

What's Happening?

By Dick Stuckey

Every few weeks the absurdities and the unbearable begin to fly with such rapidity that the aftermath is nothing short of nausea.

Of course, we can't call a spade a spade anymore. Somewhere between the horrors of social exile and status denial lies a mean slightly equivalent to perspiration stain. Consequently we must be subtle, and temper our temper with the patience of fools.

However, we all have more important things to do than slamming, so here let us merely tell in passing of a few important things the good college citizen should be aware of in order to better live that happy life.

The returning IFC delegates to the National Interfraternity Council meeting in Boston report that there is no reason why the IFC at Nebraska cannot capture the "outstanding" title in 1962, provided the present progress can match Oklahoma State's winner this year. Of course, Oklahoma State has the unique practice of substituting an IBM machine for a rush week. So did Aldous Huxley.

Latest in the Military Ball scramble—the opening of the Cornhusker social season—is the day by day running account of the cost of the thing. However this is not the whole story. Although the total cost for a collegiate cadet is now down to something like \$12.95, the fiscal tabulations of the old man have not yet been released. Suppose some poor sodbuster is innocently sending both a son and daughter through the ranks, he a potential desert fox and she, the potential progenitor of a whole platoon. Here's the check:

New full length gown	\$100.00
Tux rent	7.00
Tux repair	4.00
Corsage	3.00
Allergy ointment and salve	
Medication	17.50
Ticket	3.75
Ticket	20.00
and costs	
Meal	8.00
(who says \$5?)	
Bounced booze check including overdraft charges	14.60
Total	\$177.85
and costs	

Don't ever say that the University isn't interested in the growth of Lincoln.

Unaffiliated Lincoln students are in the inevitable process of processing. The last of that dying breed, the independents, has taken steps to band so that they will not be left out of activities because they are not in a sorority or a fraternity. Bring your own football if you want to play, four-eyes.

And this has happened before — look at the Greenbacks and the Free-soilers. Third parties are not new. We may even see Big "L's" and Little "I's."

It has been said, in short, that "Students on this campus are going to be judged by what they contribute to the campus, not whether they are Greek or Independent." Certainly, Look at Ralph Mueller. Not a person around can tell you whether he was Sigma or Section. Of course, a few students contribute \$132 a semester, but those dirty little devils get it all back in transcripts. When they gonna build a building or something? Does anyone remember the "Do-Nothings."

Those crazy, foolhardy chemistry students really went too far this time—trying to burn down that laboratory. And we see in the Daily Nebraskan that the legislature had better do something about it. What did they say—"It is better to have a busted state treasury than a deathly fire hazard?" Whoa horse. Better write home on that one. Old Dad might prefer that Jack be nimble Jack be quick instead of spending all the state jack on a fire escape. A small one, maybe, but let's not go for broke there, Horace Greeley. Go easy, young man.

SCHOOL LUNCH (A new feature)

- Browned ground beef and gravy over mashed potatoes.
- Peanut butter sandwich.
- Green beans.
- Apple pie.
- Graham cracker.
- Milk.
- A good five cent cigar.



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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 200 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's view. The opinions expressed in these letters do not necessarily express the views of the Daily Nebraskan.

Parking Question Raises Comment

To the editor:

It seems to me that all the fuss about lack of parking space is completely unnecessary. Although I usually stay in the sack until 8:30 or 9:00 and don't arrive on campus until 10:00, I have never been unable to find a parking place at either 16 & Vine or south of Nebraska Hall. These areas are only four or five blocks from the center of campus and the distance can be walked in five minutes, about twenty minutes less than Mr. Looney (Monday Letterip) spent orbiting the campus looking for a place in front of his class building.

Mr. Looney feels that something must be done by the administration so he can find a more convenient parking place. Certainly no action is called for when the problem is not a lack of parking space, but a lack of effort on the student's part in refusing to walk

several blocks to class. These parking areas are no farther from the center of campus than several fraternities.

Instead of constantly attacking the parking problem, we should be glad that we are allowed cars on campus in the first place. More than a few universities prohibit students from having cars at all.

John Allington

The Christmas Spirit

Christmas today, with all its glitter and gadgetry, seems to have lost the spiritual aspect with which it began. With all the commercialism attached to it we tend to observe Christmas anymore instead of keeping the spirit of this day. Gift giving today has become a material way of expressing our love to friends and relatives. But how many of us give to those outside of our families and friends?

How many of us stop to consider the needs and desires of little children,

to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old?

How many of us will admit that the only reason for our existence is not what we can get out of life, but what we can put into life?

How many of us are willing to brighten our lamp of life so that we will give off more light and less smoke and carry it in front of us so that our shadow will fall behind us?

Are we willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world, stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death? And that the Blessed Life which began in Bethlehem over nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of eternal love? Then we can keep the spirit of Christmas; and if we can keep it for a day, why not keep it always?

James Benson

On Films and Things

By Phil Boroff

Things . . . In a week almost void of new films—"I Bombed Pearl Harbor" opened yesterday on the 20th anniversary of the Japanese attack—a new, relaxing entertainment—the telephone talkathon—has been getting publicity as a newsworthy novelty. The talkathon has also come under attack.

The round-the-clock vigilance of voluntary conversation began Monday evening between Delta Delta Delta and Delta Sigma Phi. The reasons: fun, relaxation, entertainment, a change of routine, a way of getting to know each other.

The Nebraska talkathon will continue, I assume, as long as stimulating conversation can be continued. The Tri-Delts and the Delta Sigs are talking in one-half hour and hour shifts on a voluntary basis. Study hours for pledges and delinquent actives are continuing, and quiet hours are in force for other actives in the evenings. Talkers are encouraged to be conservative in "signing-up" for too much time.

This new "craze" is fun, and physically harmless when compared to recent college crazes and hazes — stuffing people in phone booths, people in cars (43 in one car in a Nebraska

contest two years ago), and small sports cars in entrance ways; painting jeans and doors; and showerings for pinnings, engagements, birthdays, etc.

What are they talking about? Actually, anything that comes up, that the participants may have in common. Interests, plans for the future, classes, hometowns, friends, jobs, summers, University activities, and the inevitable politics and religion are all discussed.

Examples: The fathers of Tri-Delt active Marcia Coe and Delta Sig pledge Jay Freed both went to medical school together and both were members of the same medical fraternity, Phi Chi. Marcia's and Jay's mothers were nurses. Marcia is considering nursing as a career, and Jay is a pre-med student.

Wednesday evening, a Tri-Delt was getting help with homework problems — namely caloric heat problems for physics.

One conversation asked how to improve fraternities and sororities on campus:

Another asked: Why can a talkathon get so much publicity and reaction when the presentation of two Tri-Delt scholarships Monday evening received little attention?

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'Flours from Wheat' Yields Essay Award

A 1961 University graduate, Larry G. Williams won the third place award in the American Society of Agronomy's student essay contest.

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