

Cronkite . . . On Fraternities

THE NEBRASKAN has printed an abundance of material on the fraternity system. Sometimes we have taken the positive approach, and, other times, the negative. The voices of the Greeks have been heard; and likewise, the independents have submitted their views.

The reactions to the fraternity articles have been varied. Some feel we have adequately defended the system . . . others feel that some of the material has been detrimental, especially in the impact certain articles have had on pledges. Still others, especially independents, feel that there has been no need for the coverage we have given the fraternity system.

WE REALIZE that we cannot please our entire readership. However, because of an article which was submitted to the Nebraskan, we are again giving play to the fraternity system.

Sigma Nu's national executive secretary issued, early in March, chapter bulletin to all Sigma Nu collegiate chapters. The subject of the bulletin was: "Walter Cronkite on Fraternities."

IN VIEW of the numerous anti-fraternity articles printed during the past few years for national magazines and newspapers, it is enlightening to see that a nationally-known commentator still has faith in the fraternity system.

So, once again the Nebraskan presents an example of the positive approach to fraternities. The following are excerpts from a speech given by Walter Cronkite.

"... I am not entirely a conformist in the popular current view that the emphasis in fraternity life must be focused on individual and group betterment. I don't happen to believe that, to justify its existence, a social fraternity needs to cloak itself in petticoats of virtue. From whence came the idea that a social fraternity must combine the scholarly and service functions of Rotary, Kiwanis, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Delta Chi, the Student Union and the Newman Club? In what context must we believe today that there is no room in the undergraduate's life for purely social championship with his fellow students? Certainly there is need today for a new devotion, a rededication to the pursuit of learning, that this nation may continue its deserved leadership and that we may be better prepared to meet the increasingly serious threat from alien ideologies.

"But this great task need not be unlightened with a sense of humor. 'Fun' has almost become a dirty word as if it were something in which the polite

(read 'dedicated') would dare not indulge.

"Let the college fraternities undertake good works. Frequently the harder the common labor the greater the bond which is forged among the laborers. But let us not, through some sense of false embarrassment, permit this to become the college fraternity's principal reason for being.

"In World War II three war correspondents, long time friends through many battles, gathered at the cot of one of them in an Ardennes schoolroom press camp. On the cot, out of that day's precious mail, laid a copy of the Chi Phi Chakett. For the first time, the three of us learned we were fraternity brothers.

"There in the cold of that Christmas Eve during the Battle of the Bulge, we found a gay and a happy warmth. It blazed from memories of gay and happy times at our separate chapters and not from memories of loading Thanksgiving baskets for the poor or helping a stricken college president raise funds. I do believe fraternities can have a fine purpose of cementing bonds of lifelong friendship. That to me is goal enough."

"The fraternity system is in robust shape and its main problem today is not to outgrow a decent wardrobe. College administrators answered a 1962 questionnaire by the National Interfraternity Conference, with 79 colleges saying they need more fraternities now; 104 that they need more in the next five years and 70 saying they had enough for the present."

"Fraternities have outlived a dozen set of pallbearers appointed by gloomy predictors of doom over the past 187 year 1900, more fraternities have been established than in the 124 years previous."

"We contend that fraternities build character; certainly anti-fraternity people have failed to refute this. Since 1825, every president except two was a fraternity man. One hundred members of the Cabinet in the last 60 years were fraternity men. Since the Civil War, 40 justices of the U.S. Supreme Court were fraternity men. You don't have to belong to a fraternity to be great, but history shows it helps."

"Fraternity chapters are small democracies where students practice what our constitution teaches. There are 16,000 fraternity chapters in college today where 140,000 undergraduates are learning democracy by actual experience every day."



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CAMPUS FORUM

Pub Board Member Comments on Attitude

TO THE EDITOR:

The mature and professional standards which the entire staff of the Daily Nebraskan have employed in handling the events which have developed recently are worthy of praise from the entire student body.

All associated with the University can only say that the student newspaper has more than justified their confidence in it. The attitude expressed both by columnists and staff members is indicative in itself of superior journalistic endeavor.

As senior representative to the Subcommittee on Student Publications, I heartily congratulate, in addition to the Daily Nebraskan staff, the entire student body for their recent actions. I urge all to continue to utilize the rights of free expression, which are available to NU students, in the same professional manner they have in the past.

Yours truly,
Arnie Garson

Typical Boy Doesn't Want a Mother Hen

TO THE EDITOR:

The typical "big, red-blooded American boy" does not want to be tied down to mother hen. If the over-anxious mother hen was not so concerned about getting her MRS degree, she would realize that the sky is not falling on her today.

I shudder to realize the depths to which a coed has sunk when she puts more value in a fraternity pin than aesthetic pleasures from the suave collegiate man on campus. It is shameful for NU coeds to hold this status-symbol so high. This materialistic attitude means it has become a "must" for a girl to be accepted, even by her own group.

Are we men on campus at fault for this? I think not. If our position seems to caution us, it is only the fault of the girl drooling whenever she sees a fraternity pin.

This article is not to be misconstrued as a criticism of the copy editor. It is of my opinion the poor girl appears to be the product of her status-climbing environment. The fault cannot lie entirely in Miss S.R., for she was conditioned to this attitude by the praise and blame of her cohorts and fellow pin-grabbers.

I often wonder if the feeling of attainment comes to the girl after she has received a pin or an engagement ring?

L. P. (CHICKEN LITTLE)



—by don ferguson

Maybe everyone around the University is approaching the budget in the wrong manner. The soft sell approach is all well and good, and has been tried before, but will it accomplish its purpose?

One senator recently remarked that he appreciated the two tickets to each Nebraska football game — especially since the team was a winner. The Senator's program is great and would be better if students attending knew something about what's been going on in the Unicameral.

Maybe we should stop the soft sell and really take the issue to the people of Nebraska. Maybe it is time that we, instead of having lunch with a senator, took him for a short jaunt around campus some morning. Show him the music building (if it is still standing). Let him try and get into Burnett Hall and Soc. Take him into the general lecture halls with up to 200 students crammed into the class — each getting his share of personal attention and help.

Then walk over to Soc 113 — 1 p.m. MWF — Students have to pack themselves in like sardines — added inspiration to both student and teacher.

Maybe we should do as

one senator suggested — get all of the students in one place at one time and bring down all of the senators. Have them take a long look, then ask them — What will you do with twice that many in ten years when you have difficulty taking care of that many today?

Maybe we should ask — Why spend thousands of coins on the Glenny report and then ignore it?

It is too bad that an institution of higher learning must resort to tactics to get enough money to operate adequately. But, maybe it's the last resort.

It is too bad that people ignore the most vital element of American Society, education, if it means a few more mills on their tax bill.

And the crisis could be just ahead — this spring, next or the next. Quality professors will be leaving. And, as was stated last year, it's nice that we have men of quality sought after so highly. Yes, isn't it. But it is also too bad that they don't stay here. Many of them would rather not take up their roots and replant themselves into another community — but you can't argue with progress and better teaching conditions and salaries.

The Board of Regents were elected by Nebraskans. We assume the

state's people had confidence in them and their ability to assess the financial needs of their institution. It is only too bad that the state Legislature doesn't agree. If electoral strength back home had any thing to do with it, the regents, each representing a large number of people, would carry sufficient weight to get every penny needed.

Students and activities should consider directing their collective and singular efforts on the home front. Send your parents a letter and ask them if they care what happens to your education within the next couple of months. Ask them if they care whether you are taught by top professors and whether you are given individual attention and get full benefits from your education.

Ask them to look around at the little children in the family and among friends. They may not even have a chance for higher education.

Ask them to assess the American heritage and freedoms. If the battles of the cold war are to be on the campus, we must see that our "troops" are well prepared.

But along with democracy goes responsibility. So, Nebraskans, maybe now is the time to start the hard sell for Education, America's most vital element.

Which Means . . .

(The following definitions are taken from the Dictionary of Wt. Wisdom, and Saire.)

BENEVOLENCE — A natural instinct of the human mind; when A sees B in distress, his conscience always urges him to entreat C to help him.

BEST REFORMERS — Those who commence on themselves.

Do Better Than That!

EDITORS NOTE: The following excerpts are from applications forms and form references of Volunteers and would-be Volunteers received by the Peace Corps Division of Selection.

In what capacity have you known her: "First as an annoyance, later as a sister-in-law."

"Although he shakes a little, I feel he is very emotionally stable."

"I have seen her react favorably when her hand was mashed in a car door."

"Even police patrolmen that have arrested him in past years stated they like him."

"I have some reservations about the Peace Corps, none about the candidate."

Area preference: "Europe — Rome, Germany, London, Hawaii. I would prefer these countries because of their higher cultures and more scenic travel areas."

What do you hope to accomplish: "I need, want, and must have a job."

"Socially, she can mix with the masses as well as the classes."

"Hasn't been arrested as yet."

What do you hope to accomplish by serving in the Peace Corps: "Peace."

"There are only two ways to do things, her way and the wrong way."

Primary skills: "Jack of all trades — I wish I could be the master of one."

"These are the people whom I feel know me best. If you would like another list of people who do not know me as well, but are in more important positions, please let me know."

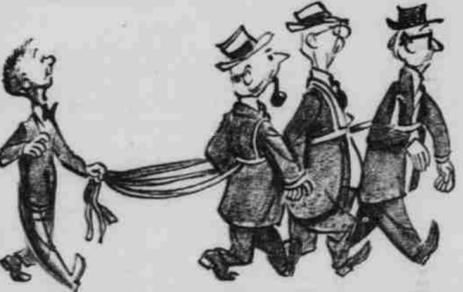
"Applicant appears to be making good strides developing from a shy, self-conscious girl into a persevering, self-confident lad."



HAIL TO THE DEAN!

Today let us examine that much maligned, widely misunderstood, grossly overworked, wholly dedicated campus figure—the dean.

The dean (from the Latin *Deanere*—to expel) is not, as many think, primarily a disciplinary officer. He is a counselor and guide, a haven and refuge for the troubled student. The dean (from the Greek *Deanos*—to skewer) is characterized chiefly by sympathy, wisdom, patience, forbearance, and a fondness for homely pleasures like community singing, farina, spelldowns, and Marlboro Cigarettes. The dean (from the German *Deanemacht*—to poop a party) is fond of Marlboros for the same reason that all men of good will are fond of Marlboros—because Marlboro is an honest cigarette. Those good Marlboro tobaccos are honestly good, honestly aged to the peak of perfection, honestly blended for the best of all possible flavors. Marlboro honestly comes in two different containers—a soft pack which is honestly soft and a Flip-Top box which honestly flips. You too will flip when next you try an honest Marlboro, which, one honestly hopes, will be soon.



There is not a dry eye in Utah

But I digress. We were learning how a dean helps poor, troubled undergraduates. To illustrate, let us take a typical case from the files of Dean S. . . . of the University of Y. . . . (Oh, why be so mysterious? The dean's name is Sigafous and the University is Utah.)

Wise, kindly Dean Sigafous was visited one day by a freshman named Walter Aquinour who came to ask permission to marry one Emma Blenheim, his dormitory laundress. To the dean the marriage seemed ill-advised, for Walter was only 18 years old and Emma was 91. Walter agreed with the dean, but said he felt obligated to go through with it because Emma had invested her life savings in a transparent rainhood to protect her from the mist at Niagara Falls, where they planned to spend their honeymoon. If Walter called off the wedding, what use would the poor woman possibly have for a rainhood in Utah? The wise, kindly dean pondered briefly and came up with a brilliant answer: let Walter punch holes in the back of Emma's steam iron. With steam billowing back at the old lady, she would find a rainhood very useful—possibly even essential.

Whispering with gratitude, Walter kissed the dean's Phi Beta Kappa key and hastened away to follow his advice—and the results, I am pleased to report, were madly successful! Today Emma is a happy woman—singing lustily, wearing her rainhood, eating soft-center chocolates, and ironing clothes—twice as happy, to be candid, than if she had married Walter. . . . And what of Walter? He is happy too. Freed from his unwanted liaison with Emma, he married a girl much nearer his own age—Agnes Yucca, 72. Walter is now the proud father—stepfather, to be perfectly accurate—of three fine, healthy boys from Agnes's first marriage—Everett, 38; Wilhelm, 43; and Irving, 55—and when Walter puts the boys on a lead and takes them for a stroll in the park on Sunday afternoon, you may be sure there is not a dry eye in Utah.

And Dean Sigafous? He too is happy—happy to spend long, tiring hours in his little office, giving counsel without stint and without complaint, doing his bit to set the young, uncertain feet of his charges on the path to a brighter tomorrow.

We don't say Marlboro is the dean of filter cigarettes, but we're sure it's at the head of the class. Get some soon—wherever cigarettes are sold in all fifty states of the Union.