

THE UNIVERSITY

Progress and Optimism Reign

BY TOM EASON

In stark contrast to the turmoil of the cold war, a review of the semester now in progress at the University cannot help but promote a valid optimism for the year ahead.

KEY PEOPLE

The basic motivation for this inspiring upsurge is a core of forward looking people, most of whom have risen through the ranks of organization and learned much along the way.

KEY PROJECTS

Through the hard work of John Nolon on the Fraternity Management Association plan and the Triangle colonization, the IFC has shown more genuine interest in the welfare of its members than at any time in recent history.

Convention plans of the Residence Halls Regional beginning tomorrow and the Big 8 Student Council in December heighten prospects for the year.

Growth is the key word for the decade. Dormitory construction will change the complexion of the city campus as the Nebraska Center has changed ag campus.

The entire University is moving smoothly ahead. I, for one, am proud to be a student during this remarkable time.

SATYR

By Dick Masters

With the recent influx of disputes arising under civil liberty rights, and the sensationalism of the Freedom Riders, lunch-counter sit-ins, and school integration, one can only wonder what action the courts and administrative officials will take in the field of fraternity and sorority membership.

Certainly the situation at Wake Forest where five national sororities lost their charters as a result of national intervention will bear watching. This case is going to have some impact on other campuses although I see no problem for Nebraska in the immediate future.

What exactly is the role of the national in the pledging of members on a local level? When the "white clause" is dropped from the constitution, is it necessary to test this legislation? Is it unconstitutional for denying membership in a private club on the basis of racial discrimination?

These questions are being decided now by courts, deans, and national fraternity officials. Unfortunately, as you might guess, there seems to be a divergence of opinion. You can bet that the five houses at Wake Forest are wondering where to turn for a final answer in the matter.

This is a strange situation of dual jurisdiction. In most cases, nationals are

staunch supporters of regulations and restrictions set down by the administrations. But here it is quite possible that that support might be withdrawn.

Hence, if trouble arises concerning discrimination, a fraternity loses whether it do or it don't. Sorta smarts don't it?

If you were reading this in hopes that earth-shaking answers would be divulged, I'm about to disappoint you. It is merely the opinion of this columnist (and does not necessarily represent the views of the sponsor) that administration should have no voice in the matter of membership. Even an attempt to insure the autonomy of the specific chapter should be regarded as an overstepping of bounds.

It is inherent in the free enterprise system that individuals have the right to do business with whom they please. The right to form groups and assemble is certainly ours under the Constitution. From these premises, I would draw the conclusion that private clubs have the right to include and exclude and in the case of nation-wide groups on the basis of decisions of that entire body.

Perhaps this surmising is a bit premature in Nebraska since no issue has arisen; but what affects colleges and college people even in isolated cases may be of importance to our individual school in the near future.

Like this is just what I been saying to all you people out there. Know the issue and be awake.



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"He indicated in his response to our invitation, however," said Muenster, "that he would like to make an appearance at the University and suggested that the invitation be extended again the early part of next year."

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THE TRUE AND HARROWING FACTS ABOUT RUSHING

It is well enough to sit in one's Morris chair and theorize about sorority rushing, but if one really wishes to know the facts, one must leave one's Morris chair and go out into the field.

But I digress. I was saying that in order to know the true facts about sorority rushing, one must go into the field and investigate. Consequently, I went last week to the Indiana College of Spot Welding and Belles Lettres and interviewed several million rods, among them a lovely lass named Gerund McKeever.



They pledged more girls than they had room for.

But I digress. I was interviewing a lovely coed named Gerund McKeever. "Gerund," I said, "were you rushed by a sorority?"

"Yes, mister," she said, "I was rushed by a sorority."

"Did they give you a high-pressure pitch?" I asked. "Did they use the hard sell?"

"No, mister," she replied. "It was all done with quiet dignity. They simply talked to me about the chapter and the girls for about three minutes and then I pledged."

"My goodness!" I said. "Three minutes is not very long for a sales talk!"

"It is when they are holding you under water, mister," said Gerund.

"Well, Gerund," I said, "how do you like the house?"

"I like the house fine, mister," she replied. "But I don't live there. Unfortunately, they pledged more girls than they have room for, so they are sleeping some of us in the bell tower."

"Isn't that rather noisy?" I said.

"Only on the quarter-hour," said Gerund.

"Well, Gerund," I said, "it has certainly been a pleasure talking to you," I said.

"Likewise, mister," she said, and with many a laugh and cheer we went our separate ways—she to the campaign, I to the Morris chair.

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Comic strip panel 4: Whaddaya? Some kinda nut? Sorry, Herbie. I get excited sometimes.