

Charge to Council . . .

It's Time for Action

IN WEDNESDAY'S Student Council meeting, President Don Burt told Council members that they could not allow themselves the luxury of putting forth an effort that is less than maximum.

Fine. Believe it or not, Council members, there are many students on campus who are interested in Council activities and the results of the projects you each promised to propose when you presented your platforms last spring.

TRUE. So far this semester you've improved the bus transportation between city and ag campus. You've put into effect a one-way route around the mall. You organized and were highly successful in presenting the Morrison-Seaton debate. In addition, the number of proposals, resolutions and policy statements brought before the Council have, no doubt, reached a record high.

Later in his charge to the Council, Burt commented that, thus far, two aspects of Student Council work have been emphasized — orientation and planning. In other words, during the spring, summer and fall, the Council officers tried to give Council members an adequate opportunity to become familiar with the work of the group. This, they call orientation. Later, the group put their heads together and tried to, first, set their goals for the year and, then, to plan the means by which they could reach these goals. This, they call the planning stage.

BURT THEN issued the final and most important step, the step which the Council is now getting ready to take. He labeled the final goal as one of fruition, actualization, or accomplishment.

Great, Council members. It seems that the orientation is over. No longer will each of you be led by the hand. With an entire semester of orientation and planning behind you, you no longer have a reason to be a group which concentrates your efforts on the duplication of the same projects which were included in the year-end report of last year's committee chairmen or officers. By now, if those of you who are serving in key positions don't know what you want and need to accomplish, then it's time that you step down and let someone else work for the good of the organization which is to serve as the official student governing body.

YOU ALL are, no doubt, ready to start working for results. We're all behind you. We're anxious to see the Senators Program put into effect. We're interested in knowing if you're going to conduct an evaluation of student activities. The possibility of an official migration is still important to all of us. The representation system for Student Council members is still being discussed, as is the possibility of an Honors Code. We're all interested in the decisions you will make, as you have been elected by us to represent our interests.

As your president told you, this year's Council has the best potential of any of the groups in recent years. However, he added that potential isn't good enough anymore. You must now demonstrate this potential through the responsibility you've been given.

We will measure your success by the important steps you have yet to take.

Gyre and Gimble . . .

You look at the handy-dandy little syllabus. It says, "Discussion of the psychological implications of the fact that Mary Had a Little Lamb was written when the writer was suffering from severe hallucinations and a post nasal drip." Discussion ensues, and then everyone knows who the post nasal drip is, the guy who made the syllabus. For some reason or another, which is never explained to the student, properly roll-called, alphabetically seated, notebook-oriented and back-broken by the new desks over there in those lovely piles of brick and mortar, psychological implications are very important. Primarily because the students' psychological response to the psychological implications has a

direct bearing on the trauma that the student receives out of the course, which is an extremely retroactive way to say, "Smile when the teacher says that, because he loves talking about the wounded psyche of some hack novelist."

While we are on the subject of wounded psyche, it would not do to bypass discussion of the narcissus complex of the local paperback purveyors. What the deal is, they are cool because they have got the corner on the market while the rest of us are hot and bothered because they do.

Ponder a moment, friends, the destructive force to the personality of a bank account that takes place approximately fifteen minutes after you register. With shak-

ing hand, you go to the bookstore, and with shaking head you leave.

Completely obliterated, your bank account is ready for the psycho ward at Student Health, but because it is unable to present the proper identification and does not know its Student Health number, salvation will not be its.

This, however, does not remove one far from the fundamental problem suggested at the beginning of this treatise. Just for the sake of argument, who cares whether or not the writer of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" was written by a delirium trematic author. The important consideration is, if the lamb followed Mary everywhere how could its fleece be white as snow? —M.S.

Familiar Sounds?

Thud, Splash, Shs-s-s . . .

During the period of Hell Weeks on the University of Illinois campus last year, the campus daily newspaper printed the following article which describes the "Sounds of Hell Week."

"We were greatly heartened to learn that the Interfraternity Council intends to 'keep the noise down' during Hell Week.

"We are sure that this is a sincere, ambitious effort to enforce the high-minded ideals of the IFC Pledge Training Creed.

"And while some cynics have suggested that the IFC program this year is a mockery of the noble just a few months ago, we do not take this position.

"Instead, since we are confident that the Council's investigators will have their ears perked up all week for 'excessive noises,' we wish to make

a few suggestions to aid the enforcement program.

"Of course, we hardly have to remind IFC that such noises as screams, sadistic laughter and the whack of paddles are tip-offs that a fraternity is up to something. We think perhaps the IFC committee can figure this out for itself—even from a distance of several blocks.

"But there are a few other noises, more subtle, which IFC may not realize the significance of. Since the announced goal of IFC's program this year is to 'keep the noise down,' we offer a short list of these noises to help them along:

1. "THUD." Usually caused by a pledge fainting and falling to the floor after being forced to stand erect and motionless for several hours.

2. "PLOP." Sound made by an egg dropped four floors into the open

mouth of a pledge.

3. "RATCHA - RATCHA." This noise, almost inaudible, is caused by a burlap bag scratching against the human skin.

4. "CREAK." Sound made by a door when a pledge sits on it.

5. "THUDDDD." Slightly different than sound No. 1. Caused when the pledge in sound No. 4 hits his head against the ceiling.

6. "COCK-A - DOODLE-DOO." Usually heard about daybreak when pledges are herded up to the roof to greet the dawn.

7. "WHRRR." Sound of toothbrushes against linoleum.

8. "SLUSH." Sound made by moving a cake of ice after it has been sat upon for six hours.

9. "SHS-S-S." Sound made by look-out when IFC investigators approach chapter house."

During Hell Week

Pledges Can Rule

FRATERNITY PLEDGES — YOU ARE ABOUT TO GO THROUGH HELL WEEK.

Some of you will be going through Hell Weeks, which actually do little more than help you get all run down and degraded.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS. Maybe you can FORCE your chapter to adopt a pledge program of a constructive nature.

During Hell Week, when you are asked to drop eggs into your pledge brother's mouth, toss them at the actives; when you are asked to grab a mouth of mixed garbage and spit it on a fire, just toss the pan in the face of the nearest active, or spit it on him.

And those burlap bags, when you are asked to wear them, be polite—get together and burn them up. So what if you do have to make another, burn it up too.

Oh yes, when asked to take a bite out of an onion or 'happy apple,' do so, then spit that at him. Don't worry about the

petty threat of being kicked out of your fraternity-to-be. What success would your chapter be without a pledge class? What type of an impression would they make on rushees next fall?

If ever the fraternity system is to bring about the revolution required in pledge training, maybe the pledges are the ones who will have to start it. They should ask themselves if Hell Week serves any purpose at all—and tradition is not a purpose if it could mean the degradation of an individual or a possible death.

When your chapter begins a constructive week of fraternity ideals, you can look back with pride at your accomplishment. And what's more, you will be able to help insure your chapter's existence.

Freshmen, make Hell Week work in reverse. Make Hell Weeks more than lip-service public relations.

Fraternities — develop men, not boys. —m.f.



Hough Thanks Student Body

To the Daily Nebraskan: I would like to express my gratitude to everyone concerned in the selection of the Outstanding Nebraskan.

I am sorry that I was not here to receive the award, but I wish to say now that it was one of the highest compliments ever given me. All the Houghs are basking in a warm glow these days. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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