

Editorial Comment:

Prepsters Must Begin College Planning Early

The search for a college to attend is rapidly becoming a rat race.

That is the opinion of Time magazine, which in its March 7 issue points that never before have so many sought college degrees—and never before has competition been stiffer.

One of the Time statements is that "By all the evidence, Americans will soon consider at least two years of college a social-economic necessity."

But as the quest for college education increases, so does the number of high school students graduated. The estimate is 1,800,000 for this June; about 2,300,000 in 1964; and by 1970 the number is likely to be 6,400,000—or even higher.

One of the characteristics of the new college boom will be tighter standards, especially in "name" schools. They no longer will be able to take everyone who seeks the name and prestige of enrolling in the school.

Consequently, Time says, other colleges will get the excess of the pile-up, which should bring them smiles. These schools will get the good students that favored campuses can't handle and so raise their standards.

And in turn, lesser colleges must improve or perish.

But as all these things culminate, the importance of choosing the right school becomes all the more important. Enrollment in a big name school won't matter much if the student doesn't fit in and consequently drops out—as 60 per cent of entering freshmen do, either to quit college

for good or to choose another.

Merely the psychological and environmental factors involved are costing students and the nation alike valuable time and money.

So planning must be started earlier in the prospective college student's career. Some educators feel that a college-capable child should be focusing on his goal in the eighth grade. This, they say, is none too soon to visit campuses and glance at application blanks.

And while looking around for a college, the high school student also must take a greater interest in his prep studies—merely to be able to meet entrance requirements and to form a basis for what it takes to get a college degree.

English, history, mathematics, science and foreign language are particularly prescribed to meet the battle of brains.

Choosing the right college nowadays involves more than going where your dad went or even making sure that a particular department is top notch. If the money is available, every prospective campus should be visited.

And besides the analysis of the college, it's becoming more important for the collegian to analyze his own abilities, temperament and aims. He must fit in socially as well as academically.

Time prescribes the following for the prospective college freshman:

Early preparation, steady saving, wise choosing—and resolution not to be stampeded in the rat race.

Classroom Courtesy Is Valuable

Courtesy always is a virtue.

It's valued in business, in the home, in personal relations—and should be in the classroom.

But in this latter area, unfortunately, it seems that the practice of courtesy is forgotten in respect to the instructor of the class.

British journalist Colin Jackson described the problem well when he visited the University last semester. To paraphrase, he said that at about two minutes before the bell is supposed to ring signaling the end of class, someone decides it's time to get ready to leave.

Students cough and feet shuffle.

By one minute before the bell, papers begin to rustle, notebooks close, ballpoint pens retract with their characteristic click.

The professor had just as well end his lecture; the students have decided it is over.

For whether he is finished or not, his audience is lost. Classroom courtesy has vanished and taken with it student respect for the instructor.

As Jackson noted, this is a curiously American characteristic, for a student's attention to the very end of a lecture is expected in European schools.

Perhaps part of the fault lies with the instructor in not making his lectures interesting enough to hold the class' attention for 50 minutes. And perhaps they should demand the respect due to them.

But it's up to the student to recognize his responsibility toward the instructor. The professor is a human being doing his job; a little courtesy on the part of his students would make the task easier.

Staff Comment

Balm and Sage

By Herb Probasco

Overheard in the Crib: "Well, what are you? Big I or little I?" "What are you talking about?"

To me, this just about sums up the kind of opposition you run into when a group such as Tom Eason and his small clan sets out to "organize" the Selleck Quadrangle. When an apparent independent isn't even aware of that which concerns him, you're running into a stone wall.

The gentleman who uttered the above reply may not be a Selleck resident; chances are he isn't. But, you can bet that there are plenty like him in the Quad who lack any interest in anything outside of their own little clique.

Since this whole issue of I's and I's came up, I have tried to stay clear of it, but rather than spout off to only a few students that I may reach without writing in the Rag, I will devote this week's column to my views on the whole, sordid mess.

It is difficult for me to take a non-partisan stand on this issue, as I am a personal friend of Mr. Eason as well as being affiliated with the Greek system. However, although I respect the intentions of those connected with the House Experiment in Long Range Planning (HELP), I cannot feel but that they are fighting a losing battle.

In the first place, on a campus like Ne-

braska's, with a strong Greek system that is respected as an integral part of campus life by those who support and are familiar with it, it becomes extremely difficult to organize a completely different group of any equal stature. True, there are many men in the Selleck Quad who belong in a fraternity, but for one reason or another are not affiliated. I would hesitate to believe that there is enough initiative and interest, however, to successfully support another system which would tend to be a stereotype of fraternities and sororities.

In the Ivy League schools and other so-called "prestige" colleges, where Greeks are of a lesser power than at other schools, great competition exists between the various men's residence halls. This provides a stimulating outlet for those who enjoy such rivalry.

As Mr. Eason points out, however, most of the I's are "frustrated fraternity men." The excuse he gives for not being in a fraternity, but instead wanting to organize the dorm, is that he feels Selleck can be organized without "mickey mouse" pledge-ship.

This is an out. If he can spend the time working to improve the ties between students in Selleck, he could be putting it to use in a fraternity, improving it as he would see fit.

I would be the last one to say that the Greek system cannot be improved. But only by being in a fraternity can it be strengthened, and this is where those who are in Mr. Eason's corner belong.

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... Forget it

By Dick Stuckey

Why does this white stuff keep falling down for?

I have always held that rotten days were good because no one could do so much like meetings and everything, but isn't it time we got done with having it snow? How about it, beautification committee of the Students Council, how about it? Unbeautify the area of all the granulated ice would you please unbeautify it?

Hint: Now that everybody cut out Religious Emphasis Week, you may have some trouble, but let's have some action. We're all now snowed already enough.

(Check them asterisks) So here we have this University here. Cool.

So all some odd eight thousand of us have come here to study and enjoy the fruits of a fabulous (that's what all the college kids say) inspirational wealth of knowledge the fruits of yeah.

So now the greatest era of each scholastic year is drawing nigh namely the time during which all campus organizations are rejuvenated so some more people can be officers in the mad rush to the Mayday scramble. And me, being a liar, apathet, and fascist would like to publish what all them initials in all them organizations really mean.

And like here we go now cousins.

AWS: Originally started by Agnes Wimple Sores in 1907 for the purpose of getting enough power to obtain phony Student Health permits so Agnes could get ointment for her sores, the AWS is now dedicated to better and bigger Coed Follies. Howzat?

AUF: Formed in 1834 for the purpose of integrating the Heart Fund and the Associated Lungs League, the AUF now is a morally righteous stepping stone to the Mayday Court. The letters stand for All Us Fones, and AUF is similar in operation to CARE, the Internal Revenue Department, and a company lunch picnic.

IFC: Started in 1935 on a drunk sponsored by several of those dirty old fraternities when several fellows turned to Lester Blister. All American boy-boy, and said they were starting a new organization, and what should they call it. Lester, out of his mind, was attempting to stifle an oral frustration repercussion, but failing, uttered, "ipfchx!"

"Fabulous!" said all the college kids, and they shortened it to "ifc." Turning again to Lester, they asked pray what did he think the objective of ipfchx, or ifc, should be, whereas Lester fell off his chair. "Cool, Lester," they all said. "You're subtle man—what a good head."

And from the floor we hear Lester's last words, "I, too, may be 'n inna-shunt!"

IWA: The Independence War Auxiliary. These girls send knitting and hot chocolate to the Big I's, and nasty notes to the littles.

The Big I's: This group's eyes are bigger than its bellies.

The Little I's: The eyes closest to the brains on the face of the campus. They are about the only ones who know that their \$120 is tuition, not dues. The I's have it! (Without signing the pink sheets, which need not be done).

KK: No relation to the old KKK in the South, except that everyone still fights over who gets to wear the robes and hoods.

NUCWA: Standing for "Naughty Ulysses—Caught With Alice!", this group got its start when Ulysses Wallace was caught mousing with Alice Moxie in Political Science 10. Wallace then started his own curriculum, the little sneak!

Pub Board: The board fee these members pay for spending all their time at the Pub.

ROTC: (Grab this) These letters originally stood for "Ready On Three (fellas) ... Charge!!!" This group

has now taken over the Girl Scout Cookie Drive and the DAR bake sale.

YR and YD: Two political clubs above campus politics, and far from national or state etc., except by a straight line to the Governor's Tea, and Someone's Founder's Dinner. These groups are organized for those who don't have time to read the paper. The letters stand for "You Rat, You're Done!", which I may be after the finale here ...

STUDENT TRIBUNAL: (With the rare exception of the chairman) A young adult Sunday School class proposed by the administration to console lonely hearts and scold naughty people. It functions through hearings, which are (as defined by the ST charter): "A gimmick where evil people must go and hear the pains of the University. Hearings shall proceed on the idea that one is guilty unless he can talk his way out (which isn't advised) or unless one has friends in the inner realm. Since a person cannot be tried for the same crime twice, hearings shall not investigate or be fair, but only prosecute."

The Student Tribunal is a substitute for a good old chewing out by the dean, except that here Girl Scouts get to chew the "naughtys" for the evils of the world. The Tribunal meets in Room 419 of the Administration Building, very close to the elevator shaft. Anyone interested in pushing this thing a little further, contact me and my men across the hall ... waiting.

(There's them asterisks again.) Huzzah. This is all. I shall now hide longly till the grass gets greenly.

But remember ... don't forget to sign up for an interview to see if you can be interviewed to obtain an application to get on the special Union Board committee to investigate the Faculty subcommittee on special Student Council committees on knuckle-busting, or ratchet throwing, or corn cracking or something.

Join something now and see the world from atop the Carillon Tower ... travel ... pay ... fun ... and a group therapy major.

And don't forget this, friends — Lester Blister's last words "You, too, can be an Innocent or something!!!"

Stamps Might Help Decrease Class Cuts

A dean at Henderson State Teachers College (Ark.) has come up with a new system of getting students to attend class, says the Henderson Oracle.

The dean suggests that schools begin giving stamps for class attendance. Upon filling a book of these stamps, students would be awarded gifts from stores downtown.

The dean suggested that stamps be given for grades.

The Oracle comments: "While this seems very improbable at present, several schools have had certain systems in awarding special letters or awards to students with special scholastic ability."

"One school in the northern states (unidentified) used the same lettering system as the athletic department in all departments. If a student made top grades in math classes, he received a sweater and letter signifying that he had lettered in math."

Date Card Filing

From the Iowa State Daily comes the comment of a women's dormitory so-

cial chairman that "a card file for fellows would be a wonderful idea."

Cards to be used by fraternity or house social chairmen, would provide information on whether or not the girl in question is attached, her interests, year in school and if she approves of blind dates.

The system saves a lot of footwork and time in finding girls to go on dates, says the Daily, but it adds a word of caution:

"Such a filing system helps students to have an enjoyable time, but doesn't necessarily help them in meeting their one and only."

Threat to Talent

A Fresno State College instructor in English and creative writing sees Madison Avenue as the principal threat to realization of the full potential of student literary talent, the Intercollegiate Press reports.

The instructor labeled the wave of publicity which skyrocketed the "beatniks" into nationwide popularity as the "Madison Avenue swindle."

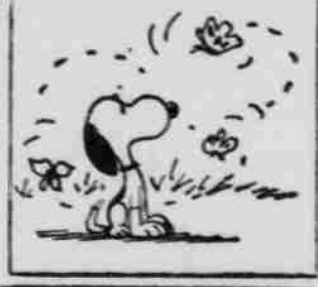
"The publicity given the so-called beat generation placed the prestige value of creative literature at a new low," he said. "In the past three semesters, three mothers have phoned me and asked that I discourage their 'Johnny' from entering the field of creative writing."

"Of course, I ignored their request," he added, "But it is an indication of the low esteem accorded writers of fiction and poetry. They are automatically identified with the North Beach set."

Job Interview

The Roth Packing Company will be on Ag Campus for interviews today with Ag majors who might be interested in permanent positions with the firm.

Interview times may be arranged in 206 Ag Hall.



Word search puzzle grid with words like BUREAU, BUREAU, BUREAU, etc.

KOOL CROSSWORD No. 8

Kool crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Advertisement for KOOL cigarettes featuring a cartoon character and the text 'When your throat tells you it's time for a change, you need a real change... YOU NEED THE MENTHOL MAGIC OF KOOL'.