

EDITORIAL OPINION

'Huskers Fight' But Not Each Other at Rallies

Pep rallies are designed to promote spirit, but judging from last Friday's exhibition of "spirit", it appears most University students are interpreting that the purpose of rallies is to provide an excuse for organized mass hysteria.

Why does everyone take "Huskers fight" so literally???

Blood practically ran in the streets Friday as fraternity pledges trampled the crowd to get their banners to the front of the Union patio where the cheerleaders, band and Corn Cobs stood.

One ambitious pledge, after scaling the wall and dragging mud across the cement stage, was asked to leave so that the Cobs' banner contest judging could commence. The undaunted fellow pushed aside the Corn Cob who asked him to clear the stage and shouted "All the rest of the fellas in the fraternity are up there; one more won't make any difference."

Unfortunately, even school spirit must submit to Greek Competition before it can be enthusiastically created. The idea of making a banner to promote the team is overshadowed by a desire to beat another fraternity or sorority out of a little \$2 trophy. "Who cares how we win, just so we win?" Often it means tearing up your next door neighbors' sign or cold-cocking some guy with a two-by-four, but if you can win, why it's all very cricket.

If this is spirit, may we lose every football game. We don't deserve to win.

When Greeks would rather prove what a tough pledge class they have than what a tough football team they have, then the cause for a rally is gone.

Promoting a banner is easy; anybody with half a muscle could help carry one. But promoting a football team is a little bit more difficult. There's nothing material to hold on to. You can't nail a desire to win to a pole and carry it over your head or beat a fellow-Husker with it, but you can shout it at a rally or sing it at a game. Nobody will turn and say "they won the trophy for the fourth time in a row." The remark is more likely to be "they're true Huskers."

It's really not a crime to have your group identity lost in that of Big Red.

If organized enthusiasm for dear old Nebraska U. is too difficult a concept for us to grasp, then let's forget rallies, let's abolish football games and just hold a plain old free-for-all in the stadium every Saturday afternoon at 2.

This would be a lot easier for all the people who work to plan what they feel is good sportsmanship even though it might be a tad more costly in terms of fractured skulls, broken legs and bloody noses.

Either Successful IFC Ball or None

The Interfraternity Council social chairman has reported that to have a successful IFC ball this school year, it will be necessary again to assess each fraternity man \$2, thus insuring financial backing.

This method of guaranteeing the ball was introduced last year after previous balls had failed financially due to the lack of attendance.

Last year the attendance improved and although it didn't meet with hoped for success, it was an enjoyable affair and met its financial obligations. Even when they were paying for a ticket though, fraternity men did not support it as one might expect. This in spite of the fact that all houses voted for the assessment.

So far, the only explanation for the lack of attendance at the ball has been that since it is a University registered function, no liquor is allowed. At other schools where the same social rules apply, the IFC ball is a huge success and a much heralded event. It is a rather sad rut we are in if a good time must be governed by a bottle. If this is not the reason for such little support, what other is there? Certainly \$2 a couple is a cheap enough price to pay for the quality of entertainment provided. Chances are, it is as cheap a dance as any during the year.

However, if when voting on the proposed assessment, fraternity members cannot cast their ballot in favor of such a move without full intention of supporting the ball themselves, it seems senseless to continue this event and the proposal should be defeated.

Honors Program A Sound Step

The selective honors program inaugurated this year by the College of Agriculture for outstanding freshman students is a fine gesture by the University to provide a qualified program for the gifted student.

This type of a program is especially necessary at a state university where nearly every applicant must be accepted and therefore a wide range of abilities occurs.

The specific aims of the program are for the student to proceed more rapidly in his educational program, for the student to be counseled on a concentrated, individual basis and for the student to center interest on an area to which he is most attracted.

It is significant that this is among the first of any such program for an agriculture college in the country. However, agriculture has long been a field ripe for more research.

Fortunately, this program is being supported by the Faculty Senate which is also encouraging its adoption in all colleges of the University. We would second this and hope that the University follows suit with this much needed type of educational advancement.

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"I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH IKE"

AROUND THE CAMPUSES

Texas A&M Rallies at Midnight Following All-University Dance

Students at Texas A&M have a different sort of first rally from that here at the University. On the night before their first game with Texas Tech, there was a three-hour dance for couples at the Cafe Rue Pinalie, a University sponsored activity. Afterwards, at midnight, was an all-University yell practice.

Need some money? Buy a printing press!

With these thoughts in mind, two students at Texas A&M did buy a press and have already received more orders than they can handle. They are printing Christmas cards, business cards, wedding invitations and personalized stationery.

At Iowa State, 1960 Greek Week festivities began with a snake dance around sorority circle to the armory, where there was a talk on the future of the Fraternity System.

The Student Activities Board at Kansas State University reports 65 student organizations are on proba-

tion with them for not filing organizational reports.

These reports were due last spring. Organizations on probation may not meet in the Union or have social functions approved.

Sixty countries will be represented among the 310 foreign students this fall at Iowa State University. Canada has the most students of any of the countries: 41.

Indian students on campus nearly doubled their numbers this fall, with a total near that of Canada's. There are also 24 Japanese students and 32 Formosans at Iowa State.

The Iowa State Library negotiates an annual book program with countries behind the Iron Curtain. Lists of available material are sent to the countries participating, in exchange for their lists. In this manner, a constant exchange of publications and information is maintained.

Students at Iowa State have a special way of assuring good grades on examinations. The Memorial Union fountain is now being

used for pitching pennies and making wishes.

The end has come to exchanging activity cards to get friends into football games, unless Iowa State students can outwit photographers.

All student identification cards will have a photograph of the owner. A main advantage for the students will be having a better means of identification for cashing checks.

Members of Farmhouse, Alpha Kappa Lambda and Alpha Chi Omega at Iowa State had rather unusual rush weeks this year.

None of the three houses have permanent housing at the time. Farmhouse has been using a home management house because their fraternity house was partially destroyed by a fire in January.

Alpha Kappa Lambda is a local scheduled to go national which has a small headquarters. Alpha Chi Omega was recently colonized, and has plans for a house next year.

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Staff Views

BOVINE VIEWS

by Jerry Lamberson

"Bovine Views" will be a regular column designed to give a thorough coverage of the Ag campus and acquaint the readers with its activities, events and happenings.

Perhaps the best way to begin a new column is to look for something new to happen. Ag campus has many new things this fall but one particular one falls in the activity category. This activity was a pre-d party on Sept. 20.

Faculty and students both realized that many times it was difficult to get freshman to take a good look at the campus and to meet the faculty. With this in mind the faculty, with the aid of the Ag Union, began last spring to plan for the party.

The faculty decided that each freshman should view each department and get a brief of the idea of the projects carried on in each one.

Under the direction of Foster G. Owens, professor of dairy husbandry, the faculty mapped out the plan of a progressive party where each freshman would visit each department for 15 minutes. To keep it a party type idea, the faculty decided that each department would give the freshman a food which represented some phase of their department.

Tuesday night more than 200 confused Ag freshman massed to the Ag Union where the Union board and chairman acted as guides for the tour.

Also new on the Ag campus this year is the co-educational dorm in Burr Hall.

At first glance, especially ones made by the coeds' parents, it appears that such a situation would not be advisable. But a further look at the new program can convince one that it has every possibility to be a success.

The two wings of Burr Hall are only connected by a lobby on the lower floor. The second and third floors do not join in any way. Therefore the only possibility of trouble seems to lie via the lobby.

University officials seem to sense any possible trouble and has the lobby and each floor stocked with counselors and advisors. Distinct signs marking the men's and the women's areas are on each section and violation of these signs carries a heavy penalty.

This penalty, dorm dismissal with a possible school expelling, was proposed by University officials. Therefore the lobby is the only common ground between the sexes.

This coed program should have every possibility of being successful. With coeds only a lobby away, the male students will be sprucing up their manners and appearance trying especially hard to please the girls.

And as a last reminder I must say, "Huzzah for the coed dorm, let's try to make this a campus wide movement."

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