

Editorial Comment

Extending Library Hours

At last there seems to be a tangible step in some direction in the Student Council's long effort to get an extension of library hours.

A three-page report from Frank A. Lundy, director of Libraries, was presented to the Council. In this report, Lundy stated that the heads of the public service divisions have given "thoughtful attention with regard to desirability, feasibility, and cost" to the Council's proposal that hours be extended to 11 p.m. on weekdays and Sunday.

The report further states that all are in agreement with the students "as to desirability." No such agreement is forthcoming on the other two points under consideration, feasibility and cost.

The report indicates that any such extension would require additional student help to man the library between the present closing hours and the proposed time. In addition, it states that a University policeman would be required to patrol at these times in order to guard the books.

Cost of the additional student help, plus all other additional expenditures to the library is estimated in the report to be

about \$3,780 a year. At the present time the Libraries of the Colleges of Law and Medicine already enjoy a schedule somewhat comparable to the proposed one for the main library. Both are heavily utilized in the evening hours.

It is a justifiable assumption that Love Library would be similarly utilized with the extended hours. Many types of study cannot be done without the immediate use of a library. For the vast majority of students, most intensive study is done in the early and late evening—partly because of classes, partly because of jobs and other activities.

Thus the funds which would be required to put the extended hours into operation do not seem great enough, under the plan devised by the library staff, to warrant shelving the idea because of cost.

The Daily Nebraskan concurs completely with the findings of the Student Council study group in saying that an extension of Library hours is definitely desirable. We sincerely hope that the small increase in the financial burden will not be allowed to discourage this increase in hours.

Still Another One?

Wednesday night the Interscholastic Council learned that Lambda Chi fraternity is looking toward the possibility of re-establishing a chapter on the Nebraska campus.

Lambda Chi is no stranger here, having an active chapter until the years of World War II when more than one fraternity was forced to quit for various reasons, lack of finances being one of them.

Lambda Chi Alpha is a strong name in national fraternity circles; its number of chapters approaches the top of the list.

It is probable that the fraternity could become a strong one on this campus within a few years with national backing and support of local alumni.

The IFC has deferred action on the request; Lambda Chi did not ask immediate attention.

After next year's rush week the IFC will check rush week figures and see whether there are, to put it bluntly, enough rushees and pledges to go around.

This is the only procedure that possibly can be used in considering the fraternity's request. Rush weeks in past years have shown a slack in numbers coming through; fraternities seem to be losing their popularity, the national alumni president of one fraternity said at the recent National Interscholastic Conference in New York City.

In light of such evidence, it does not seem feasible to admit another fraternity to campus unless the picture changes considerably within the next several years. Perhaps the fraternity could prosper; perhaps it would fail.

Some houses on this campus undoubtedly are having financial difficulties in maintaining their existence and their charters. The addition of new competition would only hasten their death.

Four years ago rushees had 24 fraternities to choose from; now the number is down to 23. Another several years may drop the number even lower.

Fraternities for the most part are proud of the free enterprise-type system by which they obtain their membership. But having an additional fraternity in the competition in a situation such as the present one would serve little good.

The IFC, the whole University, owes much to the fraternities presently on campus—they have made large contributions.

It seems fair then that they should share in some spoils—which to fraternities are pledges.

If the IFC finds next year that the number of rushees continues to be low, it should unqualifiedly tell Lambda Chi Alpha that there is no room—that the IFC owes to its members to keep the status quo.

From the editor's desk:

On Campuses 'n Things

By Diana Maxwell

In the fall when the Student Council holds their annual Officer Orientation program to acquaint treasurers with the intricacies of handling funds, presidents with parliamentary procedure, and social chairmen with something or other, there ought to be one more session.

This one would constitute a real public service.

It would be called "Publicity Chairmen—how to get cooperation." First item on the agenda would be a big sign which would be handed to each publicity chairman. Said sign would say, SMILE.

Then there could be practice session in which such techniques as smiling, joking pleasantly, looking human and generally following the dictates of good behavior could be exercised.

From here the session could move into a confessional session conducted by successful publicity chairmen. Topics could range from "How I got the Rag to cooperate," to "Why I organized an effective calling committee."

By now the chairman would have to rap for order since there are about 150 organizations on campus, and each publicity chairman is turning to the fellow in the next chair to snicker.

Third item would be a demonstration of how not to get parties, coffees, teas and luncheons into the campus newspaper. It would consist of a fire-breathing, red-eyed creature careening into some newspaper office, blowing a whistle, stamping his feet and demanding at 5 decibels why the 15 inch announcement of the Society for

the Betterment of Student-Parent Relationships was not prominently displayed on page one of the newspaper a week ahead of the meeting.

Fourth would be a demonstration of an intelligent-looking individual dropping off a press release about a news-worthy event (not just free publicity) with the news editor of the paper, explaining perhaps any special interesting or pertinent aspect of the upcoming event.

Fifth on the agenda would be more mass snickering as all publicity chairmen confided to the same guy next to him that after all, his own organization was so all-important that when he said he had a story, by golly, that paper darned sure better get it in.

Final item on the agenda would be the lynching, in effigy or otherwise, of the editor of the campus paper.

Inappropriate though it may be at this point, one word about Handel's Messiah which is being presented at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Coliseum. It is a tremendous performance, which normally draws a huge audience from Lincoln and a comparatively small following from the campus.

For a performance of the scope of this one, no term paper or Monday exam should keep someone from attending it. Poor acoustics and all, this is a magnificent musical production, and one of those traditions which is really that—something so valued on campus that no one would consider letting it fade into the past.

And in the swan song, the ladies of the Black Masque ask me to relay to all campus males who will be bringing in damsels after 12:30 tonight, please have some change—like 60 cents worth.

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By George!

By George Moyer

Sources reveal that my last column has been the subject of a classroom discussion in the PE department.

Never was there an author with so much pride that he would reject kindly words, whatever their source. And the fact that only two members of the class had read the column mars only slightly my ecstasy.

Obviously, there are some discerning, keen and piercing minds tucked away in unsuspected places at this institution.

Thus fortified with success after my first gambit into the world of athletics this year, I will dive once more into Sports Illustrated

(about the sole leisure-time reading material available in most fraternity houses, dorms, law libraries, etc.).



Moyer

It seems that Sports Illustrated is beginning to take itself seriously as a Luce Publication (that's the outfit that produces Time, Life, Fortune and riots both in South America and on the floor of the U.S. Senate).

Last week, this glossy magazine continued a fine old Luce tradition of helping Americans to think the way Henry Luce wants them to think for themselves by plunging the world of Sports Illustrated into politics.

(The Luce group can't claim the honor of plunging the entire world of sport

into politics because Avery Brundage, Micky Cohen, Cus D'Amato, the Chinese communists and several other various and sundry irresponsibles have already done that.)

Observing that U.S. mens teams have so far measured a touring Russian men's basketball team by substantial margins, the magazine said that although basketball is one of the most intricate of team sports, the success of the team still depends on the ability and desire of the individuals on it to assume responsibility.

The willingness of the individual American basketball player to assume responsibility sometimes results in team play that is flamboyantly original. All of which, says the magazine, should lead the average reader to draw the necessary conclusions about the relative merits of Communism and Democracy.

Having thus established that Democracy is a veritable hothouse for producing talented basketball players, the article then says nothing about Democracy's ability to get moon rockets launched.

Nevertheless, it is a wonder some Luce publication hasn't started worrying about the facility with which our universities, colleges, high schools and junior highs produce excellent basketball players without turning out similarly excellent rocket engineers in similar quantities.

Could it be that American classrooms no longer encourage flamboyant originality so that the individual's only chance to be original within the framework of a cooperative enterprise comes on the basketball floor?

Be Our GUEST

By Don Geis

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself not "What does my country owe me," but, "What do I owe my country?"

Examine yourself! You are in college receiving an education given you as a result of someone's desire years ago that the words set forth, "All men are created equal," be applied to reality.

You also receive such basic freedoms as speech, religion, and others set forth in our constitution—a document containing rights and privileges which are being taken for granted today.

There are numerous answers to this question but let us take a concrete example:

Are you aware that Russia is now leading us in the armaments race? This has been confirmed by the following three reports:

—Legislative report to the President in U.S. News and World Report, 22 June, 1959. Page 75;

—Rockefeller report to the people, New York Times, 6 January, 1958, page 20;

—Johns Hopkins report to Congress, U.S. News and World Report, 31 January, 1958. Pages 50-57.

It is estimated that we will need approximately fifteen billion more dollars per year to strengthen and build our national and civil defense.

Your voting franchise is another point of interest. There is a considerably low percentage of people who exercise this constitutional right, and many of these are poorly informed. Have you ever stopped to consider that you owe your country a vote?

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