

Editorial Comment:

# Council Representation, Purposes Inconsistent

The judiciary committee of the Student Council is currently making an unheralded study of the Council constitution.

This is in keeping with the self-appointed role of the Council for the year of revising and re-evaluating the constitu-

## Qualitative Difference Indicated

The University of Minnesota Daily recently supplied this terse commentary on student political activity here and abroad:

"Seven persons were killed and 30 hit by bullets as police opened fire at several places in Calcutta on squads of food agitators which included thousands of students from Calcutta colleges.

"Austrian students decided to strike if the debates over the university budget did not come to an agreement in accordance with the demands of the Austrian National Union of Students.

"The National Union of Students in Salvador protested the arrest of students following a demonstration and arranged to hold another demonstration."

"In Ghana, the Kumasi Institute of Technology has been closed until further notice following demonstrations against the professors.

"Munich, Germany, police raised the ire of students when they stopped the distribution of leaflets by students on university property.

"In protest against the Japanese-American Security Pact, approximately 300,000 students from 90 universities in Japan staged demonstrations and protest marches.

"Flag-waving Panamanian students attempted to march through the canal zone, but were stopped by police after 62 persons had been injured.

"At the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, U.S.A., the Minnesota Student Association voted unanimously to support Minnesota's participation in the Rose Bowl."

tions of all campus organizations in terms of their present needs and present functions.

Perhaps this would be a good time to evaluate the present Council functions, also.

In the case of the Student Council, certainly one need is a more representative body.

At present nearly one-half of that body is composed of representatives from student organizations, while only a few more actually represent the student body through the various colleges.

This seems highly inconsistent with the avowed Council purposes of "regulation and coordination of all phases of student self-government and . . . as an agency through which faculty-student relationships may be maintained."

For what purpose are and were these organizations given a vote in the Council: Associated Women's Student Board, Independent Women Students Association (formerly BABW), Corn Cobs, Coed Counselors Board, Cosmopolitan Club, Independent Students Association, Interfraternity Council, Men's Co-ops and Residence Halls, Panhellenic Council, Religious Welfare Council, Tassels, Builders Board, Young Women's Christian Association and Youn Men's Christian Association?

Even considering the fact that some of these organizations do work closely with the Council and require approval of projects, there is still no justification of the system whereby a group of 30 or 40 students is given representation equal to that of a college of four or five hundred students.

If a student is a member of enough groups, he may have three, four or even more representatives on the Council.

Additionally, five of the organizations represented are exclusively female, a sixth provides for a YW or YM representative, usually a female. Only three of the organizations are exclusively male.

Any revision by the Council short of total elimination of organizational representation will be inadequate. An objective study with the goal of providing effective student government would be a welcome indication of Council willingness to institute needed reform.

From the Editor's Desk:

## It Seems to Me . . .

By Carroll Kraus

The 1960 State High School Basketball Tournament kicks off this weekend in Lincoln and under a new three-gym setup.

The University Coliseum, Pershing Municipal Auditorium and the Lincoln Public Schools Activities Building are the buildings set for cage action in the preliminaries.

And still being somewhat of a prep basketball follower, I rather dislike the idea of the travel involved in seeing the teams you want to see during the prelims.



Kraus

The Coliseum, for instance, is located at 13th and Vine, seven blocks north of O St.

Pershing is at 15th and M, two blocks south of O, and the Activity Building is way out at 22nd and G, seven blocks south of O—and nine blocks east and 14 blocks south of the Coliseum.

The split-site tournament starts Thursday with two Class B contests at Pershing and another pair of B games that evening in the auditorium.

Two Class C games will be played both aft and eve in the Activities Building and A and D games will open at the Coliseum.

Then Friday action moves all games to the Coliseum for semifinals with finals here Saturday.

But the spread-out sites for the round-ball contests, as far as travel for fans is concerned, isn't the only thing that is unpleasant concerning the tournament setup. Nebraska State Athletic Association officials will have to be on hand at three sites and consequently do three times as much administrative work.

Three times as many officials will be

needed, thus spreading NSAA supervisors pretty thin.

A half a day also has been added to the tournament.

But about the worst thing is that you'll probably have to buy three tickets if you're interested in seeing Thursday three teams that happen to be in Class A, B and C tournaments. Darn.

High School basketball tournaments always interest me in that it appears that they could be the objects of some psychological study.

The kids really go wild when their team wins—and more than one prepster sheds a tear when his team loses in the late moments of the state tourney.

But seems that maybe all the steam is expended in high school.

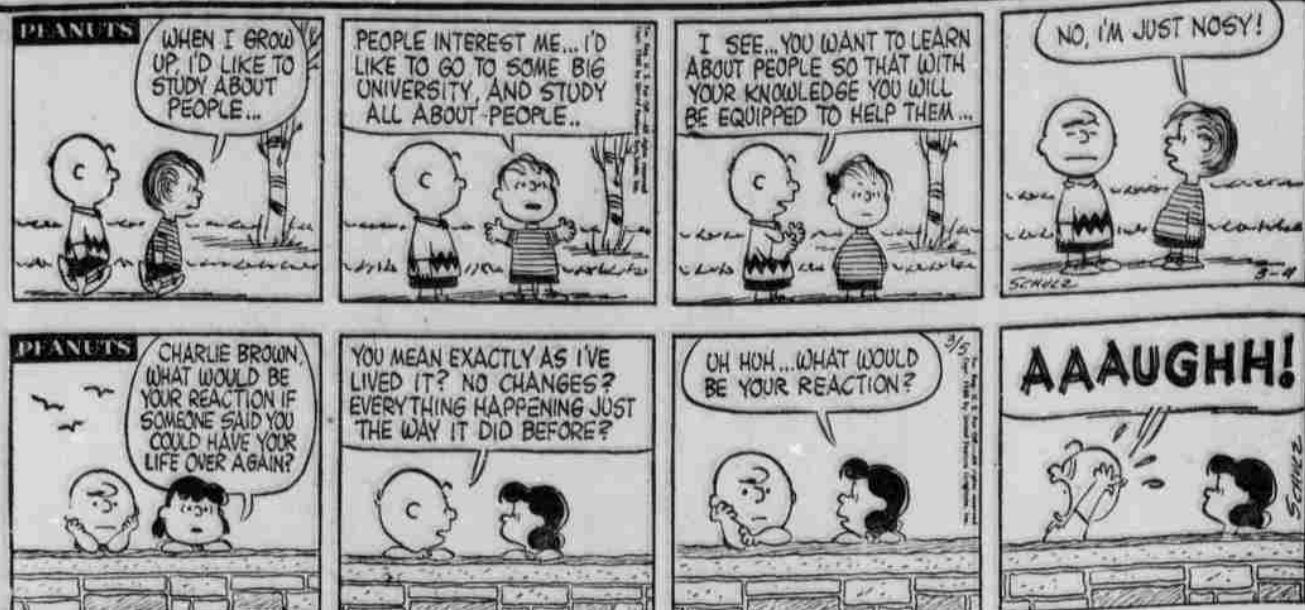
For instance, Freshmen Kernels don't seem to make too much noise at football games. Maybe it's that they follow the examples of many of their upperclass friends and keep tight-mouthed. Or maybe they're trying to show they're sophisticated by not getting shook during something as mundane as a sporting event.

But I'd like to see some method where we could save high school type enthusiasm—that University Freshmen still have—when NU goes out on the gridiron or the maple court.

There are dangers involved in practice for the Kosmet Klub Fall Show "Pajama Game" which will be presented at Pershing March 25 and 26.

One of the numbers, "This Is Our Once a Year Day," involves male cast members lifting female performers up to their shoulders.

One of the hearties strained, lifted his partner—and sustained a foot-long split in the back of his pants.



## Conservative Estimate

By John Hoerner

The Tribunal hears a case.

Its recommendations to the Dean of Student Affairs can be one of four — dismissal, conduct warning (a notation is made in a student's conduct and activities record), conduct probation (notation on record plus losing all activity, athletic or expulsion from school.



Hoerner

In the gap between conduct warning and expulsion from school there is a big need for a new or revised form of discipline.

Conduct probation hits hard at those who choose to enrich their university in service organizations, activities and athletics. At the same time it is no more than a slap with a feather at the student who chooses to spend his time in other pursuits.

This latter jolly fellow couldn't care less whether he is "on" or "off" and what's more probably doesn't even know if he's lost the little letter giving him the news.

It has been said that this situation is ideal for the reason that the athlete or activity jock is considered a leader "and as such shouldn't be breaking the rules. Thus the punishment is effective and just because it makes examples out of well-known individuals and discourages all, especially "leaders" from breaking the rules.

Even if one were to accept such a preposterous notion there remains the problem of what to do with the rake who doesn't give a that is, care.

Some reformers, eager to propose a solution have suggested publication of the Tribunal results including the names of the offenders.

This would, undoubtedly, instead of being a punishment, be a source of unbridled amusement and merrymaking by our care-free classmates and at the same time provide a constant source of sensationalism for the ever-waiting press.

Others have suggested taking into consideration the individuals activity and athletic record in making the Tribunal decision. This seems to be the best solution offered so far but as soon as it is uttered the air is filled with cries of "foul," "iniquity," "partiality," etc.

In criminal courts of law on the outside in cases of minor or intermediate infractions of the law there is usually an "and or" clause.

That's what the Tribunal needs, and "and-or" clause, conduct probation and-or what?

On the outside they have fines and jail. The wealthy individual who enjoys a secure place in society would be hurt little by a fine, he can be sent to jail if the court needs this punishment.

On the other hand a fine becomes very effective as you get into the lower income groups. You may even reach the point where a jail term doesn't hurt and then this time the court may sock them with both a fine and sentence if they feel it is warranted.

## On Campuses . . . n' Things

By Diana Maxwell

Didcha ever see a ghost cramming goes the version of the new lyrics to the old, old ditty.

Apparently somebody in the D.A.'s office in New York finally did, and behold a great discovery—college students cheat! It wasn't the pre-type "help" like



Diana

crawling into a locked office through the transom, or rifling a waste basket for the discarded ditto or chumming with the reader that made headlines everywhere—but big money-type operation where agencies provide just what every good graduate student needs—a solidly researched thesis.

The tip-off to this great scholar business according to Time magazine came through the efforts of a New York World-Telegram and Sun reporter who heard via a friend that he could get paid for term-paper writing.

Then the plot thickened. Contact of stand-in agency to wealthy but-lazy student was pretty open—like as open as the classified section of the revered New York Times.

These agencies can really take the bind off the over-worked student. Not only do they offer term papers and theses, but they will send a sit-in to take a rough exam.

The Sun reporter who unearthed his story by going to work for a thriving agency, got \$40 for taking a mental hygiene exam in a graduate class at Columbia

University. The reporter, Time says, was a C-plus student in his own undergraduate days, but whipped through this particular graduate exam with an A-minus.

Just what that proves, I don't know, but there must be something.

Agency files in one case disclosed that over the past three years, one ghost-jacket alone had provided at least eight theses for graduates, with fees ranging from \$350 to \$3,000.

And, lest those in the outside world point smug fingers at New York City, Time also mentions that agencies advertising in national periodicals attracted student business from as far off as Texas, Indiana and Alaska.

Probably nobody at Nebraska had enough money anyway . . .

In the same issue of Time a two-page spread spells out for the twentieth time the furious competition to get into good schools. Like how Yale will take 1,000 freshmen next year from 4,800 paid applicants.

It is all a part of the same story—the bachelor's is now practically a must for a man, and any socially acceptable girl must have played at college a bit. Somewhere in all the scurry to be doing what everyone else is doing, all the meaning from the term "education" disappears and instead the goal is a degree.

Small wonder if people cheat on a large scale when it is not met with rigorous censure from other students, when schools like ours tend to put the cheater on the head after a "firm talking to" and then send them in again . . .

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