

Informal Initiations . . .

## Tactics Are Dangerous

(Editors Note: The following article is reprinted from the University of Illinois campus daily newspaper.)

SHORTLY AFTER the beginning of this semester, campus fraternities will begin their respective periods of informal initiation.

As the leaders of the fraternity system are painfully well aware, this is the most dangerous time in the fraternity year. It is during "hell week" that "innocuous" burdens are imposed on pledges "to see if they measure up to the standard of good ole' Sigma Sigma Freud." And all too often informal initiation hazing has resulted in injury or death for some of the pledges involved.

AS WE have stated in the past, we support the fraternity system on this campus. We, along with the officers of the Interfraternity Council (and, we hope, every thinking fraternity man), do not want the system given a black eye because some houses think it is tradition, clever, or "fitting" to impose cruel and thoughtless rules on pledges.

More than ever before in its history, the fraternity system is on trial. Articles criticize it; parents steer their children

clear of it. All this because of the tradition of hazing.

THIS PERNICIOUS tradition has, we think, been overcome in the great majority of the fraternities on this campus. Some houses don't even have a period of informal initiation. The problem on this campus is one of backsliding. A few thoughtless activities can spoil the record of a fine fraternity by a few moments of idiocy. One wouldn't believe it necessary for fraternity men to think carefully about treating other men as human beings, but because of the tradition this is exactly the situation that fraternities are in.

To realistic actives, who remember "last year" or "when I was a pledge . . .", the wording in the Interfraternity Council's "Principles of Pledge Development" may sound pompous or unbearably idealistic. But the principles set down there must be followed.

WE HOPE that the coming period can be free of any questionable tactics. We hope so for the sake of the continued existence of the fraternity system.

## Where Do We Go From Here?

—by vicky cullen

College kids wheeling home, crawling into levis and sweatshirts and placing a beer firmly in one hand and a cigarette in the other obviously don't make the best impression on the townsfolk.

Before you look at another article, however, in case the opening paragraph appears to be a WCTU statement, let me say that this is not meant to be a soapbox oration, nor is it directed toward the condemnation of college students, levis, sweatshirts, beer or cigarettes.

What I really want to tell you about is the Builders tour which was taken to the western part of the state by four members of Builders and Dr. Shugrue.

This group spent three days during the second week of Christmas vacation talking about the University to high school students in McCook, Scottsbluff, Gering, Sidney and North Platte.

In the past, Builders members and administra-

tion officials have visited high school College Nights, but they have been looking toward a more concentrated high school visitation program. However, publicity for this project has apparently been inadequate, because it seems that Joel Lundak or someone was screaming for a project like this earlier in the year.

The aim was not so much to get more students — a look at any classroom dispels a ny doubts about a shortage of students — but what we are looking for now is quality.

The University image, in many cases, leaves much to be improved. The Public Relations department works hard 365 days per year in order to create a good image, but one beer drinking university student in the wrong place can do much to destroy the effort.

The four students and Dr. Shugrue were armed with facts about outstanding departments and

people on the campus, as well as the answers to the usual questions asked by college-bound high schoolers.

Again and again people said, "We didn't think you knew the western part of the state was here." (Many good students from this area of the state go to Colorado, Wyoming, or other points west for college.)

The group did some public relations work in the alum area too, as they stayed in the homes of alums and had a chance to bring them up to date on campus events. It's amazing how interested many of them continue to be. These are the people, too, you know, who will bring pressure to bear on the legislature, if anyone will.

The results of this sort of project are not measurable, but somebody cared about helping the University's image. Linda Reno, tour chairman, and all the people who worked with the tour, deserve our appreciation.

## CAMPUS FORUM



### Reader Advocates Male Supremacy

To the Editor:

I am starting a new club called, "An Association for the Advancement of the Male Species" (AAMS)

After much perspective thought on the subject, we are, unfortunately, an object of intense discrimination. When we are born, women get all the credit. While we are alive, we slave and toil to support women. When we die, women get all our property (one way or another).

On top of this, we are now faced with reading material under the auspices of the fairer sex. On behalf of my fellow men, I make a fervent plea to all male advocates for regaining our supremacy, to rise up and attack this pressure group with 'vigah'.

The Duke of Huntington

(Editors Note: In spite of the fact that you are now faced with reading material presented "under the fairer sex," you should realize that, in our policy statement in the first edition of second semester, we stated: "The Nebraskan's facilities will be available to any official University organization for any legitimate news.")

If you decide to organize the AAMS, you can be assured that your organization will be given fair and equal coverage in the Daily Nebraskan. Even though females are sometimes sensitive to adverse public opinion, a female newspaper editor must disregard her personal feelings and face each problem objectively. Many best wishes for the future of your organization.

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—by rick spellman

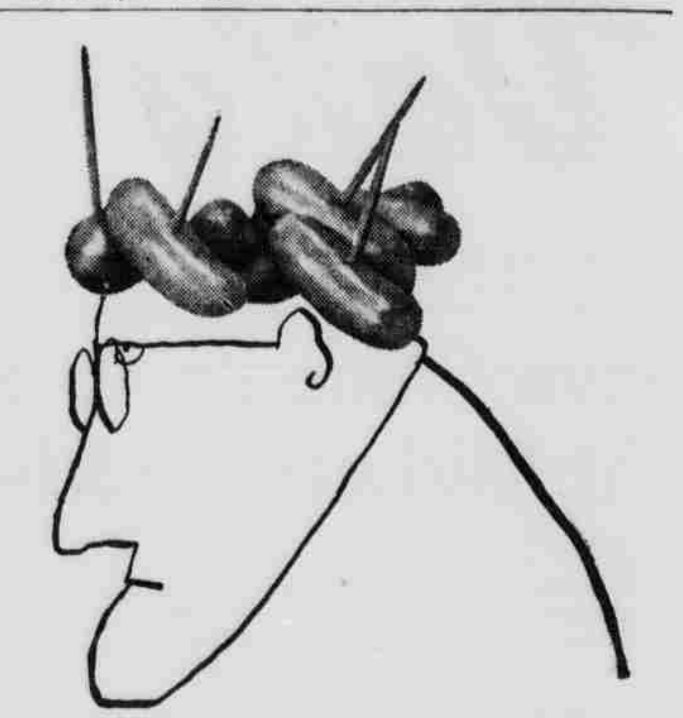
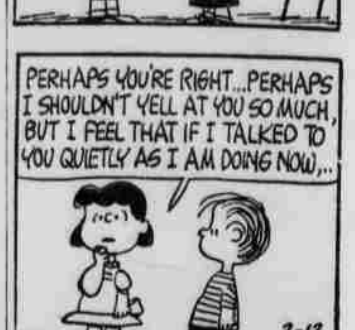
I've often wondered what my parents think about spending a lot of money on me. Like I didn't know how much clothes and food cost 'til they told me. Then to have me grow fourteen inches in one year and look like I do now. That must really bother them 'cause after all, I guess I do reflect their way of life and all.

I'm real skinny and a clean foot taller than any of my friends. Mother calls me gangly sometimes, especially when we go to buy new clothes. I think she's getting kinda scared of me, 'cause last week she didn't switch me like she used to do when I threw my clothes in the furnace. She just told dad, and he gave me another lecture and raised my allowance 'cause I got real upset. That's not really so bad, sometimes I really think I'm growing up — until I look at myself in the mirror.

everybody kids me about my face, everybody except my parents. I don't think they ever had pimples. I've got to admit that my face is more chewed up than most of the kids, and I try to mull it up by filling all the holes up with some fleshy looking stuff my mother gives me. She's really pretty subtle, 'cause I'm so skinny, all the bones I've got stick out like pillars, and my face is sorta square, greek like, my mother says. I'll bet I'm the only greek alive. Maybe that's why everybody stares at me. Then she says that I'll be real handsome when I grow up. That's what Johnny's mother told him, and he's the ugliest kid I know. That's what everybody tells their kids, and I think they do it so they'll believe it themselves. I mean, who wants to have a monster playing in the yard. I keep telling them that I'm the

way I am, then we always go and buy some more new clothes. Sometimes I really think my parents are kinda stupid when they do things like that. I don't mind though, I mean there's nothing I can do about it except keep plasterin my face up with that junk.

and the thing that really bothers me, I guess, is what my mother said the other day when we had guests for dinner. When we have the relatives for supper, the whole state seems to show up. Any way, she said that she could look at me for a while, and just watch me grow, right in front of her eyes. That really bothers me. If I'm going to grow, I want to do it all by myself. That sort of thing gets to be pretty personal, especially when everybody kids you about it. I can't wait to go to college. Then I can get away from all this. My mother says I'm like the University of Nebraska.



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