

LESSON LEARNED

AGR's Progressive Probation

Last week, a fraternity chapter on the Nebraska campus was fined \$400 for its pre-initiation activities. This is probably the key thing that is sticking in the minds of the individual on campus.

However, we do not feel that this is the key part of their punishment. We feel that the initiation probation under which they were placed is the first positive step taken in punishing a fraternity on our campus.

Under the terms of the probation, Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) must submit a tentative, "substitute schedule of their pledge training activities for the school year." AGR must also submit, within one week after the start of second semester, a detailed report of any planned pre-initiation activity.

The Interfraternity Council will evaluate these reports on consistency with the IFC Pledge Training Creed and Constitution. If AGR has complied with these requirements, the IFC may waive the probation and allow AGR to initiate their pledges.

Why is this probation so important? Well, we feel that it will force the active membership of the fraternity to think before they act and to have a well planned, well prepared program for freshmen training. Since the members will be operating under the possibility that they will not be able to initiate the life-blood of their fraternity, its pledges, they will undoubtedly sit back and do some real planning.

Last week, the Nebraskan ran a letter in which it was stated, there are constructive Hell Weeks on this campus. We of the Nebraskan did not mean to ignore this fact. We did, however, wish to point out that in a good number of chapters there is still a tremendous degree of degrading, demoralizing activity which rivals that of the fraternity hey day.

What is a constructive hell week? Well, we hope you will read the article on page three of this issue. It discusses Hell weeks on our campus. Three projects are shown in which the members exemplified one of the ideals and objectives of the Greek system, service to the community. Its pledges, while working together in a united effort, under the name of their respective fraternities, did something constructive for their community. Their actions also reflect very favorably on their University and their fraternity.

This is what fraternity should do. It must work constantly to build its membership into good citizens. Individuals who will have an interest in their campus, their city, and their fraternity. A fraternity exists on a given campus to promote leadership. It exists to develop character and respect for human dignity.

All of the chapters on this campus have a lesson to learn from last week's activity within the fraternity system. AGR has paid their penalty. It is sufficient and constructive. The IFC has taken a step forward in doing what the University has always wanted it to do—govern its own membership.



A Town Named Aristotle

(A WESTERN)

This is a story about a small Western town called Aristotle in the late 19th century. All and all Aristotle was a nice little town usually scholarly, peaceful, having outstanding leaders, large and stately homes, well-dressed citizens, and a generally progressive attitude. Its citizens were justly proud of their city for its founding could be traced to the country of the man on whose principles it was dedicated.

However Aristotle had one peculiar, archaic custom (no doubt, it also could be traced to the town's honored founding). Each spring one week was dedicated to the installment of patriotism in the new inhabitants of the town. During this time a most amazing transformation occurred. Peace degenerated into hell-raising, law and order fell prey to mob rule, and gun carrying (illegal for years) was openly encouraged. Of course guns

were forbidden for the new inhabitants for they had not yet fulfilled the residency requirements for a license. The most amazing transformation was in the older inhabitants. Those who were the smallest, the most inexperienced, the most immature, the most cowardly, glorified in their new power, usurping the power that ruled before, and became the new leaders. Especially susceptible to this disease were the second year residents. It was their week of glory!

Ah! what good, clean, Christian fun it was. Games, parades, rabbit hunts, physical culture classes, banquets, fire prevention classes, ceremonies, speeches. Everything needed for a hell of a good time. All newcomers were required to participate in the activities since they were held for their benefit. Do not think that this detracted from their enjoyment, however, since they repeatedly praised the wisdom of their elders in allowing their participation.

An element of secrecy and mysticism only made the proceedings more fun. Patriotism weeks were discouraged by City Hall and had been censured by the Chamber of Commerce as not in the best interest of the community. These ineffective rulings only added to the excitement of the week by placing the proceedings in darkness and in secrecy.

Then one day the event that everyone dreaded but did not talk about occurred. A newcomer was mistakenly killed in a gun-fight down in the basement rooms of Ed's Saloon by a nervous, cowardly two-year man. Shocked by this disgrace the citizens of Aristotle saw for the first time the shallowness of their most hallowed tradition. Patriotism week was abolished, reason and experience ruled again, and the guns took their true place on the wall forever.

From then on Aristotle grew, and prospered, and advanced into the 20th century. L.A.

Questions and Things

Why not find out if Panhellenic has any money, and if so, who controls it?
If Panhellenic has any money, why not help the IFC support Greek Week financially?
Why not believe that organizations can be improved? Why not?
Why not consider the faculty as an integral part of the University? Why not?
Why don't interested sorority women attend Panhellenic meetings and present their ideas and suggestions?
Why not have a joint-sorority rush book,

instead of each sorority putting out its own? Why not?
What is the role of faculty advisers in activities?
Why not continue Panhell-IFC cooperation after Greek Week? Why not?
If Panhellenic represents all sorority women, does Panhell then have the legislative and judicial rights comparable to those of AWS?
Why not accept this responsibility of being a Greek, as well as the privileges? Why not?
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Curtain Call

By Sue Hovik

"Powerful" and "thought provoking" are the two main adjectives that can be used to try to describe the University Theater production of J.B. by Archibald MacLeish.

Congratulations to Dallas Williams for attempting to do such a play as this and for doing an outstanding job on it. Although not an expert on the subject of dramatics, this writer believes that this play is one which not many directors would even attempt, let alone have such a great success with it.

At the beginning of the play, Fred Gaines (J.B.) was very good although he did not quite get through to the audience. However, in the second act, Gaines warmed up and turned in the best performance of the evening.

Sharon Binfield, J.B.'s wife, is an excellent actress, but on opening night she didn't seem to feel the role enough to get it across to the audience. One could see that she was doing a very fine job, but there seemed to be something missing. This writer heard from several sources that in the succeeding performances, Miss Binfield did a better job.

Don Sobolik in the role of Nickels (Satan) played one of the more convincing and tremendous roles opening night. I was very impressed with the obvious acting ability of this actor.

Dale Holt, Zuss (God), played a very convincing role. His makeup was very good for the part and he carried himself with a certain loftiness which was characteristic of the part.

Curtiss Greene, one of the circus roustabouts who took a message of the disasters to J.B., had a very difficult role and did an excellent job with it.

The other roustabout, John Abrahamson, also did a very good job in his part.

The brown colors and general construction of the scenery added greatly to the creation of the effect being produced by the acting on stage.

This writer had a very good seat, but only for any other play. This play was too powerful and dramatic to get the full effect of it in the fourth row. It was almost overbearing at times. Viewed from a distance would have greatly heightened the effect being created.

Hats off again to the director and cast for turning in a job well done!

Builders' Blocks

This is the first in a series of informative and humorous facts about the University to be presented by Builders, for the information and amusement of the student body.

When the University opened its doors in 1871 there was only one college with 12 courses attended by only ten students. In ninety years it has grown to over 9,000 students who may take any of over 2,000 subjects offered in ten colleges and four schools.

Most of us know that Morrill Hall contains the world's largest elephant. But did you know that the University of Nebraska was offered over half a million dollars for it by the British.

The Social Science building was built during the First World War and the cost of each of the 16 pillars equals the cost of one classroom.

The Sigma Tau Monument near Ferguson Hall was donated by the Sigma Tau honorary engineering fraternity to the University. The concrete mass symbolizes the advancement of engineering and the cross section of rail on each face represents modern facts of engineering. Underneath it is a time capsule which is opened every 50 years.

AWS Point System

Other Activities



—ON OTHER CAMPUSES—

Tells Views on USNSA

(Editor's Note: The following article is part of a paper prepared by Richard M. Gimec, student body president at Iowa State, to explain the relationship of Iowa State to the United States National Student Association.)

He uses as background: two years of experience with the association, presence at one complete national Congress (August, 1961), one Student Body Presidents' Conference (August, 1961), a letter of February 1, 1962, from Edward Garvey, president of USNSA, and contacts with members of the USNSA staff, officers of the Young Americans for Freedom and officers of the YAF chapter on the Iowa State Campus.

His remarks are reprinted here for the informational value they might contain in light of the University of Nebraska's proposed affiliation with USNSA.)

Almost from the time of its inception, the National Student Association has been attacked by various organized groups and individuals. These attacks have, for the most part, been a result of objections by these groups and individuals to either specific items of legislation or the overall tendency of the body of legislation passed by the NSA Congresses to be what is commonly termed "liberal."

In its early years the congress considered such legislative ideas as Jewish membership in fraternities and sororities. As a result of this and some of its other considerations, the organization has been attacked, not on the specific issues, but on the grounds of "pink" or "Communist" tendencies. Such an accusation, on any grounds, does much injustice to the association.

In recent years, the congresses, thus the association, have taken firm stands on the question of integration of schools, directing particular attention to the situations existing in many of the southern colleges and universities. As a result, many southern "white schools" have severed their membership with the association.

Additional Problems As these schools leave the USNSA, it creates additional problems for the association. First, it leaves its southern sections under-represented. Second, this under-representation increases the probability that future legislation will be passed without the desired consideration and debate by students of this geographical area.

It would seem that the NSA itself cannot be blamed or discredited for situations such as this. I am in hopes that these examples give at least some idea of the invalidity of assuming that the fact "that many schools have or are withdrawing from the NSA" is reason for our following the same pattern.

Recently, the National Student Association has been attacked by a member of a group of students on campus calling themselves the Young Americans for Freedom. I would at this time like to give what I feel to be the motivations behind this attack.

Contact With YAF

My first contact with this organization was in Washington, D.C., last spring, at which time I was representing the Iowa State student body at the National Conference on Youth Service Broad. This conference was designed to give students from all areas of the nation an opportunity to offer their recommendations on the structure and operations of the Peace Corps. At the conclusion of this Conference, there was to be a plenary session, designed to select those ideas from the Conference which best represented the views of the majority of the delegates.

On the morning of the plenary session the YAF circulated a paper condemning the Peace Corps and then proceeded to attempt to sabotage the entire session by prolonging the debate on the rules for the conduct of the

plenary. The YAF was unsuccessful, but has proved itself to be a poor loser. As the preparations were being made for the 1961 congress in Madison, Wis., a group calling themselves SCANR established themselves in Madison Inn, a handsome motel a few blocks from the University.

This group has, an officers, some of the same students heading the YAF. The group, being well-financed from outside sources, proceeded to level attacks at the NSA through the press of the city and by means of its own printing facilities.

Motivating Force It was evident to all careful observers that the motivating force was not, as was contended, "a needed structural reorganization of the association" but instead a disapproval of legislation by past congresses that did not promote the cause of young conservative organizations. The operation was characterized, to be sure, by no lack of funds, but a definite absence of political sense.

I will be the first to admit that there are some

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