
Even if a sorority would require all members to buy the yearbook, the two Tassels in each house would

# Agronomy Club Initiates Dozen

Twelve men were initiated into the Agronomy Club Thursday.

The new members are: Richard Bringelson, Neil Grothen, David Armstrong, Deon Stuthman, Lyle Wright, Milvern Noffke, John Dunse, Ken Pohlman, John Linscott, Stanley Jorgensen, Charles Mumma and Gene Schwartz. The Club will hold its next meeting Nov. 12, with the program being held jointly with the Soil Conservation Society of the Area.

probably divide the spoils, which means that each one would have only about 30 guaranteed sales. However, since Independent Tassels are not restricted to sell only to a particular group of women, they have the chance of selling even more Cornhuskers.  
Each organization has room for improvement. In Tassels this would be membership and the point system.

# Across the Campuses

# Experimental Curricula Take the Spotlight

From the Intercollegiate press comes word of a new curriculum at Alma College in Michigan designed to "stimulate creative and independent thinking among students."

Special features of the new approach to liberal arts education include independent study, a new interdepartmental course for freshmen and sophomores, seminars, individual research projects and comprehensive exams.

Superior students will be able to proceed more rapidly to advanced work by substituting proficiency examinations for formal course work. Still another feature is a special reading program.

Each year several selected books will be assigned to the entire student body. The campus will "share a common intellectual experience by reading and discussing the books at the same time." The books will show the interrelationships which exist among the natural sciences, humanities and the social sciences.

At the end of the sophomore year, all students will be required to take a comprehensive examination to demonstrate readiness to pursue upper division work. Those who show deficiencies will be required to take additional courses before graduation.

In the junior and senior years students will give particular attention to depth study in the field of their major interest. As fast as they demonstrate proficiency in any aspect of their study, students may be given credit and urged to move to more advanced work.

Each senior will be required to prepare a thesis, conduct a research project, or produce an original work of some kind as a partial fulfillment of requirements for graduation. To prepare students for independent work, the academic departments will provide a seminar experience for students doing major study in their field.

# Profs and Parking

(ACP) Police in Bethlehem, Pa., home of Lehigh University, have posted "No Parking" signs near campus without a "Bethlehem Police Department" signature.

Head of the psychology department Dr. Josef Brozek suggested that students whose cars were ticketed under the "unauthorized" signs ask for a court hearing. Lehigh's Brown and White commended Dr. Brozek for fighting the "monolithic ar-

# Errant Thoughts

by caesar

dear di  
say kid i had an experience after the indiana game that has caused a good deal of pondering to be going on in my mind ever since so i thought id better get it off my chest

it all started as i got out of the stadium you know as i am rather diminutive it takes me a tad longer to get from one place to an-

other than it does you so it was about five p.m. when i left the scene of the big reds recent demise

great roar

from afar i could hear a great roar coming from the throats of thousands i could only pick out snatches of the conversation but it sounded like great multitudes chanting the words it takes a worried man to get tom dooley off the m t a

i hitched a ride in the direction of the sound which got louder as i got closer at last i tripped up the steps into an apartment where i found not thousands but only a dozen people creating said roar

it seemed to me that they had little to celebrate but were perhaps trying to drown their sorrows with a resulting rowl born gaiety for some reason i immediately doubted that this was a registered function and this is a conviction i still hold so id best not mention names lest i be responsible for all kinds of devious punitive actions that would be taken for such skylarking

getting there

are you still with me in getting to my point kid here i was nearly getting trampled by flying feet and rolling bottles when i spied a couple sitting on the couch who were conspicuous by their quietness they werent what youd call party poopers because they were singing and each drank one beer but on the other hand they werent screaming or swallowing the amber looking fluid as if it were going out of style either

then the guy turned to his companion and said youre sort of quiet arent you and she said yes i guess i am then he made the statement that i was referring to initially

ruled by loud

thats okay quoth the lad there ought to be more quiet people the world is ruled by loud mouths

that comma kid comma is a pretty profound statement

those who yell the loudest are usually those who yell the most with the least reason and with the least to say but they almost always get their way because they drown out the others and are the only ones that are heard

so i guess the moral of the story is that what you hear the least and the softest is probably what you ought to hear the most

but anyway my hats tipped to a young quiet gooo who prompted one of the soundest statements ive heard in a long time yours soft spokenly caesar

bitrariness of the Bethlehem Police Department."  
Dr. Brozek later said he has not declared "war" on the police, but he hopes the incident will "point out the need for more care in marking 'No Parking' areas."

# He's Got It

(ACP)—From the Wartburg College Trumpet: Freshman, overheard: "I didn't know college was like this. All I do is wait in line and decide whether I want one or two lumps of potatoes."

# Mack's in Town

The K-State Collegian verifies what's been evident in the Crib for quite some time. For the third consecutive week, Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife" is tops on the local hit parade in Manhattan.

# Use Geritol

A fresh view on the steel strike comes in an editorial in the Varsity News from the University of Detroit.

"If half the energy expended in accumulating huge inventories of steel were used instead for solving the problems involved, there never would have been a strike to start with. Now everybody is too worn out to care.

"Perhaps the whole problem could be solved if each member of the mediation board traded one cigar for a bottle of Geritol."

# Plaster's Effects

Big news in the Syracuse Daily Orange is the sprinkler system. The question seems to be whether it's to be on or off and whether when it's off it is a fire hazard.

The question first arose when a falling plaster injured two coeds after workmen had shut off the sprinkler system.

# LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

