

IFC Stresses 'New School' Pledge Training

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Pledge training 1962—“new school” or “old school?” Since the early 1950's, national fraternities have pushed “new school,” but until recently, local houses were steeped in the “old method.” “The usual local attitude has been to agree with na-

tional fraternity statements at conventions and on paper, but in reality to continue with the old program of pledge training,” commented Bill Buckley, secretary of the Interfraternity Council (IFC).
The University has not escaped this trend of paying “lip-service” to national directives. Within the last year,

however, a new, different attitude has firmly established itself.
“The fraternities on this campus are beginning to realize their responsibilities to pledges,” commented Buckley.

New Methods
Buckley, also chairman of the IFC pledge training committee, continued, “Until this year, a pledge was more a servant than a prospective active. Presently, however, due to the recent attacks throughout the United States against the fraternity system, the active chapters have been forced to adopt new methods,” Buckley explained.

These “new methods” range from a definite emphasis on scholarship to a specific program of education for pledges.
“Instead of shining shoes, pledges learn fraternity lore

and history; instead of running errands, a pledge attends social improvement classes,” commented Chuck Witte, former pledge trainer of Sigma Nu.

The new program is highlighted by pledge education rather than training. The emphasis now is on making a good active, rather than training a good pledge.

According to the IFC pledge training creed, which all social fraternities on campus have pledged to uphold,

“We, therefore, recognize that mental and physical degradation, personal servitude, and such programs that hazard the health, well-being, and scholarship of an individ-

ual are inconsistent with the goals of the fraternity system.”

Past Not Satisfactory

Roger Myers, pledge trainer of Beta Theta Pi, said, “Actually, this creed has been in existence for some years. For the first time, however, actives are beginning to take note that past pledge programs are not completely satisfactory,” he said.

Continuing, “The new attitude toward pledge training has been dormant in most houses. Now, the attitude is changing because a few members in each house have had the courage to stand up and say what they think,” Myers said.

“It has been the normal reaction that the rest of the house felt the same way, but needed a leader,” he explained.

Myers also felt that the new attitude was evident during Rush Week; an emphasis on scholarship and personality development rather than parties were the main rushing points in most of the houses.”

Joel Lundak, president of Sigma Chi, commented “Our house is trying to develop a position program of pledge education. Naturally, the outcome of the program will depend upon the performance of this year's pledge class,” he said.

“We have the highest hopes

of this year being our most successful in terms of pledge development,” Lundak concluded. “It is obvious the fraternities of the University are certainly attempting to revamp their programs for the benefit of the development of the pledge socially and intellectually,” he declared.

Perhaps this point is most dramatically emphasized by the Sigma Nu pledge trainer in his challenge, “The doors of Sigma Nu are open at all hours, seven days a week, to anyone who desires to observe directly our pledge program — and this includes the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan.”



RE-ENROLLED — Following a year's study at the Free University in Berlin, Steve Ellenburg, junior, is determined to get an American education. (Photo by Pixie Smallwood)

—Against Odds—

Student Works Way to Germany

By GARY LACEY
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“Son, working your way to Europe on a ship went out in '36 . . . It just isn't done anymore,” a Hollandish captain told Steve Ellenburg, a University student who spent last year going to the Free University in Berlin.

Ellenburg, a junior, quit classes at the University last Sept. 26, because, as he said, “I got disgusted with Nebraska — I didn't really know where I was going in life.”

He explained that he wasn't really running away from anything in Nebraska, but had just decided he wanted to see what the rest of the world was like.

“Half of the problem of taking a trip like this is deciding to go,” he said. “You just don't know if you have the fortitude to go through with it.”

Quit School

After spending two weeks in classes at the University, Ellenburg quit school. He worked in Columbus, his home town, for a month to earn enough money to reach New York City and find a job on a ship to work his way to Europe.

In New York he stayed with two graduates of the University, and spent 10 grueling days before finding a ship that would hire him as a laborer. Most places he applied said that it was no longer possible.

Ready to abandon hope of finding a job, he spotted a small cargo ship in the harbor. As a last resort Steve talked to the captain — and after a few formalities was hired.

Ellenburg had to take the long way to Europe, however . . . by way of Brazil. The ship had to pick up cotton, hides and coffee to take to Europe.

Crew Stranded

To get the hides up the “Rio de Plata” for 1,200 miles, the crew traveled so far up the river that they ran out of navigable water and were stranded for ten days at a small village.

Ellenburg noted that the people at the village were very interested in Americans. An international game of soccer was held . . . the shipmates versus villagers. The villagers trounced the crew with a beer party at stake.

It took eleven days for the ship to get from Brazil to the Canary Islands, and all this time Ellenburg spent a total of \$12.

He finally left the ship at Hamburg Germany.

Ski Resort

In the southern Alps Ellenburg got a job at a ski resort. For three months he skied down the hill from work at night and took the lift up to work in the morning.

“My first night in Berlin,” Ellenburg said, “I went out to see the town, but ended up going to a movie . . . ‘The Twist Is Coming,’ the newest rage in Europe.”

At the Free University Ellenburg took three courses — two German grammar courses and a conversation course.

“I worked in Berlin with many of the people who had been dropped out of the school system on the basis of tests taken periodically. These young people were very unhappy in their work. If they dropped out, they have little chance at all for further education,” Ellenburg said.

‘Lost My Faith’

“I lost faith in the European system of education,” he said.

Berliners, according to Ellenburg, are less worried about international affairs; they feel that the Americans are doing a good job in handling the Berlin situation.

In August Ellenburg's parents sent him enough money to get a ticket back to the United States. He re-enrolled in the University this fall, and is determined to get an American education.

Students Defend Ole Miss Own Opinions

Nebraska Special

(Editor's Note: The following is a story giving opinions of some of the students at the University of Mississippi about Negro James Meredith and his attempt to enter the University. The story was provided by special arrangement with the Miami Herald and their correspondent on the scene).

OXFORD, Miss. — The University of Mississippi is not a solid mass of rebel-yelling support for Gov. Ross Barnett.

Talk to the students and you will find that many of them —including some who were born and raised in Mississippi—would rather see Negro James Meredith admitted than see their institution closed and blood spilled.

“We are the most directly involved,” said one. “We stand to lose everything but nobody bothers to consult us —to ask how we feel about Meredith. I couldn't care less if he comes here. And I think only a handful would rather see the University closed.”

It's a measure of the tense situation here that neither he or the others were willing to be quoted by name.

No Comment

The student body President, Dick Wilson, would not comment at all and a few students followed his example.

But most were willing to talk at length—provided they could remain anonymous.

“I don't give a damn about James Meredith or what color he is,” a student declared. “I want this University to stay open and to remain accredited.”

Misleading

Most of them seem to feel that the Confederate flag-waving student body picture on television has been misleading.

“It was like a pep rally,” said one student about the massing of deputies and federal agents. “We just wanted to see what was going on. I knew one guy who went down there just to get a date, because a bunch of girls were congregating. He got the date, too.”

Students said many professors had discussed the issue in class and warned of the dangers of losing accreditation.

There is a petition going around asking for support of Barnett and there are bumper stickers saying “Help Ross Keep Mississippi Sovereign.” But this does not appear to reflect the majorities' feeling.

Harmed University

The whole mess has harmed the University terribly,” a junior said. “It has hurt Oxford and it hurts the state. No one will ever know how much.”

There was little study on the campus Friday as the case made headlines across the country.

“It is as if the finals are over or we were ready to go home for Christmas,” one student said.

“Every night the dorms are noisy with arguments and discussion on what is right and what will really happen. The trouble is that no one knows. The worst part is the waiting.”

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—New Cheerleader Outfits Too—

Huskers Will Have New Symbol

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CornHUSKER — not corn-cob!

The inconsistency of the University's name and symbol resulted in the idea of changing the traditional ear of corn. The new symbol will be presented at Saturday's game against Iowa State.

Jack Geier, head gymnastic coach and initiator of the idea, said, “I have never seen anything that depicts the name Cornhusker — the ear of corn used now certainly doesn't.”

The new look, sponsored by

the Corn Cobs, Tassels and the Athletic Department, corresponds with the new cheerleader outfits.

Suggesting the overalls idea, the new uniforms will be red bermudas with a bib and straps over a white long-sleeved blouse. Straw hats and red bandannas will accent the white gloves, socks and tennis shoes.

These outfits will be alternated, to give novelty, with new white pleated skirts, which will be used at most games. The boys' uniforms have not changed.

A contest will begin Monday to help name the new symbol. The deadline for entries is Thursday noon.

The winner of the contest will receive two Homecoming Dance tickets at the pep rally next Friday. Entry blanks, which will be printed in the Daily Nebraskan, may be deposited in the box provided at the north entrance to the Union.

The contest will be judged by Corn Cob and Tassel executive councils. Final selection will be made by Tippy Dye, director of athletics.

The University was first termed Cornhuskers in 1900 by Si Sherman who was then sports editor for the Lincoln Star. The newly retired Corn Cob was introduced in 1956.

“We hope that the new symbol will help generate the new enthusiasm the winning team deserves,” said Dave Smith, Corn Cob publicity chairman.

The new symbol will enter tomorrow's games in a convertible and be escorted around the field by the newly clad cheerleaders.

Pub Board Appoints 3 To Rag Staff

The newly-elected Publications Board has selected Lynn Corcoran as copy editor and Tom McGinnis and Susie Smithberger junior staff writers for the Daily Nebraskan.

Corcoran, a NROTC junior from Wilmington, Delaware, served as copy editor for the Nebraska Blueprint and editor of his high school newspaper.

Tom McGinnis, a junior from Dawson, Nebraska, is majoring in agriculture engineering.

Susie Smithberger, a journalism home economics major, is a sophomore from Stanton.

YW-YM Travel To Fall Conclave

About sixty YWCA and YMCA members from the Nebraska District will attend the Fall Conference held at Camp Kitaki today and tomorrow.

Former President of the National YWCA Connie Taylor will talk on “Our Response to the Divided I.” It will concern the convention of the National Student Assembly of the YW-YMCA to be held later this year.

Marcia Howe, district co-chairman, said “the conference provides an opportunity for students from all over the district to get together and strengthen their local organizations.”

Street Dance Highlights Tonight's Football Rally

The rally for the Iowa State game will start tonight at the Carillon tower at 6:30. The parade will follow the traditional route, but will end on the south steps of the Student Union.

Highlights of the rally will include guest speaker, Don Bryant, sports editor of the Lincoln Star and a street dance.

The dance will be approx-

imately two hours long and will feature the ATO combo. . . . If conduct at the pre-rally parade does not cease to be violent, there will be no more parades, announced Wes Grady, Corn Cob president.

“The decision is backed by Dean Frank Hallgren and the Student Council officers. “We want constructive spirit,” he added.



HOLD IT!—Strangely enough, this is a picture of Pixie Smallwood taking a picture. The difference between this picture and other pictures in this issue of the Rag is that Pixie Smallwood did not take it. (Photo by Gary Lacey)

Picture-Snappin' Pixie Finds Rag Job Trying

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It's a women's world and Rosemary (Pixie) Smallwood is out to prove it.

Already a member of the Nebraska and National Press Photographers Associations, this barely 19 year-old junior is the new photographer for the Daily Nebraskan.

Experiences as a female photographer are numerous for this attractive blonde. What other female could get to go into the Kappa Sigma's second floor bathroom. Pixie quickly explained that she was on assignment taking pictures of a guy getting showered after his pinning.

“They were quite willing to make the picture realistic and ended up breaking out the window,” laughed Pixie. Pictures of the football rally last weekend that appeared in the Daily Nebraskan were taken after its photographer had climbed “gracefully” over a fence in order to get close enough to the plane.

She then promptly ran for her life to escape from “those monster police hounds.”

Pixie who is a member of Alpha Delta Pi explained that this weekend will not only be the first time the new Nebraska has met Iowa State, but it will also be the first time she will be on the football sidelines taking pictures. “I expect to get bowled over by Thunder Thornton in the end zone in about the first quarter,” she said. “The best picture I've ever taken is the lightning picture of Lincoln from the State Capitol that I took last spring,” she said. It appeared in the Daily Nebraskan, Lincoln Journal and Denver Post.

This photographer who is a junior in journalism admitted that she has her pet peeves. These range from people who ask “Oh, do you publish the Pixie Press?” to those who say “If you take a picture of me you'll break your camera.” She answers with a “If you do, you'll pay for it.”

Homecoming Queen Applications Due October 10