

EDITORIAL OPINION

Fraternities Need To Show Maturity

A rather weak solution to the problem facing the fraternity system is offered in the Letterip column today by "Publius."

We would disagree with his opening statement, "To drink or not to drink—a question each person decides for himself on the basis of his own beliefs." To an extent there is truth to such reasoning. But in regard to the fraternity system there is also the question that faces the unsuspecting freshman when he pledges, of whether he should do what most of the guys are doing—drinking—or whether he should risk the chance of being regarded by the group as odd ball because he prefers not to drink. It is possible for the individual to choose the latter and remain a "good joe" in the minds of the others. However, it seems the easier way out is to drink whether you really enjoy it or not, just so you save yourself the embarrassment of having to explain that you are not a prude, you just don't like the taste of alcohol.

One of the tragedies of the Greek system is that it saps you of your individualness and makes a stereotype out of you. This is not the case with everyone, but unless you have what it takes to retain your personal identity, you fall in line just like the rest of the group.

But we digress. Publius says the IFC "does not have the power to legislate in the field of personal morality," in reply to an earlier column which appeared in the Daily Nebraskan. This is hardly the issue, as in the cases where the IFC would deal if it were given the power, they would be instances where an individual has broken the law and personal morality would have no bearing.

Publius's solution requires little if any cooperation from the fraternities. He would place the burden on the shoulders of the University administration. He suggests a more tolerant attitude toward drinking and calls for kegs on the lawns on Friday afternoon with the drinking supervised.

How do you supervise drinking, we ask? Will there be a proctor assigned to each house? Will each member have a quota based on the amount of beer he can consume without becoming disorderly?

Finally, Publius says, "It is to the University's advantage to work amicably with the Greek system, its people and its customs." Is this a threat or just a polite suggestion that there will be more cooperation on the part of fraternities if Adminky Hall gives in a little?

If the system possesses the maturity which it boasts of, let it give a little and show that it desires to remain a wholesome part of the University community.

Staff Views

BOVINE VIEWS

by Jerry Lamberson

Ag Executive Board action Wednesday night may serve as a warning of what the group can do with other Ag organizations if they fail to heed the executive constitution.

The official dismissal of the Ag Economics Club may be an ice-breaker and other organizations may be caught napping too, unless they keep steady representation on the Ag Board.

Reason for the dismissal of the Ag Econ club was that it had more than two unexcused absences from Ag Executive meetings last year and that it failed to show interest in doing anything about its unexcused absences.

Action taken by the board shows a new trend that the board might finally live up to its potential of legislating campus activities. Prior to this, organizations knew that the board usually failed to carry through any plans and therefore paid little attention to the board.

Now that the board has demanded the respect of the other organizations on Ag campus, it looks as if there might be a culminated effort to encourage such projects as a new Union and active participation of students in organizations.

Just what the Ag Econ Club lost when it was excused from the board may seem nothing at first. But the fact that the board is finally on the move may

itself be a stunning blow to the Econ Club.

The club said it was different than most of the organizations on Ag campus because its primary concern was to inform and discuss Ag economics rather than to take part in activities such as contests and barbecues.

But it seems that the club has been a little mistaken in its thinking that the Exec Board as only a go-between in activities to assure that organizations would not have activities occurring at the same time. Scheduling activities is only a part of the duty of the board.

This board must promote better relations among the Ag organizations as well as to encourage new activities, promote student-faculty relations and to help each club secure its necessities in order to exist. Increased membership in all the organizations as well as equal opportunity to enter in campus activities is also legislated by the Exec Board.

Ag campus has taken a new safety measure this year. The old narrow sidewalks along the Food and Nutrition building are gone and in their place are walks wide enough to take the student population to and from class each day.

The old sidewalks were so narrow that many of the students had to walk in the street. And so another hazard of the Ag campus was avoided before tragedy struck.

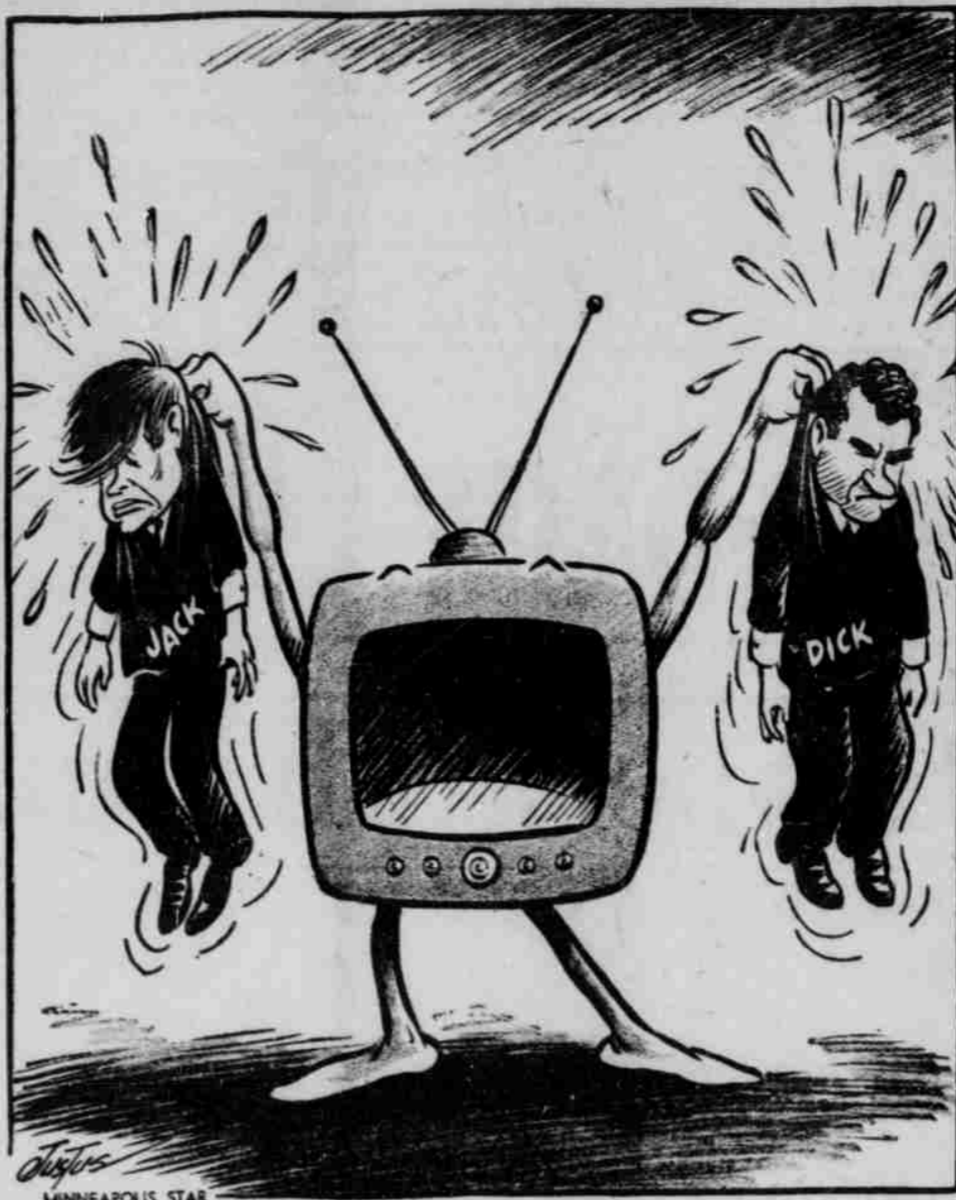
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THE WINNER!

Strictly Partisan

By Sam Jensen

Let's take leave of the negative and speak in affirmative tones today.

Although it may not be as interesting as dissecting political personalities, let's look at the Republican Party and what it stands for in 1960.

The Republican party is in the minority. Republicans in Congress are outnumbered two to one. Until recently, it could not count for any support from a large geographic area of the United States — the South.

The philosophy of Republicanism is admittedly less "promising" than that of its opposition — and yet, I believe that the GOP is becoming stronger.

Why is it that the Republican road is not always the easy way?

Republicans must recognize that at times they seem to be bucking popular opinion at high tide for there is little appeal in self denial as an alternative to what appears to be something for nothing and government guaranteed security.

When the GOP elephant moves positively against the threat of inflation, Republicans are accused of being preoccupied with balanced budgets, of being negative when opposing unessential spending programs, and of having a narrow bookkeeping attitude towards our nation's problems.

I believe this: There can be no more positive program for a party than to try to save this nation from the potential disaster of inflation and habitual spending beyond our income.

We must make the market system work. We must not set it aside in favor of government dictation. We reject the Democrat idea of a government planned economy. We reject the way of Norman Thomas and of creeping socialism.

Republican leadership in election years which have mass voter appeal. It would be easy for Mr. Nixon to appear before the unions and promise what the unions want; to appear before farmers and promise them everything they want, to tell business that it shall be protected. But unlike his Democrat rival, Mr. Nixon does not attempt to be all things to all men at different times. He does not have a civil rights program in the North which is different from the one he has in the South.

I do not believe it is to be opposed to progress to attempt to stabilize the currency. I believe with President Eisenhower that in times of prosperity we should attempt to pay off our national debt rather than saddle our children with our expenditures.

Speaking at the Republican National Convention, President Eisenhower said: "When government must

undertake a program, we look wherever possible to the state and local governments. The Federal government undertakes only those necessary tasks which cannot otherwise be accomplished."

He also said:

"Inflation — the most insidious and cruel form of taxation ever devised — drove prices up 48 per cent in the previous administration thus robbing millions of our people of their savings and purchasing power. In the last seven and one half years, we have succeeded in keeping the total price rise below eleven per cent."

Unlike the Democrats, the Republican Party believes in America. We do not try to bribe the American people with a platform that promises "To each according to his greed."

Republicans want a strong America made up of strong, healthy educated people — but, our propos-

als for securing forever this end may not be as "promising" as those of Jack Kennedy and his friends from Harvard University.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Nixon said:

"We must never forget that the strength of America is not in its government but in its people."

Nebraskan Letterip

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Calls for Kegs On The Lawns

To the editor:

To drink or not to drink — a question each person decides for himself on the basis of his own beliefs. It is not decided for him by his fraternity, the IFC and too frequently, not even the state law.

The Satyr implies that the IFC should take action to remedy the drinking situation. I think he is paying great lip service to an untenable proposition. The IFC does not have the power to legislate in the field of personal morality. Fraternity men would not stop drinking under threat of punishment by the IFC. They would merely take greater pains to hide their indiscretions.

What do I offer as a solution? Let the University realize that people are going to keep on drinking and try to take a more tolerant attitude. Bring it out into the open. Let the fraternities have kegs on their lawns Friday afternoon. Supervise the drinking. Make it known that it is a privilege granted to responsible people, and the privilege will be respected.

It is to the University's advantage to work amicably with the Greek system, its people and its customs. Publius

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