

FRATERNITY GRADES:

Steadily Better

According to the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC) in New York, the scholarship averages of college fraternities throughout the nation continued to surpass respective all-men's averages for the academic year 1962-63. Final tabulations show that in 59.3 percent of all colleges reporting, all-fraternity-averages were higher than all-men's.

The figures were compiled from comparable data submitted by over three-quarters of all fraternity chapters in the U.S. and Canada—283 reporting institutions with 3,038 fraternity chapters involved.

The NIC also reported that the improvement in fraternity scholarship has been particularly pronounced in the last decade. Ten years ago only 40.3 per cent of the colleges reporting showed the all-fraternity average higher than corresponding all-men's.

The NIC reported that a similar improvement has occurred in the nationwide percentage of individual fraternity chapters above all-men's averages. Out of 60 national fraternity organizations, 28 reported that at least a majority of their chapters or more were above the all-men's averages on their respective campuses.

The data was developed from official sources supplied directly by the institutions involved and was processed by the scholarship reporting service of the NIC on a comparable basis.

Curiously, the scholastic improvement of fraternity members over their male colleagues at colleges and universities throughout the nation has accompanied a nationwide social attack on fraternities.

The response of fraternities to the demands of social pressure certainly has done them credit and proved them a beneficial and needed part of college life.

One wonders when the bickering will end?

The Civil Rights Bill

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because the Civil Rights Bill is among the most significant recently proposed legislation and because it is currently the cause of much deliberation in the U.S. Senate, the DAILY NEBRASKAN has decided to print its full text for University students. The DAILY NEBRASKAN'S copy was furnished by Richmond Newspapers, Inc., Richmond, Virginia, which published a full text of the bill as a public service. The bill will be printed daily (nine installments) on the editorial page.

An Act

To enforce the constitutional right to vote, to confer jurisdiction upon the district courts of the United States to provide injunctive relief against discrimination in public accommodations, to authorize the Attorney General to institute suits to protect constitutional rights in public facilities and public education to extend the Commission on Civil Rights, to prevent discrimination in federally assisted programs, to establish a Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as "The Civil Rights Act of 1963."

Title I

Voting Rights

Sec. 1. Section 2004 of the Revised Statutes (42 U.S.C. 1971), as amended by section 131 of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (Stat. 637), and as further amended by section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1960 (1/2 Stat. 90), is further amended as follows:

(a) Insert "1" after "(a)" in subsection (a) and add at the end of subsection (a) the following new paragraphs:

"(2) No person acting under color of law shall—

"(A) in determining whether any individual is qualified under State law or laws to vote in any Federal election, apply any standard, practice, or procedure different from the standards, practices, or procedures applied under such law or laws to other individuals within the same county, parish, or similar political subdivision who have been found by State officials to be qualified to vote;

"(B) deny the right of any individual to vote in any Federal election because of an error or omission of such individual on any record or paper relating to any application, registration, payment of poll tax, or other act requisite to voting, if such error or omission is not material in determining whether such individual is qualified under State law to vote in such election; or

"(C) employ any literacy test as a qualification for voting in any Federal election unless (i) such test is

administered to each individual wholly in writing except where an individual requests and State law authorizes a test other than in writing, and (ii) a certified copy of the test whether written or oral and of the answers given by the individual is furnished to him within twenty-five days of the submission of his request made within the period of time during which records and papers are required to be retained and preserved pursuant to title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1960 (42 U.S.C. 1974-74e; 4 Stat. 88). "(3) For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) the term 'vote' shall have the same meaning as in subsection (3) of this section;

"(B) the phrase 'literacy test' includes any test of the ability to read, write, any matter."

(b) Insert immediately following the period at the end of the first sentence of subsection (c) the following new sentence: "If in any such proceeding literacy is a relevant fact there shall be a rebuttable presumption that any person who has not been adjudged an incompetent and who has completed the sixth grade in a public school in, or a private school accredited by, any State or territory, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico where instruction is carried on predominantly in the English language, possesses sufficient literacy, comprehension, and intelligence to vote in any Federal election."

(c) Add the following subsection "(f)" and designate the present subsection "(f)" as subsection "(g)":

"(f) When used in subsections (a) or (c) of this section, the words 'Federal election' shall mean any general, special, or primary election held solely or in part for the purpose of electing or selecting any candidate for the office of President, Vice President, presidential elector, Member of the Senate, or Member of the House of Representatives."

(d) Add the following subsection "(h)":

"(h) In any proceeding instituted in any district court of the United States under this section the Attorney General or any defendant in the proceeding may file with the clerk of such court a request that a court of three judges be convened to hear and determine the issue.



"ALLIANCE, ANYONE?"

ROTC Change Long Desired; Those Concerned Deserve Thanks

By Arnie Garson

To all those who had a hand in establishing the voluntary ROTC program at the University, the entire student body owes its thanks. The change had been advocated by many for a long time and yet when it came, it was still somewhat of a surprise to the students.

The rapidly expanding enrollment was given as one of the main reasons for switching to the voluntary program. But certainly the work of Bob Kerrey and the Student Council Student Welfare Committee cannot be

underestimated. For, in spite of the fact that I have been both publicly and privately critical of Kerrey (his ROTC questionnaire in particular) for not taking a firm stand favoring the abolition of compulsory ROTC, he did supply the regents and administration with complete reports.

Colonel Elmer Powell of the Army ROTC department seemed to be somewhat disgruntled by the news in his letter to currently enrolled freshmen ROTC students. But the general student opinion seemed to be disbelief at

first, then wild and enthusiastic approval.

Col. Powell was presenting a personal attitude developed through a life in the military. The students were reacting to their personal and group impressions of the basic ROTC program at Nebraska. The philosophies of the students and Col. Powell are miles apart.

Hopefully, now that the voluntary program is here, it will prove wrong both Col. Powell and the students who were so hostile to the compulsory program. For there is a place for advanced officer training in higher education, and I believe that the program has now been placed in its proper position and will flourish.

CAMPUS OPINION

Mrs. Thomas

Dear Editor: The men of Phi Gamma Delta would like to express their gratitude to the many individuals and groups who offered their sympathy following the recent loss of our housemother.

The cards which we received from nearly every

fraternity and sorority were greatly appreciated.

We would like to especially thank Mrs. Nancy Schneider, the housemother of Alpha Tau Omega. The consolation and advice she provided was a great help to each of us.

Mrs. Thomas was greatly loved and respected by every man in the chapter. Thus the warm kindness shown us surely reduced the shock of her loss.

Lambda Nu of Phi Gamma Delta

He's Real

Dear Editor: Yes, Virginia, Recker is for real.

I realize that this is springtime and things do start crawling out of the woodwork. This is not meant to be derogatory in any way.

At least you had the sense to attack the speaker. Facts always cloud up an issue.

Now, what actually happened:

The person who was soliciting votes from the Democrats and his poli. sci. class for the Republican torch-light parade is not an officer of the YR's as Recker alleged. He is only Resolution's Chairman.

Also, SANE did not try to take over the YR's. It was the Student Peace Union. They didn't take over, they just threw the election to the present officers. (Need we mention that a certain Greek torch-cutter signed a check for nine dollars to buy memberships to vote in the election?)

The YR woodsie, (oops, I mean "parade"), was only an attempt of our ambitious politicians to get a head start on Spring Day's famed "Return to the Vine" policy, where everyone becomes a little fruity.

So in conclusion, (I find that this is a good way to end, at least everyone know where the end is), let's all have one big drink-in at the DB&G to protest Recker.

(So I now fade out of the letter, swinging from branch to branch, shouting from the top of my weary lungs, "I MISS EUGENE DEBS!")

A Fanatic Left-Winger

About Letters

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This 'Scrip' Worth Reading, Despite Title

By Patsy Campbell

The University of Nebraska is fortunate to have on its campus a student literary magazine. (It is perhaps less fortunate in the title SCRIP — but there it is.) Such a magazine is much needed on a college campus and should be encouraged. As a matter of principle, I would urge all students interested in Freedom of Expression and Encouragement of the Arts (pardon the cliches) to buy SCRIP even if its contents were unworthy. However, I find myself in the pleasant position of urging my fellow-

pier's "We Two" and his untitled poem about crayon sketching are fine. "We Two" is particularly striking in its nostalgic effect and most happy in its ending sense-picture, "warm vanilla kisses." I'm sorry that Mr. Napier made the tactical mistake of allowing his vignette, "The Secret" to be printed in the same issue. By itself it is merely poor, but beside his other fine work it is very bad indeed.

Richard Meier's poem "Run Child Run..." is well worth reading if only for the last three lines. Poetry contest winner, Linda Ensor is interestingly represented by her untitled poem beginning "My lover..." and by "The Maggot People." Ray Shepard's "Across the Bridge" is quite good but rather too esoteric without the footnote.

Review

student to buy SCRIP because its quality is generally quite good, and the reading of it is bound to be interesting.

My biggest quarrel with the magazine is its choice of the short story contest winner—"Fella" by Stuart Wylie, Jr. It is my feeling that not only was the winner not the best story in the magazine, but further, that it was far too short to have been considered. It is really no more than a nicely done vignette—as are almost all of the so-called short stories in the magazine. If longer, more worthy stories are not turned in in any given semester, then no prize should be given in that issue.

But on to the bestowing of laurels. The poetry of Roy Scheele and of W. B. Napier is excellent. Scheele's "Theoretic" is a fine piece of intellectual suggestiveness somewhat reminiscent of both Browning and Eliot. His "Afterimage" is also a lovely bit of poetry so skillfully rhymed as to be almost unnoticeably so. Na-

It is difficult to say the right thing about P. A. Drake's poem, "My Brother." It so truly finds the feeling of real mourning that one stands somehow respectfully and painfully silent before its spell.

In the short story line, "Orphan Annie and the Leaves of Rapture" by Susan Stanley Wolk is excellent, though not perfect. Mrs. Wolk has a penchant for iconoclasm which is sometimes disastrous for her reputation as a critic, but in this story it works beautifully and says something that needs saying, and in a most entertaining manner. Linda Wilson should extend her vignette, "The Devil Toupee" into a short story. It would surely be quite good.

I guess I've said everything I wanted to, except that the art work is magnificent. SCRIP is worth its 50c purchase price if only for the illustrations. And the cover picture is a delight.

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