

CAMPUS OPINION

Stop—Look—Listen

Students continually are involved with civil rights protests, radicalism, communist influence, the war in Vietnam, dodging the draft and what to do about nuclear warfare.

They are engrossed in voting for Student Senators, electing a Homecoming Queen, cramming for tests, racking up an impressive list of extra curricular activities and making grades for a particular sorority or fraternity. We, as students, have forgotten why we're here.

We are so wrapped up in doing things that we've forgotten the significance of a university.

Every activity is another hour on a schedule, another midnight task, another membership fee.

It's time to stop and look around. We need to watch Indian Summer disappear into winter, to hear the red-dened leaves rustle under our feet, to feel the brisk wind whip around corners.

It's time to stimulate intellectual capacity instead of taxing it, and to read that book no one assigned.

It's time to study, to learn, to involve ourselves in something we believe, not to argue for discussion's sake.

We need to stop-look-listen. We need to measure each day for its meaning and to quit looking at it as another step in a year of vague, busy but uncertain hours spent vegetating.—Jean Lange, KANSAS STATE COLLEGEIAN.

What Is Decision?

Tonight the Interfraternity Council will undoubtedly put into effect three amendments to the IFC by-laws which outline the drinking regulations to be followed by member fraternities.

Only a few points need be made.

Realistically the "new" amendments will not stop drinking by minors on campus—they will simply clean IFC's slate and clear the name of fraternities—should individual fraternity men be caught.

Actually, the state law which IFC is trying to support is not always enforced by law enforcement officers. How many littering tickets have been issued when intoxication tickets were in order?

Evidently IFC must believe that it is better that individual fraternity men continue disobeying the law than for their group to urge revision of the law.

MARILYN HOEGEMEYER

'N' For Nothing

Dear Editor:

In keeping with the current trend away from established customs, I feel that it is only fitting that the Homecoming Queen from now on be selected solely by her grade average.

This would serve two purposes: first, it is certainly in keeping with the Innocents' "traditional emphasis on scholarship" and most important, it involves LESS WORK. There is simply the duty of calling administration and finding out who has the highest average.

Of course, there may still be some of us who think Homecoming Queens should be chosen on personality, charm and spirit. There may even be some of us who feel Homecoming displays have a definite value and that instead of deleting them completely, a happy medium might have been chosen. However, progress must not be wiped and as we are first in football, we might as well be first in the running of the Bleakness.

I certainly hope that we all pitch in and study for good old NU, N for Nothing and U for ... well, for you.

Dave Smith

Reason For Freedom

Dear Editor:

In reading of the decision made by the Nebraska chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) to back their national organization in working to educate young people about their "legal right to be a conscientious objector" and after hearing Carl Davidson speak on the matter in a public forum (Hyde Park), the question came to my mind, do these people realize that the only reason or-

Dear Editor:

I would like to preface my remarks by saying that I do not in any way purport to speak for the fraternity of which I am president nor for the Interfraternity Council of which I am a member.

I found your editorial of October 22 entitled "Realistic Attitude Wanted" interesting indeed. In view of its content I wondered if the title was not intended as a pun? I know not from where your logic stems, but I certainly question it.

In the first place, not a single member of the IFC is advocating the abolishment of alcohol nor has any intent of embarking upon a crusade for same. In fact there is no attempt being made to regulate the drinking of any individual or several individuals in so far as it relates to them and to them alone. However, when any group undertakes to indulge in such activity as to reflect unfavorably upon the reputation of the institutions of which he is a part his drinking does in fact become the business of the regulatory agencies involved.

Do you deny that there is a state law which prohibits

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the consumption of alcohol by persons in their minority? Furthermore, do you deny that there is a state law which prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages on state property? I am not swearing my allegiance to these concepts at this time. I am simply pointing out that they do exist and as part of an institution which was created by and exists under the law it is our simple obligation to uphold the concept of respect for the law until such time as it can be effectively changed. I cannot believe that any rational individual would ask that an administrator of any state institution sacrifice his integrity by failing to enforce the law. In addition I do not believe it proper to ask the representative of any fraternity to speak or act contrary to the written tenets which most fraternities have previously ascribed to.

Personally I feel that the consternation which these few contemplated policy changes have caused within the Greek institutions is indicative of the over-emphasis upon and the institutionalization of alcohol within the system. Again I hasten

to add that I do not oppose the consumption of alcohol in so far as it reflects upon my person. But the truth of the matter is that under existing state law drinking does in fact reflect unfavorably upon the individual Greek houses and upon the Greek system as a whole.

Is it impossible for institutions which ascribe to the intangible concept of brotherhood to support the democratic principle of respect for the law? I am fully aware that individual behavior patterns will differ from this concept; however, I venture the idea that fraternities did not grow and prosper as they have by ascribing to the whims of their several members, but rather by motivating their several members to ascribe to the ideals which they held forth. Ideals conceived in the finest tradition of manhood.

Respectfully,
Kermit A. Brashear, II

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