

EDITORIAL OPINION

Pi Xi Losses Means Downfall

The student population is minus two individuals today. Specifically, joint Student Tribunal and Dean of Student Affairs action has resulted in the suspension of two members of a subrosa fraternity.

These two male students were caught painting their yellow insignia on a sidewalk early in the morning, Dec. 1. The Tribunal and the Dean of Student Affairs rejected their alibi that they were framed and therefore, were not members of the outlawed Pi Xi fraternity.

Their defenses, in our opinion, were as weak as their organization. They received a just penalty for their actions and affiliations. It is our feeling that suspension was more than a fair break. Certainly expulsion would have been justified. Pi Xi along with Theta Nu Epsilon (TNE) and Rho Delta (Red Dot) have been outlawed by the Board of Regents and the Office of Student Affairs for the sickening principles they stand on. The same action has occurred on college campuses across the nation.

Last spring the Daily Nebraskan conducted a campaign against these sub-rosa organizations which included the publication of secret rituals and other information pertaining to two of the organizations. In our consultations with the University administrators, we were assured that decisive action would be taken against the subrosas if substantial evidence could be produced. The campus police force provided the evidence and the members. Now the Tribunal and the University have fulfilled the promises. May the intelligent unaffected portion of the student body stand behind their decision.

Perhaps now the entire campus can realize where these subversive groups are heading. Prior to the recent action taken by the Tribunal and the Dean of Student Affairs the average student might reasonably believe that membership or affiliation in subrosa could do little harm to the student. Now we all know. Anyone who is a member or affiliate runs a high risk of being suspended or expelled from the University, a high price to pay for associating with a group of individuals with immoral and twisted beliefs.

Last year the organizations were exposed. Now two members have been exposed and ejected. The handwriting should appear to be quite readable on the wall. It is our contention that each member and affiliate knows what he is a part of in these groups. There can be no excuse for future members who might well be exposed. As we pointed out last year, to be a member of Pi Xi, TNE and Red Dot, one must lie. He must lie to everyone including his closest friends and even himself to avoid detection. However, this little device didn't buy much for two ex-students.

In the past, members of sub-rosa fraternities had political prominence on campus. Today, the corrosive evils of the subrosas have little going for them. Their twisted political ambitions have disappeared to be replaced by little more than alcoholic intake. It should be obviously clear to all that these groups are bringing about their own collapse. They cannot boast of having members in high campus positions as they once did. The remaining members are living on borrowed time.

These organizations perpetuate only as long as they can lure others into their corrupted organizations. A goodly share of their new members come from the sophomore class. We urge students to think clearly when approached by members of subrosas. Don't forget why you are going to school. If students unite to completely repulse Pi Xi, TNE and Red Dot, they may rest assured that they will take another step closer to graduation and a moral life besides being around to watch these groups of petty individuals deteriorate to nothing.

These subversives think of themselves as "swingers" and campus "movers" (otherwise known as the elite). We'll watch as you swing and move right out of the university.



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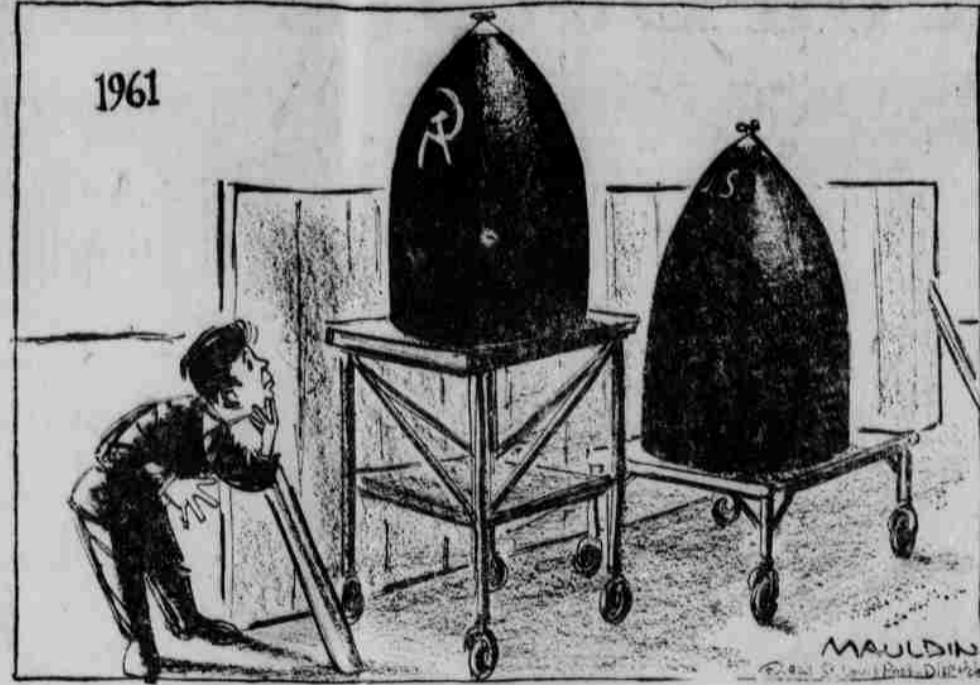
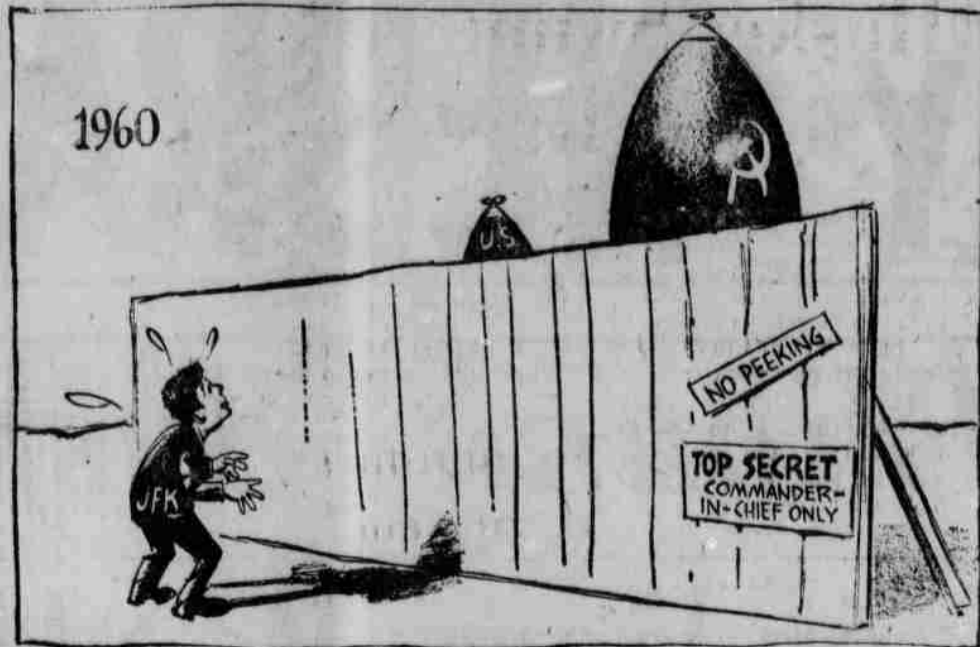
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MISSILE GAP

The University

Meaningful Politics

BY TOM EASON

By Tom Eason

Postponing my pre-Christmas series on people for another week, I would again like to give my space over to Joel Lundak. Joel is a double major in English and philosophy and a member of Sigma Chi.

Last May the president of the Student Council received two letters of inquiry from other Big 8 schools. The students were interested in the political system on this campus.

Both said that their own campuses were experiencing political changes. One had a two-party system which was failing because it had become a Greek-Independent division, and the other had no more than a system similar to that existing at Nebraska. Both students recognized that the traditional system was no longer adequate; and their concern was not to preserve control in the hands of any one group, but to develop a working two-party system actually based on political differences.

Chip Kuklin, chairman of the IFC political committee, pointed out after the Student Council elections last year that the basis of competition had not been political, but rather social. Kuklin showed the indications of this division, and its disadvantages. He concluded that a conservative-liberal split, or almost any other, would be more intelligent than a hostile competition between Greeks and Independents.

The examples of thoughtful consideration of existing campus political systems and the realization of required improvements are indicative of the trend being shown across the nation. Social organizations are finding it increasingly difficult to claim leadership with no more effort than they have been accustomed to putting forth in the past.

This fall the major step taken on our own campus has been the attempted formation of a block of Lincoln independents whose purpose would be in part to offer backing to qualified students who might not otherwise win positions of importance. Whether this endeavor proves successful remains to be seen. Its significance lies in the fact that it is another indication of an increasing awareness among students of the need for responsible participation in worthwhile activities. Even if this group does not be-

come a dominant power; its influence is sure to be felt just as last spring's competition for the Student Council inspired the IFC to put forth a platform for the first time, and brought out a substantially larger student vote. I believe we are learning the valuable lesson that with increased competition the whole university benefits; and it is my hope that the evolving political system will be based

on political differences and the quality of individual candidates and platforms so that the ensuing aristocracy is grounded in, as Thomas Jefferson put it "virtue and talents" rather than "wealth and birth," or in our case, social affiliation or lack thereof. Only by fostering such a development can we escape a senseless social hostility which is inconsistent with the principles we claim.



Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. They may be submitted with a pen name or initials. However, letters will be printed under a pen name or initials only at the editor's discretion. Letters should not exceed 200 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writers views.

Student Favors Possible Change

Dear Editor: Perhaps those of us who are for the change in moving graduation exercises from the Coliseum to Pershing Auditorium should speak out also. I am very much for this move as I am one of the 1960 June graduates who almost "melted in my shoes" during graduation exercises. I have little recollection what the graduation message was that day because I was much too warm to enjoy it.

Also in 1959 I attended June graduation exercises and I sat in the upper southwest balcony of the coliseum. Because of an echo between the speaker units, I was able to hear very little of the main address.

Traditions are fine as long as they are sensible but must we forsake hearing the main graduation

address, in a building where the heat and acoustics are terrible, just to follow tradition?

I'm for enjoying graduation exercises and I hope to see you all at Pershing next June.

Sincerely,

Virginia McClure Steel P.S. No doubt there were people complaining about the change from the traditional horse and buggy when the automobile came in, too.

Davis Memorial Establishes Fund

A \$5,000 gift to the University Foundation has been established as "The Wilburne Leroy Davis and Freda Mertha Davis Memorial Fund" according to Perry W. Branch, director-secretary of the foundation.

Interest earnings from the fund, which comes from the estate of Davis, long-time Lincoln resident, will be used for scholarships for worthy students.

Both attended the University.

Honorary Selects Twelve Members

Eta Kappa Nu, electrical engineering honorary fraternity, has initiated twelve new members.

The initiates, who are chosen on the basis of scholastic standing, interest, activities, and potentialities in electrical engineering, are: James Anderson, William Baker, Gaylor Fisher, Roger Greer, John Hendricks, Jim Huwaldt, Herbert Langhus, Lonnie Miles, Raymond Peterson, Sidney Stansby, Paul Thorn and Jerry Vogt.

KNUS Undergoes Schedule Changes

KNUS has a new Saturday morning broadcasting schedule. Campus Downbeat will be on the air from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Country Swing time, from 9-10 a.m.; and Campus Downbeat, from 10-12 a.m.



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