

Editorial Comment:

'PJ Game' Was Great; Audience Somewhat Slim

The "Pajama Game" made a tremendous hit during its two-day run Friday and Saturday night at Pershing Auditorium, at least in every aspect except perhaps the financial one.

The two-night crowd was estimated at something like 2,000—a seemingly large number but one that should have been larger, not only for the interest of Kosmet Klub but for the general public and student body as well.

Nearly everyone who went to the show had nothing but praise for it; and although many people generally like to speculate on the weaknesses of such productions, there were few hints that so-and-so didn't play his or her part well.

Students who could afford it and missed the show should kick themselves for doing so; and if the Klub gets necessary clearance and decides to run the show later in Beatrice a trip there to see the production would certainly be worth the effort.

Perhaps one reason for the rather small crowds was the fact that a number of houses had social events scheduled for either Friday or Saturday evening.

And the expense of a house party or formal or something of that nature may expend most of the weekend social funds for some individuals. The houses can't be

blamed for scheduling events during one of the show nights since the activity calendar at this time of year is quite heavy.

But perhaps in upcoming years, the date for the spring show could be on the University calendar when it comes out early in the fall. It might be a good idea to make the dates similar to other All-University events such as the Military Ball, when house parties and such are forbidden for the evening.

It would probably boost the show and Kosmet Klub, which deserves a vote of thanks for putting on a production the University can be truly proud of.

As for the show itself, nothing but roses can be tossed the way of the players like George Mechling, Joe Hill, Norm Riggins, Bev Ruck, Amer Lincoln, Leanne Jensen, Paula Knepper, Sue Worley and the rest.

Musical director Bill Hatcher did a tremendous job; many observers felt that orchestration was one of the strongest parts of the show. Bill Baker, Donna Tebo Hays and Sally Hove did their jobs of technical directing and designing, directing, and choreography, respectively, to near-perfection—at least in the layman's estimate.

And certainly not to be forgotten are the Kosmet Klub members themselves—all the committee chairmen and workers and show chairman Jack Nielsen and his assistant Ross Greathouse.

They all spent many long hours working on sets, ticket sales, promotion and many "back stage ditties" which are just as responsible for a successful production as the terrific action on the stage.

It's certain "Pajama Game" will go down in Kosmet Klub's long history alongside "South Pacific" and "Good News" as one of its top achievements. It would be hard to imagine seeing a better production even with full-fledged professionals in every role.

Jubilee Is Great

From the sounds issuing from behind the stage curtain after the show, it was obvious that the Kosmet Klub show cast and crew were jubilant about their presentation.

The feeling of success is, no doubt, one of the most exciting and rewarding bits of show business — even on the college level.

From the Editor's Desk:

It Seems to Me . . .

By Carroll Kraus

Years ago, they tell me, you could always tell which college women had rich daddies by the type of clothes they wore.

For instance, their winter coats would be furs, even for classroom wear, and the other items of apparel were of equal taste and expense.

But now, the word is, that the exclusiveness is gone from the coed's wearing habits.

For instance, hundreds upon hundreds of 'em wear standard garb of trench coats, bulky white sox and canvas shoes.

Individuality is lost in the maze of camel hair coats.

And of course the same thing is often applicable to the male student, with his ivy cut clothing and all the rest that goes along.

But one of the most salient points about the whole situation is that you can be "mungy" and still popular, it seems.

The run on the white Army surplus light parkas this weekend is a good example of how, like Mr. Pusher said, something can be in for a while, then by reason of numbers becomes out.

More than 200 of the cheap (99 cents) hooded coats were sold the first day the Army store had its sale, informed sources tell me, and more orders had to be placed for the garments.

The many buyers of the coats say they're among the best bargains you could ever lay your hands on. Like they are good for spring afternoon outings (the purpose of which appears quite obvious), picnics, building Homecoming displays, lounging, etc., etc. (Once again, no payola involved here in extolling the virtues of the parkas.)

I wonder if the Defense Department ever could have speculated where some of their Army issues might end up?

Those who lightly laugh off the trials and tribulations of the "activity jock" should pay heed to the problems of Sylvia Bathe, chairman of the Union's talks and topics committee.



Kraus

A few days ago after a presentation of C. Northcote Parkinson which drew a SRO crowd in the Union Ballroom, Miss Bathe was dismayed to learn that a new member of her committee was unaware that the entire event had even taken place.

But Sylvia went back to the publicity was determined that no one would be left in ignorance about the next convocation presented by her group.

Day by day publicity plans were drawn—finally the big campaign started. The whole world was to know that April 1 was Cousins Convocation Day.

Campus papers, downtown papers, radio, 300 window cards, Union displays, 2,000 billfold cards, on and on the lists ran.

Then came the crushing blow. Miss Bathe dutifully trotted off early one morning recently to interview for Union committee chairmen.

Interviewees after interviewees — 35 of them—came before the committee. And then the truth was out. Only two of them knew of the coming convocation.

Sylvia is a brave girl, but her friends know horrendous tales of sleepless nights filled with a recurring dream—a huge Coliseum, the nation's number two speaker (in terms of drawing audience numbers), Sylvia Bathe and rows of empty chairs.

Time of the convocation? It's 11 a.m. this Friday. Classes will be dismissed so if anybody's reading this, come.

A life may depend upon you.

Last weekend, Sigma Delta Chi brought in Bill McGaffin, assistant Chicago Daily News bureau chief in Washington, for its annual spring initiation banquet.

Bill not only entertained the banquet audience with graphic stories of his many years as a foreign correspondent but with a lot of subtle humor as well.

One side comment he made reminded me of the Shelley Berman routine about modern flying.

McGaffin said when he went to the Washington airport to buy two tickets to Lincoln, the man ahead of him, apparently a veteran of many an airlift, made this provocative request: "Two chances to Chicago."



Daily Nebraskan Letterrips

HELP Program

To the Editor:

The situation in Selleck Quadrangle appears to be deteriorating to that of a large city—that is that you "can't fight city hall".

Some four or five weeks back, the administration of Selleck Quad flatly stated that it would allow nothing to be done by any organization which would affect the rights and privileges of the individuals living in the Quad. One may recall that this was in partial reply to the controversy resulting from the presentation to Quad Residents of five articles which outlined the H.E.L.P. (House Experiment in Long-range Planning) Program under the sponsorship of RAM (Residence Association for Men).

Recently a petition was presented to the RAM Council signed by more than 300 Quad Residents, which in effect requires that the basic legislation for the H.E.L.P. Project: i.e., whether it is to be or not to be; be presented to the residents for a vote.

Upon receipt of this petition the RAM Council appointed a committee to write this basic legislation — including a legal definition of H.E.L.P. This committee had a very short meeting (about 30 seconds in length) at which it was announced that the administration of the Quadrangle had confiscated the above mentioned petition and that there was no longer a reason for the committee to function.

The RAM Council should not appear to be anxious for the members of RAM, i.e., the residents, to be allowed to voice their opinion on the H.E.L.P. Project through an election. In the past publicity on this matter has been very unfavorable to the Council, and many Council members feel, and rightly so, that the H.E.L.P. Program would not be accepted through an election.

With this state of affairs the opinions of the residents seem to be biased oppositely from those of their representatives, the Council members. Which faction has more potential still seems to be controversy. Residents don't like to be pushed around, and yet it looks like they would squelch the opportunities offered by H.E.L.P., which caters to a finite minority.

The RAM Council should have had more faith in the residents by having the committee perform its duties. The residents should in turn approach the problem with a fresh unbiased view. If the administration actually did confiscate the petition, it shows that they, too, are concerned with the outcome of an election.

Even so, the Council should provide the residents with an election, merely because general opinion is in favor of it, as evidenced by the success of the petition in obtaining the required number of signatures. As for the administration, a confiscation action can only lead to worsened public relations within the Quad. Still they must protect the right of the individual.

But what of H.E.L.P.? It is said to be another house within RAM. The only difference is that the members are selected upon application, whereas other RAM houses are persons who live within a defined area. But a H.E.L.P. house must be within a defined area also — and where are we?

Residents are shifted around in the Quad so that one particular house will be more "active" than most others. Pity! This is the status quo — only in the past it occurred by chance, usually amongst

predominately "freshman" areas, such as Seaton I and II.

In many of the now somewhat "dead" houses, some residents, particularly upperclassmen, are potential "social lions." They have had their time well occupied in the past by their studies and are now blessed with more spare time, because of some reason which may or may not pertain to their ability in their major subject.

Also in the past, because of their industry in scholarship, they had not had much opportunity to become acquainted with their co-ed classmates. Now they have time and are interested — they need H.E.L.P., and they need it now.

But H.E.L.P. cannot help them, because the advantages of H.E.L.P. do not exist where they are.

Has RAM considered a program to aid these persons? RAM apparently has not. To have an organization within RAM which would have overlapping jurisdiction with the houses would, I have been told, be against the RAM Constitution. What will RAM do for these scholars?

No one knows, but it certainly is within RAM's jurisdiction (and purpose) to provide a program to augment a weak house program. In any organization the purpose should take precedence over the method.

Hence, if the purpose of RAM is to provide to the residents a means toward social organization at the University, why can it not accept an augmentation program? Let's hope that it will — and that conditions at "city hall" can be improved.

John W. Hartung

Demonstrations

To the Editor:

It is regrettable that the editorial voice of The Daily Nebraskan has taken such an archaic position to the problem of equal rights of fellow human beings. Half hearted compromise with such anti-human interests as those represented in Congress are hardly sufficient for a country which claims to be the advocate of individual dignity and freedom.

It should also be pointed out that there is a difference between "protest dem-

onstrations" and "revolt" which the editorial treated as synonymous. Protest demonstrations in this case, and in general, call attention to unequal application of ideals, rights, etc., while revolt might erroneously lead the reader to believe that the considered question is of debatable validity.

Further, demonstrations are legitimate and effective means of voicing support to certain convictions.

K. H. Flaming

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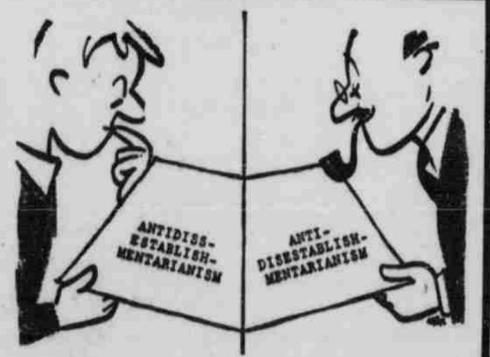
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