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Worst Sportsmanship?

The wild antics at the Nebraska basketball game Saturday night were hailed by some observers as "the worst display of sportsmanship ever" by Nebraska fans.

The boing and air invasion of the playing floor with paper cups etc. by the 4,500 cage rooters took place in the game and stopped play for eight minutes. The display occurred after Referee W. L. Osburn had called a questionable foul on Nebraska's Chuck Sladovnik. He later booted Lincoln Star Sports Editor Don Bryant from the game for no "apparent" reason.

This corner won't argue with fact that many of the fans sounded off with unnecessary catcalls and endangered the players by throwing things on the floor. We certainly don't condone such exhibitions, but neither do we blame it totally on "unsportsmanlike conduct."

Osburn's ejection of Bryant from the game (Bryant had told the ref. "Get the game started before they riot") was certainly uncalled for and may create a sensation as a new "first" in Big Eight basketball circles. The police escort furnished Bryant only caused the fans to add more boos, shouts and hurled objects towards Osburn.

Husker Coach Jerry Bush took the mike and was greeted with mixed enthusiasm. He was successful in finally quieting the crowd so the game could continue.

The boos and catcalls can be blamed partially on Osburn's actions — his call and ejection of Bryant from the game —; the ruggedness of the foul-infested game; and the general tense rivalry and dog-fight type of games featured in the Missouri-Nebraska series in the last few years.

But, in addition to these factors, another underlying emotion was involved in the fans' reactions, in our opinion. It was a spontaneous reaction to a combination of many things (listed above), topped off by the fact that the Nebraska fans were watching the windup of a disastrous home week for the NU cagers.

Many of these same fans had been inspired by Nebraska's fine comeback

against Kansas Wednesday night, only to watch the Huskers lose the game in the final minutes. The fans had little to cheer about Wednesday night with the exception of Tom Russell's record-breaking 38 points.

Saturday night was even worse. After battling on even terms most of the first half, the Huskers looked helpless the second half. Nebraska was cold from the field and made numerous errors, while the Tiger crew pumped in basket after basket, hitting at a .600 shooting clip the second half.

The fans had had little to yell about and when Osburn made his fateful foul call on Sladovnik (surrounded by three Missouri players at the time), the fans really cut loose. They were not only mad at the refs, but mighty unhappy with the Huskers' play.

Nebraska didn't seem in a hurry to get the ball even though trailing by 15 points until the final fleeting minutes of the game, when it was too late. The Huskers didn't employ a full court press until less than two minutes were left.

The week seemed like a nightmare to the fans, as Nebraska, supposedly one of the toughest home clubs in the league, lost two games to the tail-end teams of the Big Eight, and they simply let loose.

Whenever a team loses, criticism is immediately fired at the coach. Bush has already been under some pressure and the game may have marked the beginning of the end for the popular that, but simply say that Saturday's Husker cage mentor. We'll not dwell on display brought down the curtain in loud style to one of NU's worst basketball weeks.

The Huskers have three games left and are still scrapping for a first division finish in the conference. NU meets Oklahoma State in a head-on clash for fourth place at Stillwater Saturday night then journeys to Norman Monday before returning home for the finale with powerful Kansas State next Wednesday. Don't sell the Huskers short yet—there's still time to surprise somebody, but not with the type of games the Huskers turned in last week.

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Questions and Things

What are the goals and purposes of Panhellenic?

Does Panhellenic have the right to speak for the Greek women on campus?

If Panhellenic has this right, then why don't the houses elect delegates who will truly represent their houses?

Why not dare to speak up in Panhellenic meeting in spite of possible (and probable) intimidation?

Why don't the individual houses take the initiative in suggesting legislation to Panhellenic?

Why not start now to work on a Panhellenic Weekend for next year?

Why not have "the powers that be" reveal the actual results of a vote, or

take a roll-call vote in Panhellenic meeting?

Why not establish committees to do efficiently the work of Panhellenic? Why not choose the members of these committees on the basis of interest and ability through interviews?

Why not call a meeting to be open to all interested, to be led by students, which will discuss the advantages or disadvantages of room rush?

Why not attend the Panhellenic-sponsored discussions of NSA?

Why not attend the meeting, but still be free to accept or reject the Panhellenic dictates on the subject?

Why not discuss AWS in the next column? Why not?

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Dear People,

An occasional study of your reactions to various matters can prove interesting. Notably, this year more than ever, certain of you have reacted negatively to the actions of the campus group known as Panhellenic. This organization does not enjoy a good reputation on our campus.

Why? I would suggest three reasons for the rather noxious air associated with the Nebraska Panhell: (1) Structural. The group is inherently prone to weak leadership. (2) The structural defects make it relatively easy for the Panhellenic office to dominate the group. (3) In its professed concern with "preservation of the Greek system," the group has often overlooked the basic purposes of the organization as they are expressed in the Panhellenic Creed.

Article IV of the Panhellenic Constitution provides, as does the National Panhellenic ruling, that officers of this organization shall be named in rotation according to the date of the chapter founding on this campus. This provision thus insures, too, that the leadership of the group will not necessarily be composed of those most qualified.

The argument in favor of this type of officer selection is that, this way, the organization is kept non-political. The implication is that election of

the most capable people would not be "fair" to all the members. It either of these arguments have merit, I believe that their weakness can be demonstrated by comparing the relative status and achievements of the IFC under elected officers with the meager respect and influence of Panhellenic.

Weak officers are easily dominated. In the case of Panhellenic, they have, in the past, been frequently dominated by the Panhellenic office. There are strong attitudes, even prejudices, which are associated with the inner Panhellenic office. In the past, these attitudes have been the guide to action by the group. The group has not been able to handle problems in a pragmatic fashion, rather, they have been subjected to somewhat of a dictatorship.

According to the Panhellenic Creed, one of the things for which the fraternity members stand is "for whole-hearted cooperation with our university's ideals for student life."

Certainly, one of the ideals of the university is not having definite factions of students, in our case Greeks and independents.

Increasingly Panhellenic has been concerned because a non-Greek has been elected Homecoming Queen. It has been suggested, and, luckily defeated as a proposal, that Panhell sponsor a fly-

er with pictures and names of all Greek candidates.

This and similar proposals are ridiculous! An independent girl is more popular and can get more votes than a Greek candidate. So what! If Greek candidates cannot appeal to all types of voters, then it is tough for the individuals involved, but the election of an independent girl should definitely not be taken as an affront to the Greek system. Homecoming Queen is an honor for an individual, not for a system.

The Nebraska Panhellenic can assume a position of leadership. Our group could initiate an amendment to the national Panhellenic Constitution, an amendment to abolish the rotation system of officers. Sororities could further assure an effective group by electing Panhell delegates who will think, who are unbiased, and who will not be dominated by the views of the Panhellenic office. Finally, Panhellenic could set goals beyond the "preservation of the Greek system." Yes, if this group can assimilate constructive criticism and re-evaluate its purposes, the Nebraska Panhellenic Association could well become an asset to the campus, a forum for more universal attitudes, and a center for the promotion of campus-wide unity, not just the unity of a particular system. Let's go, girls! This is a challenge to act!

Dean Bans U of Penn Newspaper

The Michigan Daily reported that the Daily Pennsylvanian, student newspaper at the University of Pennsylvania, has been suspended by the school's Dean of Men.

Melvin Goldstein, editor-in-chief of the paper, was called into the office of Dean of Men Robert F. Longley last Saturday. He was handed a note stating that "Until further notice, publication and distribution of the Daily Pennsylvanian is suspended."

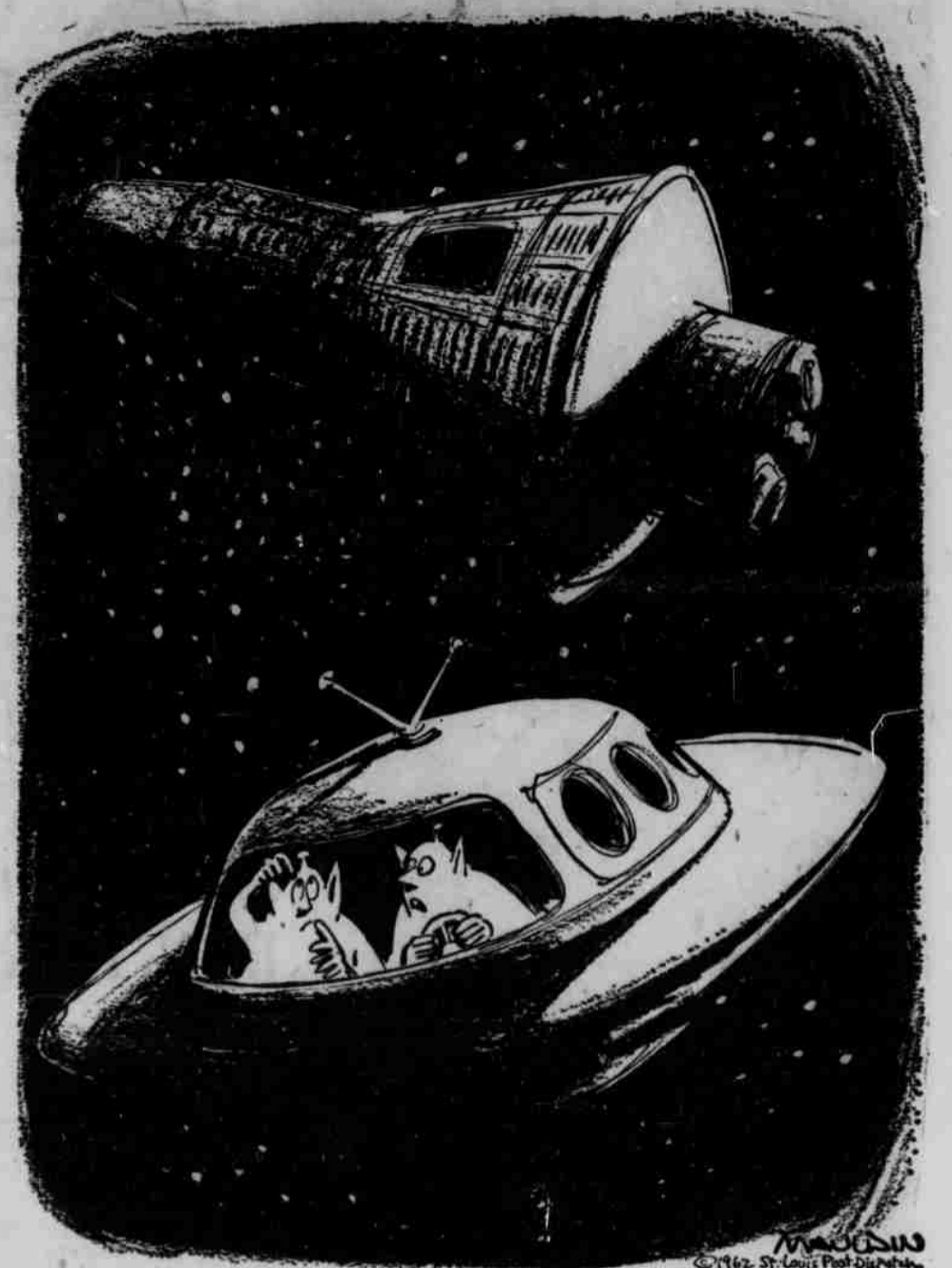
"I asked Mr. Longley to put in writing his authority for doing this and he refused. When I asked him to put in writing his reason for doing so he directly refused. Orally his only comment was 'I am the Dean of Men,'" Goldstein explained.

Earlier in the afternoon when he learned that the action was being contemplated, Goldstein went to Longley's office. "I emphasized that I thought this action was illegal and I doubted his authority to do this. Secondly I requested the opportunity to present a brief either to him or the Vice-President for Student Affairs, but he refused."

Goldstein also asked the dean to indicate in writing that the editors of the Daily Pennsylvanian had had no opportunity to present their views; but this too was turned down. Early Saturday evening Longley indicated that a recommendation by the Student Government asking the suspension of the paper was the reason for his action.

The Council recommendation was passed at a secret meeting called in

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