

FROM THE RIGHT:

Change Partners

The University's Youth for Goldwater Club has caused so far this year, much controversy and has gained for itself much publicity. From those two, however, is lacking an important ingredient for success—prestige.

The club's growth ceased. Four members of its executive council resigned, including Douglas Paine, its first president.

Chuck Marr, state director, then took over the club. He made promises of meetings, speakers and of forming new clubs on other campuses in the state. The first meeting was a success and people were enthused, but since then these have not happened and the club has fallen apart.

The formers of the club at the beginning would not be satisfied with support and publicity through the Young Republicans, so they set up a club of their own. Since, Goldwater's publicity on the national level has fallen off and the club has suffered even further loss.

For these and maybe some other reasons the Youth for Goldwater Club has turned toward the Young Republicans. Rather than getting publicity of its own, the club has tried devices such as sending the Goldwater girls in full regalia to the meeting at which Governor Morrison addressed the YR's.

Before that meeting the Goldwater group tried to get the YR's to carry a vote supporting Goldwater. Charles Peek, president of the YR's blocked that move.

Peek has been running an educational program for the YR's and has upped attendance to 60 to 90 people, considerably higher than the 20 or so attending before. The YR's have had meetings with speakers, including Gov. Morrison, a democrat, state Senator Terry Carpenter, and most of the other state Republican leaders.

It is Peek's philosophy that it is the duty of the YR's to support the national party and its candidate for the presidency when he is selected. At that time the group should make a partial shift to a campaign organization, not before.

When Marr took over the Youth for Goldwater it seemed as though there would be no conflict between the two clubs. Now, however, some Goldwaterites are buying memberships into the YR's. It is more than coincidence that elections are coming up in March. At that time Peek will resign and more than likely Steve Stastny will be elected to his second term as YR president. Further speculation leads to the obvious conclusion that shortly thereafter a vote will be called. With some Goldwater supporters in the YR's now, plus those moving in from the Youth for Goldwater Club, plus a Goldwaterite president, Goldwater will carry that vote and the YR's will become a Goldwater Club before the national Republican Party even enters convention.

Peek has the prestige to stop this invasion while he is YR president, but he will be out in March. The Goldwaterites probably will not move en masse till then anyway. In addition, if he did try to block their entry into the club, and he could probably make it stick, it would be unethical and besides he does not know most of them. Rest assured that none of what the Youth for Goldwater Club has done is illegal. It is just bad logic.

The club was formed because it is not the purpose of the YR's to support Goldwater till he is selected, if he is. If Goldwater should not get the nomination there is no need for the club. If he should get the nomination there is still no need because the duties of backing him, as the Republican candidate for the presidency, would be assumed by the YR's.

The point is that all this might weaken the Young Republicans just to get support for Goldwater. Then if Goldwater does not get the nomination, what good will it have served? The Youth for Goldwater Club could serve a purpose by giving him their support alone, rather than subverting another group. But, of course, it seems as they have let their own club fall apart.

Marr is quite clever and he could pull it off. There does not seem to be a way to stop him and his club from overtaking the YR's.

It is obvious, however, that when four members of a club's executive council quit, including its president who has always seemed to be a staunch conservative, as the man whom the club was formed to support is, that something is wrong.

It is doubly regretful and unfortunate that the nature of the club reflects upon the candidate. Goldwater is a national political figure. That, in itself, makes him a part of all that is vital in American politics. It is too bad, in this case, that the image of Goldwater is shadowed by the inefficient operation of a temporary club.

Spare Parts

Suggested reading: THE INHERITORS.

William Golding, author of LORD OF THE FLIES, has surpassed even that well-known work with a novel published last year entitled THE INHERITORS.

Golding, an amazing combination of insight and intellectual imagination, has been said to be at his best when writing of man's primitive mind. That he certainly does in THE INHERITORS as he tells about the beginning of modern man.

Whether the last of Neanderthal and the beginning of Cro-Magnon men clashed as they do in his tale, Golding makes their meeting believable and describes vividly

the nature of man just before and at the verge of reason.

The challenge of co-existence between the two types of men are not unlike that of today, except that it is tempered by the strange suspicions of man's primitive mind, and the reader experiences an odd attitude of repugnancy toward and sympathy with Neanderthal man.

The first novel-type fiction about primitive man of this quality, THE INHERITORS gives a contemporary man much of the truth lacking in current literature. William Golding is imagination and truth at its best.



STUDENT DRIVER

NEW GUARD

By Bob Weaver

The first month of the second semester is usually the scene of increased pledge training activity on campus. Pledges dress in suits while going to class, sleep in class, and work after class and into the early morning hours. This is a brief description of what is known as Hell Week, Help Week or, more accurately, pre-initiation week activities. Many universities, especially in the east, have eliminated fraternities because they find Hell Week activities (and sometimes fraternities in general) incompatible with one's educational goals and the goals of the institution.

Certain persons, however, recognize that a fraternity can be a vital force on any college campus—not as a hindrance, but rather as an aid to individual educational goals. Besides, the intangibles—brotherhood and fellowship—and the tangibles such as room, board, and society, the fraternity can be a part of one's total educational career. The fraternity can provide cultural and other educationally stimulating experiences. In effect, it can become a part of the university itself and its goal of inspiring development, excellence and accomplishment.

It all starts with pledge training, the fraternity freshman receives his first impressions of not only the goals of the fraternity, but of education in general during that seven months period known as pledgship. Pre-initiation week is only the culmination of the total pledge training program.

The visit this week of Mr. Ted Robinson, Director of Fraternities at Iowa State, will give each fraternity a chance to discuss the goals, problems and suggestions for their pledge program with an impartial and sympathetic expert. Mr. Robinson will also discuss the role that the Interfraternity Council and its junior partner can play in fostering constructive pledge training on campus with both groups on Wednesday and Tuesday nights respectively.

Although he will be talking with only the officers of each house, it is hoped that his ideas and suggestions will reach each fraternity member. It is important that all fraternity men be concerned to some degree with their fraternity's pledge program, other than late Saturday night during

a work session. It is equally important that pledge training be in harmony with the university's goals, not only for the sake of the individual, the future of the

fraternity system, but also for the sake of the university itself. Pledge Education Week, February 11-13, is one particular time for consideration of those goals.

CAMPUS OPINION

Goldwater Leader Replies

Dear Editor: In reply to the statements of Douglas Paine concerning Nebraska Youth for Goldwater (N.Y.G.), I feel a clear explanation is due to your readers.

First, the N.Y.G. club on campus has 103 members as of this date. Its growth has slowed because of the club's observance of the month long moratorium Senator Goldwater asked in respect to the late president.

Second, N.Y.G. has increased its membership by 200 since December making a total of 359 members. True, we have only one organized club, but we do have N.Y.G. members at Doane College, Omaha University, Duchesne, five Omaha high schools, Midland College, Scottsbluff Jr. College, and Fremont high school. We have members in the towns of Ainsworth, Crete, Waverly, Brownlee, Norfolk, Burwell and Fairbury.

Third, we do charge one dollar for membership in N.Y.G. All are invited to join. The proceeds of our membership sales go to-

ward the nomination of Senator Goldwater. Fourth, N.Y.G. does not function as a part of Young Republicans in the state. We do have many Young Republicans as well as Democrat members of N.Y.G. working for the Senator's nomination.

Fifth, N.Y.G. has sponsored rallies in Omaha and Lincoln. Each rally was well attended. For example, the recent Go-Day Rally held during the NU finals period drew fifty-five students.

Sixth, the members of N.Y.G. are well aware of other candidates for the Republican nomination, and we look forward to the time when they all express their views as clearly as has Senator Goldwater.

Seventh, Mr. Paine was never president of N.Y.G. He was acting chairman of the club on campus for a short period in October and has been inactive in our organization since December.

Charles James Marr
State Chairman
Nebraska Youth for Goldwater

FIRETRUCK:
Class As Good As Instructor

By Arnie Garson
A course is only as good as its instructor!

For the last five years I've been listening to freshmen and sophomores complain that there are no "good" courses available for them to take. They argue that all the specialized upper level courses require prerequisite beginning courses.

But at the same time, juniors and seniors invariably moan that once they reach the upper class level, they really can't find all those good courses they've been looking forward to. The complaint of a typical senior scanning the class schedule bulletin is that the promised land of good "meaty" courses doesn't exist, after all.

I would like to contend that this problem is only a weakness in the student and not the University. The key to the promised land lies in the instructor and not the course content.

An instructor at his best is only a stimulant to a student's ambition and intelligence. This does not necessarily involve transferral of knowledge via the sacrosanct lecture method.

A course taught by an instructor who makes his subject interesting—who makes his students want to come to class and stay awake—who creates the desire within each individual student to seek the knowledge of the area—is the course of the promised land.

And ironically these instructors are not teaching courses exclusively for upper classmen. Many of them teach courses in beginning principles which are available to freshmen and sophomores.

True, we are all here for an education, and ideally, the instructor should not have to push us to accomplish our goals. But too often, required courses are approached negatively. However, a good professor could and should be able to pierce the shield. Instructors should accept as part of making the student want to learn the subject matter they are presenting.

Television classes in economics or any other area for that matter, wholly violate this principle. The personal communication is lost, the student sleeps, the subject becomes just a bore. A professor once told me that the instructor must accept

over half the blame when a student sleeps in class. instructor who understands and accepts his role.

On the other hand, at what other University in the country is principles of insurance considered one of the most interesting courses offered? Insurance by its very nature and content is dry, dull and boring unless you really want to study it. But at Nebraska all of Doc Elliott's courses are charter members of the promised lands—and one is even open to sophomores!

Many instructors have earned reputations for successfully communicating with their students—for instilling desire to learn and presenting knowledge itself.

Among them: Drs. Hough and Garner in the English department; Dr. Esquenazi, Spanish; Dr. Torrence, business organization, Neale Cople, journalism; Dr. Jorgensen, physics; Dr. Winter, political science and surely hundreds more whom I just don't know about or slip my mind.

But sadly there is still a lot of dead wood or more appropriately, "dead" professors who build a brick wall between themselves and their students each time they open their mouths. We all know them and have tolerated their classes more than once.

So the course with the title which attracts 98 per cent of the student body is at best a flop when taught by a flop. But a course in sand pile analysis could conceivably offer a stimulating and rewarding experience—that is if it's taught by an in-

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