

# Sub Rosa Problem Begins With TNE 'Orgy'

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following article is a sketch compiled from Dallas, Texas, dated from March 1969 to January 1970 when the actions of sub rosa were, as they are now, under administrative criticism.

It wasn't painting which first brought wrath upon the members of Theta Nu Epsilon, but a "Saturday night orgy" at the Hotel Lincoln.

The party started as a TNE banquet on the evening of Mar. 13, 1969, but ended up as an orgy which an investigating committee labeled as "bringing practical injury to the University."

A few days after the student carousal, the University set up a committee to study the particular Mar. 13 party and the merits of Theta Nu Epsilon, which apparently was previously tolerated by the University.

The policy of the University at that time was not to interfere in student activities, but at the meeting it was decided that any action which brought discredit to the University by a few or a large number of students would be fully sufficient to warrant severe action.

The committee gave Chancellor Avery the power to suspend any student who was involved with subversive TNE activities. The "suspension" penalty was approved by the Board of Regents.

**Members Interfere**  
The Nebraskan reported that members of Theta Nu Epsilon made obtrusive efforts to stop the committee's investigation of their conduct.

This attempt, the 1969 Daily Nebraskan reports, to frustrate the investigation was not entirely confined to

the student members of TNE. Certain prominent alumni of the University, occupying responsible positions in the business world, sought those back of the anti-TNE movement with the object of stopping the steps being taken against the organization.

"These gentlemen have used various subterfuges as cloaks for their interest in the society and have shown fine political sagacity in pulling strings leading to different sources of anti-TNE sentiment."

On April 30, 1969 the University faculty senate passed a resolution which officially made some TNE activities retroactive to University regulation.

Basically the resolution restricted students in the following ways.

**Resolution**  
—No student shall retain membership in TNE or any other similar organization whose membership is secret.

—All fraternity and sorority social functions shall be supervised and sponsored by the Interfraternity Council.

—No student shall be a member of any organization which attempts to gain political control of student activities and which holds banquets at which alcoholic beverages are served.

—Any student convicted of violating any of the provisions of the resolution shall be expelled from the University, and any of the teaching or official bodies of the University which clearly tend to support or encourage students to violate the resolution shall be deemed improper.

This action affected the following sub rosa organizations on campus at that

time — Theta Nu Epsilon, Iron Sphinx (a sophomore organization), the Vikings and the Spikes.

**Must Conform**  
The chairman of the faculty committee said that the resolution was intended more as a corrective measure, and it did not call for the direct dissolving of the fraternity. He said, however, that the organizations must conform to the resolution in every manner.

Editorially the Daily Nebraskan labeled the University resolution "conservative," and raised the question which is puzzling students now — What harm are sub rosas doing?

The editorial said: "There is nothing essentially wicked about an interfraternity organization (TNE); there is nothing in the school that makes such an organization necessarily abhorrent.

The evil lies in the clandestine methods of Theta Nu Epsilon that have made it possible for this organization to accomplish many things that would at first seem impossible.

"The evil lies in maintenance of standards by the organization that tend to bring criticism upon the school and its students. It is the evil and not the organization that the new rules seek to strike."

Coming as a surprise to many NU students, members of Theta Nu Epsilon announced that they would cease to exist as of Jan. 22,

1910. A committee of TNE undergraduates went before the Chancellor telling him that the society had decided to withdraw from undergraduate life.

After TNE's disbanding movement, the chancellor said that the immediate

cause of the move of the society came about because of the chancellor's announcement that a complete list of the TNE members must be furnished to his office in accordance with a faculty senate resolution.

If the list were furnished

then all the people mentioned on it would be liable for suspension. This along with a bitter student opposition towards the members of the group brought about the "first" disbanding.

One of the members of the society in 1969 told the

Nebraskan, "I am sick and tired of the whole thing. For the past year every time I have turned around or tried to do anything, it was charged that it was a TNE movement. I couldn't do anything without their getting after me."

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## KK Picks 'Fiorello'

### Spring Show Interviews Start

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The Pulitzer Prize-winning musical "Fiorello" will be presented as the Kosmet Klub Spring Show on Saturday, March 30.

The musical comedy which opened on Broadway in 1959 was the hit of its season and captured the Drama Critics' Award that year. The play is adapted from a book by Jerome Weidman and George Abbott. The music is by Jerry Bock, and the lyrics by Sheldon Harnick.

"The subtle humor of the musical will form a real challenge to participants in the show," said KK president Bob Geisler, "because it will demand greater finesse to carry it over than other Spring Shows in the past."

The widely popular songs, "Politics and Poker," "Little Tin Box," and "Gentleman Jimmy" are from this musical production.

Interviews for directors of the Spring Show will be tomorrow, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in 232 Student Union. Students interested in interviewing should contact Harold Dehart at 423-6411 or Bob Geisler at 477-9995. Dehart is Chairman of the Spring Show.

A musical director, technical director, choreography director and overall director will be chosen.

Scripts for "Fiorello" will be available from Dehart or Geisler for those interested in studying them. Tryouts for cast members will be immediately after Christmas vacation.

The show will be held in Pershing Auditorium.

"Fiorello" is a story of Fiorello H. LaGuardia, who was mayor of New York between 1934 and 1945. The play deals with the beginning of his political career and his defeat of Tammany Hall, a political machine which controlled part of New York in the late 1920s.

LaGuardia is a lawyer in a poorer section of New York who serves people without pay. This contact with the people proves an important factor in his election as a U.S. Congressman. The play spans about 15 years, through World War I, and as the play ends, LaGuardia is defeated by James J. Walker in a campaign for mayor of New York, but resolves to beat him in the next election.

The love interest in the story is LaGuardia's secretary Marie. He, however, is unaware of her devotion.

The play pictures a cross-section of the people of New York and their existence in the '20s and '30s.

### —Christmas Spirit—

## NU Singers Will Present Program Next Sunday

The annual Christmas Carol Concert presented by the University Singers will be next Sunday in the Student Union Ballroom.

The 106-member choral group under the direction of Prof. Earl Jenkins will give two performances, one at 3 p.m. and the other at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are free with a limit of two to each person, and are available now at the main desk of the Student Union.

The program will include classical choral works as well as traditional carols.

Soloists will be: Shirley Nunn and Judy Tenhulzen, sopranos; Roderick Gibbs, George Mechling and Kenneth Scheffel tenors; Leland Flickinger and Willard Marquardt, basses.

A faculty-student ensemble will assist the Singers. Members are: Prof. and Mrs. Arnold Schatz, violin; Prof.

Louis Trzcinski, viola, and Prof. Priscilla Parson, violoncello; Prof. Wesley Reist and Nelson Carter, clarinets; Gall Oliver, and Linda Henline, flutes. Prof. Myron Roberts is organist, and Mary Haight is pianist.

Selections will include: "A Ceremony of Carols," six numbers from a major choral work by Britten; "Uns ist ein Kind geboren, Cantata 14," Bach; "Psallite," Praetorius; "Verbum caro factum est," Haessler; "Two Antiphons," Strateger. "Star in the East," Early American; "The Hour of Midnight Sounded," French; "What Perfume This," French; "Wassal Song," Yorkshire; and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," English.

### YWCA Sponsors Annual Bazaar

The fourth annual International YWCA Christmas Bazaar will be held tomorrow, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Union party rooms.

Over \$10,000 worth of merchandise from Japan, China, England, Sweden, Denmark, Africa, Spain, Italy, Belgium, India, Mexico, Norway, Holland, France and the Holy Lands will be for sale.

The cost of the items range from ten cents to twenty dollars.

A new feature of the Bazaar this year will be products

### YWCA Meeting

There will be a mass meeting for all YWCA members working at the Christmas Bazaar today at 4 p.m. in the small auditorium.

made by American Indians, said Sue Hovik, over-all student chairman of the Christmas Bazaar. She said that these items include sterling silver and turquoise jewelry, baskets made from cactus plants and hand-woven Navajo runners.

Other items include men's household items, ceramics and dolls.

## NU Student Is Slashed

A University student, Gary M. Hesler, was severely slashed in the face Saturday night by an unknown assailant at the Purple Piano coffee house.

Early Sunday morning Hesler was still in surgery at Bryan Memorial Hospital, but is now listed in "good" condition.

Police said the youth's nose had been completely cut in two.

Meanwhile, police are looking for another student to question in connection with the slaying.

Police said Hesler was slashed in the men's restroom at the new coffee house. Hesler and the other youth apparently had an argument, according to the police.

## N.Y. Telecast Will Include NU Student

A University student, Peggy King, has been cast in New York for a quiz show, "To Tell The Truth." The program will be shown tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

Miss King appeared with two other contestants, and a panel of four was to choose one of the three was a "Director of Youth Employment Service." She is one of the few youths now employed in this capacity.

The group of three received money for each of the incorrect guesses on the part of the panel. They received a total of \$200, to be divided between them.

Besides the prize money, Miss King received a trip to New York via first class jet and \$75 spending money while in New York.

When asked her reaction to being asked to appear on the show, she said, "I was just plain floored. It was lots of fun and I came home with all of my Christmas presents bought."



HONORARY COMMANDANT—Nancy Jacobson was accompanied by Cadet Brig. Gen. Roger Mattson to the platform where she was named Honorary Commandant of the 1962 Military Ball.

## Nancy Jacobson Presented As Honorary Commandant

"I can still hardly believe it. It's really wonderful!" commented Nancy Jacobson Sunday afternoon following her coronation as Honorary Commandant at the Military Ball Saturday night.

An estimated 1600 people attended the Fiftieth Anniversary Military Ball.

Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin presented Miss Jacobson with her crown and a bouquet of roses during the intermission ceremonies. She was elected by a campus-wide election in which students voted on the nine finalists.

A native of Seward, Miss Jacobson is currently president of her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi, vice president of Red Cross, and vice president of Mortar Board.

During the intermission the three service queens were also presented. They were: Miss Army, Kaye Schurr; Miss Air Force, Judy Birney;

and Miss Navy, Judy Pearce.

Following the crowning of the Honorary Commandant and the service queens, the senior ROTC students and their ladies were presented.

During the other intermission the Cadence Countesses performed.

### Holy Land Tradition Will Be Described

The "Holy Land At Present" film will be shown at 4 p.m. Tuesday in 332 Student Union. Avionyem Jamel, a student from Jordan, Ellen Samuels, an American student who has traveled in the Holy Land and Rev. Waldo Werning, a Lutheran minister, will answer questions.

They will give a description of Christmas tradition as it is celebrated today in the Holy Land.

## Rev. Gould Leaves Wesley Foundation

By SUSAN SMITHBERGER  
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A good-bye to old friends, a hello to many new ones. This will face the Rev. Dr. Wm. B. Gould, Minister-Director of the Wesley Foundation, and his wife in the near future as they prepare to leave for New York.

Rev. Gould has been appointed to Director, Department of Student Work, Methodist Board of Missions, effective January 1st, announced Bishop Kenneth Copland.

Rev. Gould, who has been at the Wesley Foundation since June of 1959, will interpret the "Church as a Mission" to the National Methodist Student Movement, (MSM). He will direct the Christian Seminars held nationally for members of MSM, working with the more than 1800 Methodist foreign students.

Upon the announcement of his departure, Dr. Gould said, "We leave with some regret but as we are offered the opportunity of presenting the Church as a mission to the entire MSM we are challenged by the dimensions of the work."

Under Dr. Gould's leadership the \$300,000 Methodist Chapel and Student Center has been erected on the University campus. He came to the campus after serving four years as minister of First Methodist Church in Middletown, Conn. and Director of the Methodist Student Foundation at Wesleyan University there.

Rev. Gould will continue to be a ministerial member of the Nebraska Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, serving on its Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications and the Board of Social Concerns.

His successor will be considered after the return of Bishop Copeland from the Far East, according to Dr. Harold C. Sandall, Lincoln District Superintendent. Meanwhile, Rev. Duane Hutchinson will be acting director.

Allen Olsen, president of the Wesley Foundation, said, "He will be remembered as a well-educated preacher, the dynamic organizer, the witty scholar, but those of us who know him best will also remember him as a friend."



REV. GOULD

## Fraternity 'White Clauses' May Cause Difficulty Here

By JIM MOORE  
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The announcement by Dean Kratochvil of Iowa State University that "white clauses" in national fraternity constitutions threatened their continued existence has raised questions concerning the future of this issue at Nebraska.

Dean Kratochvil pointed out that although waivers permitting local chapters to disregard the national's "white clause" would be accepted for the present, "September 1964 will be viewed as a date when progress in removing such clauses from national constitutions will be reviewed and more stringent action, if necessary, will be taken."

Thus, even if local waivers are granted in the face of pressure, action must be taken at the national level in order to protect the local chapter in the future.

Three ISU fraternities — Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Nu — have restrictive clauses in their national constitutions.

Ross Confident

G. Robert Ross, Dean of the Division of Student Affairs, commented, "The few remaining national fraternities who have white clauses are, I hope, working toward the elimination of them."

"Of course, the University's position

would be to encourage the removal of these clauses," Ross concluded.

Don Fowler, president of the Nebraska chapter of Sigma Nu, one of the fraternities involved in the Iowa State situation, said, "In the near future, problems of this type may arise on the University campus."

"The problem is a national one, and pressure can be exerted anywhere—and Nebraska is not immune," Fowler said.

Motion Defeated  
Continuing, Fowler said, "Although the national fraternity will grant a waiver in the face of pressure, the national convention defeated the motion to rescind the "white clause."

The motion was defeated due to strong intra-fraternity pressure from the "old guard" and the Southern chapters.

"If national and local pressure similar to the past continues, Sigma Nu will be forced to rescind its clause to remain a national fraternity," Fowler commented.

Although fraternities have the right to select members, this right might not stand in the face of further national pressure, Fowler concluded.

National Making Attempt  
Bill Kenney, president of the Nebraska Phi Delta Theta chapter, another of the fraternities involved by the Iowa State

decisions, noted, "Currently, the national is attempting to remove the clauses from our constitution."

"However, the national convention is currently controlled by southern chapters and their Alumni Clubs each of which has one vote," Kenney pointed out.

Kenney also said, "Although at the last national convention a motion to permit local restrictive waivers passed; in order to be final it must be passed in the 1964 convention also."

This would still not remove the basic problem of ridding the national constitution of a white clause, however. "To do this, a two-thirds majority is required, difficult to get in the face of southern opposition," Kenney said.

Big Eight Victims  
This movement of rescinding white clauses from national constitution has struck the Big Eight at Colorado University, Kansas University, and now Iowa State.

"Although it is true these schools have been having difficulties, the Greek system at Nebraska is strong enough to work out a solution," Kenney said.

Concluding, he pointed out, "As far as I can find out, Dean Ross and the administration feel the fraternity system is doing a good job. But whether the issue

of "white clauses" will come to Nebraska, I don't know . . . it could."

Chuck Simmons, president of Alpha Tau Omega, the third fraternity involved in the Iowa State situation, was unavailable for comment.

Issue To Come  
Some students, comparing the recent situation at Kansas University, fear the issue might come to Nebraska "sooner than we think."

Several years ago, minority groups at Kansas led a torchlight procession through all of the fraternity houses protesting fraternity "discrimination."

According to one student leader, "The usual course of events involves one faction beginning to push."

"It is hard to predict a course of events at Nebraska because, as of yet, no problem exists," he continued. "The difficulty of the situation lies in human relations and attitudes," he said.

"The only way to solve the problem is to work within each fraternity in an attempt to solve the problem," he noted. "This method will work eventually, if the national fraternity is not forced upon a course," he commented.

However, if a national feels it is being "forced," a defensive attitude results—and nothing gets done, he concluded.