Editorial Comment:

Ivy Day Tradition High, Interest Sometimes Low

This weekend marks that time of year which probably holds the most memories for the majority of University graduates, which probably is the most exciting to more undergraduates than any other, perhaps save the splashy Homecoming weekend in the fall.

It might be said that the annual events of the Ivy Day weekend make up the greatest part of that intangible of Nebraska "tradition."

Spring Day of course is relatively new. It along with Ivy Day and the many other events of the weekend—the Student Union Birthday party, Engineering Week, reunions, banquets—provide for fun and entertainment as well as mystery and tradition.

Probably the biggest event of the entire weekend, however, in the minds of the majority of the students is the afternoon of Ivy Day, when the mystics of Innocents Society and Mortar Board tackle and mask their successors.

Perhaps this is the proper thing; three years of hard work in activities and with the retention of at least a relatively high degree of scholastic success deserves a hand of applause.

The mystery of the choices especially excites interest which draws big crowds to the maskings and tacklings.

Yet generally numbers are quite meager during other ceremonies on Ivy Day. Entrance of the Ivy Day Court and crowning of the May Queen, it would seem, would stir up more interest than it does, especially among the coeds of the University.

But the majority of the spectators at the morning Court ceremonies generally are parents and relatives of the royalty. Student response is low.

Next come the Men's and Women's Ivy Day sings. These events, it seems, should draw the greatest number of observers—those who want to see their group in action singing and cheering for a win, whether out of interest in the job done or merely out of loyalty to the group.

But the student number really doesn't start to bunch up until the mystics get ready to reveal the junior honorees.

It is hoped this year that the student body remembers that Ivy Day is NU's big day of tradition. Hundreds of us cry for the lack of tradition on this campus, yet when the day of highest tradition arrives, half the events are forgotten so stayed away from in droves.

Ivy Day is a day for students, hence student participation would be expected to be high.

As mentioned above, this weekend is one of the biggest all-around for the campus, yet it would seem that more could be made of it, not so much on the student side, but for prospective University students and the general public.

A few years ago, not only the engineering departments but nearly every University department set up displays and took part in a campaign to "sell" the University to prospective students and the public.

The plan has been abandoned, but has been a topic of debate recently by at least one University service roganization. A lot of planning, a whole year, is involved, but it could produce a wealth of results.

The Ivy Day weekend would be the ideal time for such an event. The drawing power would be there and increased. And the many parents and others who annually come could see the results of student work and University progress both at the same time.

Setting up this addition to the Ivy Day weekend would take a host of time, liasion and cooperation. But then the University might possess an annual event with the fame of Veishea at Iowa State or C. U. Days at the University of Colorado.

If that is what we want, we have the means to achieve it

Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 300 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

AUF Retorts

To The Editor:

The reason that AUF would not **solicit** for the Freedom Fund of the NAACP is simply that it **could** not. AUF was formed originally for the sole purpose of stopping that persistent "knock-on-the-door." It **solicits** only for those charities which have first been presented to the students for their approval. This is AUF's purpose—this is AUF's constitution. For this reason, AUF conducts only one student drive per year.

Why would AUF not **permit** the SCC to **solicit** for the Freedom Fund?

1) Regardless who is doing the solicitation, would it be fair to you, the students, to be contacted at this time? Is this what you want? We do not care, as Mr. King says "what the student body will think of us." We only care that the student body thinks.

2) Is this an emergency? Hasn't the Freedom Fund already collected enough money to support the immediate cause? Why couldn't they wait until fall?

3) Why is not every Negro in the city of Lincoln entirely upset by this plea? Upset enough to raise money themselves and do something about it? Less than 10% of the Lincoln Negro population belong to the NAACP, Rev. Everett S. Reynolds, membership chairman of the Lincoln branch of the NAACP told AUF.

4) What would happen to your money if there were no longer a need for fine money and bailing fees? "Your money would not be returned," stated Rev. Reynolds in the Thursday night meeting. We can well assume that it would then go into the general purse of the NAACP. Do you know for what you would be contributing?

Perhaps it is true that AUF became unnecessarily involved, in the fundamentals of parliamentary procedure. Precisely, what has that to do with the plea by the Freedom Fund? They were given more than enough time and opportunity to air their case.

A representative for the SCC was even allowed to stay in a **closed session** of AUF. (A closed session implying confidential proceedings). If this is not democratic, we are certainly living under the wrong definition of the term. AUF took two different meetings to carefully consider the cause of the Freedom Fund.

Several suggestions were offered to the SCC.

1) If students really want to give to this cause, they can certainly make the effort to take the elevator to the third floor of the Student Union and somehow locate the YWCA office. They might even mail a check.

2) It was promised that AUF will place the Freedom Fund on the fall poll. Naturally, the Freedom Fund will be thoroughly investigated by the Better Business Bureau before even being submitted to the students. It will then be a simple matter of gaining student consent before taking action.

We ask you. What is the purpose of AUF if it is not an organizing and protecting body to help you? Is this, Mr. Else, such a trivial job? Perhaps you would just as soon be barraged by the ever-present "knock-on-the-door."

Gail Simon
Vice-President of Publicity, All-University Fund

'Y' Will Hold Breakfast

Tickets are now available for the May Morning Breakfast, May 1, an annual event sponsored by the YWCA.

Mothers and advisroy board members will be guests of student members of the organization.

What to Say:

'Watch Your Tongue While You're Home'

Editor's Note: From the Kansas State Collegian comes this bit of advice from columnist Eldon Miller on what to say to parents before going home for spring vacation. It was his answer to a charge that Kansas University students were fostering poor relations for the school.

Before you kiddies start for home and the long vacation, Mother Miller would like to give you some advice.

Now, you're going to do a lot of talking while you're home, and it's important for the good of the school that you watch your tongues.

Several weeks ago James Gunn, the administrative assistant for Kansas University relations, said NU students were fostering poor relations for that school.

"If students spoke honestly about the University, we would have better public relations," Gunn said.

That's the trouble with our institution. The administrators don't dictate what we should say when we go home. Consequently, we have no quality here like they're trying to develop at Kansas University.

Mimeographed sheets of what to say when answering parents embarassing questions should have been distributed by the administration. Since this hasn't been done, I'M going to give you answers to questions you might be asked.

And remember, you may disagree with these answers at time, but give them anyway. They're the "favorable" answers, you might say. They're the kind of answers that will let people know this school is interested in quality.

Question: "Why, son, you're home already."

Answer: "Kansas State University is a fine institution with fine buildings taught by a fine faculty in fine buildings."

Question: "Care for some more of ma's cherry pie?"

Answer: "Outstanding administrative supervision provides each student with an excellent balance of study and recreation."

Question: "How are you doing in your college courses?"

Answer: "My name is John Henry Quirt. I am a sophomore in mechanical engineering at Kansas State University. That is all I'm required to answer according to University law."

Staff Comment

Balm and Sage

By Herb Probasco

Once upon a time there was a gentleman whom, for the lack of a better name, we shall call Dick Hardy. Mr. Hardy was the organizer, sole member, president and what-have-you of an organization known as the Camera Club of Nebraska.

Thursday afternoon of last week he appeared at the office of the Daily Nebraskan with an article about a contest being sponsored by this club (at which time seemed to be a legitimate organization) involving six coeds. These girls were supposedly finalists for the title of "Miss Nebraska Poise Queen." The queen, as Mr. Hardy explained it, would be selected by vote of the members of the Camera Club at their convention in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Hotel, April 29, this coming Friday and also Spring Day.

Probasco

As further proof, Mr. Hardy pulled a trophy out of a sack which would be awarded to the queen. I would roughly estimate the value of the trophy at $8 to $10.

Saturday, I found a note on my desk that said the Camera Club convention had been cancelled and that there would be no contest for Miss Nebraska Poise Queen. So, that was that. At least until last night when a fellow columnist and one of the "canddidates" approached me with the information that the whole convention and contest was a big hoax, planned and executed by Mr. Hardy.

This "candidate" told me that when she returned to the sorority house Thursday night, there was a message for her that she was one of the six finalists for the title of "Miss Nebraska Poise Queen." Now, this seemed a little odd to her, since she had not been notified earlier that she was even an entrant in the contest, let alone a finalist.

She didn't pay any attention to the first message, but when she received two messages Friday saying that it was important that she call him about the contest, which she did. But, instead of getting him, she found out that he had left the phone number of the parents of a friend of his, who told the "candidate" that they didn't know anything about the contest.

When she did get in touch with Mr. Hardy, he told her that she should appoint a representative in the house who would be given 10 tickets to sell to other girls in the sorority at 50 cents apiece, each ticket worth a vote at the convention. The "candidate" did appoint a representative, but said she would not ask the girls to buy ticktts.

During this conversation Mr. Mardy explained to the "candidate" that another member of the "club," who lived in the dorm, had started the idea for the contest and although he said he was not completely in favor of the idea, Mr. Hardy said he had decided to go ahead with it. At this time, the "candidate" thought the whole mess sounded a little fishy.

The next day, Saturday, Mr. Hardy's roommate stopped by the sorority house to see the "candidate and explain to her that the whole affair was a hoax club, convention, contest and everything.

Mr. Hardy came back to the sorority later that afternoon to discuss arrangements with the "candidate's" representative. However, the "candidate" had told her not to have anything to do with the contest, since it was a hoax. With this confronting him, Mr. Hardy told the "candidate" that if one was dropping out of the contest, perhaps it would be best to cancel the affair.

He then wanted to know how he could tell the rest of the girls that the contest had been called off. The "candidate" told him just to say that the convention had been cancelled. She added, however, that the rest of the girls would probably smell something fishy no matter what excuse he gave them.

Mr. Hardy said he was going to also cancel a story in one of the local papers and take the trophy out of the Student Union where it had been on display.

With that, he was never heard of again. So, my friends, that's the story of one of the bigger hoaxes in a while as far as campus hoaxes go The amazing part of the whole story was the fact that one unknown gentleman could get away with what he did for as long as he did. Ah, well, it makes for variety, and variety is the spice of life—or so they tell me.

Journalists Will Attend Ad Program

Two University School of Journalism advertising students have been selected to attend the 15th annual College Awards Program in St. Louis this week.

The two Nebraskans who will attend are Ron Furse and Mary Lu Keill. They will be accompanied on the trip by journalism advertising professor Conrad Hill.

Advertising Club spokesmen said that the University representatives would have an opportunity to hear and discuss operations of advertising agencies and company advertising departments, national manufacturers and retail department stores.

They will also meet and talk to advertising executives from all levels of the profession.

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12. Don Linden's first name
13. Fig (French)
14. Less than a goat
15. Sweetie's last name
16. Lots, in paper talk
18. Make a ___ change to Kool
19. Pontoon Milley
20. You need help
23. They're the last word
24. Tough knot to crack
27. You'll ___ a real change with Kool
30. Alexander's land
34. Swiftly
35. Flake out
36. Little governor
37. Plowed land
41. Museum piece
42. Description of Kool package (3 words)
45. Raison d' ___
46. Middle of Dinah
47. This comes soon
48. Juan, Amarillo, Cornell
49. Visa on
50. Kiss and make up

DOWN

1. Longhair
2. Resorted to low humor
3. Wicker
4. The Frexy
5. They're bound to spread
6. Dude, like
7. Closed
8. Outlies
9. Surpasses
17. Only Kool gives you real Menthol ___
18. French gal's name
20. Kools ___ the brand for you
21. Ego's alter ego
22. Understand
25. Sizable saline solution
26. Heart penetrant
27. Horsed around, but petulantly
28. City with wine in the middle
29. There's one in the town
31. Fair, lovable chick
32. Best buy your Kools by it
33. For this you gotta reach
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