

A Passing Comment

Because Ivy Day is approaching, we are adding our two cents worth of comment to the annual criticism that arrives with the masking and tackling.

We will keep this short and sweet, as it is just this: a passing comment. In fact, you can almost hear us sigh as we write it.

Innocents will tackle exactly thirteen men Saturday... exactly thirteen "outstanding in leadership, scholarship or service to the University."

An Innocent will tell you that the selection was not arbitrary, that the really top thirteen junior men were chosen. He can't explain how the fourteenth man on the list differed from the thirteenth, however.

But he will try to excuse the fact that as the University doubles and triples in size, the number of men honored does not increase one iota. "Not that many more leaders," he says. "Just more super-leaders"

Baloney.

Student Self-Government

Editor's Note: We feel the following comments from a Washington university are especially pertinent to Nebraska's hope for student government.

—Spokane, Wash. (I.P.) —To allow students the freedom of self-government could open Pandora's box for Gonzaga University, according to fears expressed by several members of the University's Board of Regents at a recent campus meeting.

The rioting at Berkeley was repeatedly cited as the cause of the regent's concern.

Concern over student freedom was spawned by reports made by Dr. George H. Stewart, chairman of the chemistry department, and Dean William H. Barber of the School of Education. Both reports concerned the evolving attitudes of various components of the collegiate community.

In his report, Dr. Barber explained that "the administration, the faculty and even the students will become full partners work-

ing together to achieve the purposes of the Gonzaga college community."

Regent L. V. Brown asked if Dr. Barber meant students should be brought into the policy level.

"I don't think students will ever be in the area of curriculum policy," responded Dr. Barber, explaining, however, that students will inevitably be given more and more freedom.

Dr. Barber pointed to two "Gonzaga Bulletin" reporters attending the meeting as an example of increased student involvement in administrative affairs. The regent's meeting was the first in university history to which representatives of the campus newspaper had been allowed to attend.

Brown said he felt increased freedom for students could lead to disciplinary problems.

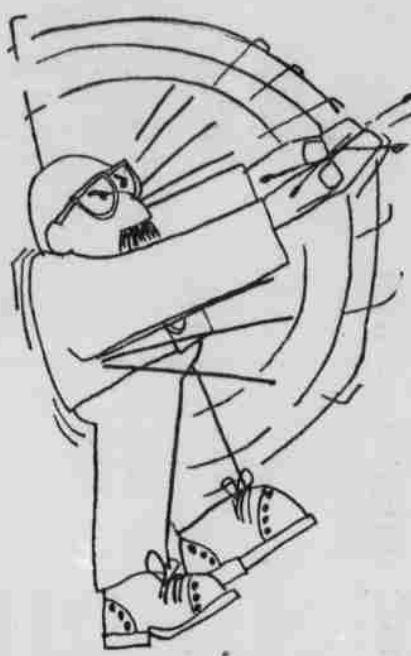
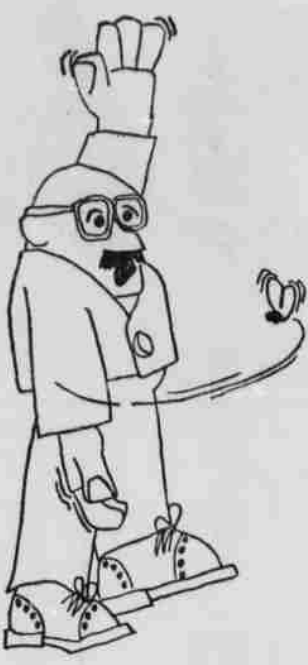
"Every father on this board is concerned about the discipline or lack of it, experienced by the university," he said. Brown then referred to the Berkeley riots.

"The Berkeley situation would not have happened had there been more dialogue between the administration and the students," answered Dr. Barber. "Gonzaga's situation is not similar. The dichotomy that once existed among the administration, the faculty and the students is breaking down."

"The kind of policy Dr. Barber is talking about invited Berkeley type situations," Brown said.

Dr. Stewart answered, explaining that the University, to maintain a rapport with students must offer increasingly more freedom. "Gonzaga has gone from a 'street car' to a 'regional' type school," he said. "We're getting more cosmopolitan, sophisticated. The type of student that contributes to this new atmosphere is more and more demanding, and we have to give him an atmosphere in which he will react."

He said one sure way to get students up in arms is "to impose regulations from the top."



Sorry About That!

Being a compendium of farce, humor and comment, selected arbitrarily by the Editor...

—There wouldn't be any Greek-Independent split if there weren't any Greeks... or Independents. —"The world is dead"—God. (The Daily Illini)

Historical Note of the Day: In 1958, Varkle, California, the first annual motorcycle rally and poetry reading is held. In 1867, University of Nebraska, the student government Centennial Committee starts drafting plans for the University's centennial celebration. Chancellor Yesmun suggests a banner being floated over the stadium during hockey games, but the Board of Regents vetoes the plan as they have not as yet met the Wright brothers.

Thought for the Day (for junior gunners): In three days you can sleep again.

Tidbits From Others

—The average Iowa State coed has kissed 10 men since fall. If playing the field, rotate the groups.

—Graduation gowns are on rental now, and masters robes are more expensive than bachelors. Act smart and where does it get you? (Iowa State Daily)

Our staff is in great trouble. We can think of no name for the pink rag (that is printable). Any suggestions will be appreciated (although not necessarily used).

To all those who went to classes today and found out they have an hour exam the week before finals, we're Sorry About That!

Another Viewpoint— Hallucination or Education?

The Christian Science Monitor

The tendency of a growing number of young people to experiment with the use of narcotics and hallucinatory drugs constitutes one of the most urgent domestic problems in the United States today.

Dr. James L. Goddard, Food and Drug administrator, registered the government's great concern by writing college and university officials throughout the land, requesting their cooperation.

Noting a marked increase in the use of drugs such as LSD, especially at educational institutions, he

warned: "We are faced with a most hazardous situation. There is direct evidence of widespread availability of a number of drugs which have profound effects on the mental processes. Both students and members of the faculty are being secretly approached to engage in hallucinogenic 'experiences.'"

Dr. Goddard has requested that college officials report immediately to FDA district offices instances of illegal use or possession of any of the hallucinatory or sleep-delaying drugs, some of which can be easily manufactured in college chemistry laboratories.

He suggested the colleges might also consider inspection programs, laboratory supervision, and special counseling.

This newspaper is now completing a series of 12 articles dealing with narcotics and drug addiction. These underscored the gravity of the situation, suggested practical solutions, and pointed up the tremendous task remaining to be done.

In the series, one university official was quoted as saying: "We feel that our job is to help students to handle the problem themselves. There is no point in being punitive with the victims."

Considering all that is at stake for the individual and for society, we believe colleges have the obligation to go further. Films on drug abuse can be a helpful tool.

Useful, too, are talks to "interested" students by experts to point out that instead of a "fuller, larger experience—another way of investigating reality," the experience could well prove self-destructive.

But, in addition, we believe officials should be prepared to invoke strong sanctions, including expulsion. The threat of expulsion shows just how seriously the institution views the matter and is sufficient to make most students think twice before acting.

It is up to the colleges and universities to move with much greater vigor and firmness to restrain decent young people who, unwittingly, embark upon a course which could utterly ruin their lives.

CAMPUS OPINION

Comments Approved

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to Mr. Peterson's letter in the Daily Nebraskan in answer to the column written by Julie Morris on April 22 of this year.

The article was brought to my attention by a co-worker of mine, a long-time resident of Lincoln. I just want to say congratulations on his comments. They were a remarkable summation of my feelings. It is apparent that little "Julie" could do with a little more traveling and a lot more growing up.

T. L. Hundley

Police Ticketing Questioned

Dear Editor,

Recently I was stopped by a Lincoln patrolman and given a ticket for operating a vehicle in Lincoln without a Nebraska drivers license, as I am not a resident of this state.

Each semester, just like many other non-resident students, I spend countless dollars besides \$430 for tuition, on food, housing, clothes, etc., all of which goes to the city of Lincoln indirectly. This is usually money which is brought into Nebraska and Lincoln. On top of this when Lincoln's Police Dept. give tickets for such a violation, I believe it is a low blow.

I think it is time that the law be given a fair appraisal as to its worth.

If this law is needed (which I doubt), I think it's time a universal driver's license be issued to cover all states, or if this is impractical, one to cover an area, such as the Midwest, etc.

I would appreciate all views on the subject.

LeRoy Anderson

Schaaf, Doerr Thank Supporters

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank everyone who supported us in the recent ASUN election. Our special thanks go to Cathie Shattuck, Elaine Kallos and Andrea Warren for many extra hours of effort on our behalf.

It is our hope that the objectives we outlined throughout our campaign can become realities in the coming year with the help of the many capable people who were elected to the Senate. We hope the senators-elect will now take time to evaluate this year's programs and consider the ways and means whereby Student Government can be more effective and representative of the needs of the student in the coming year.

We also hope students at large will take an active interest in their student government and with this in mind we welcome any suggestions and criticisms relating to our programs and policies. Students with special interests in varied areas are encouraged to take an active part by interviewing for various committee positions which relate to their interests. These positions will be announced next fall.

Again, we thank everyone who expressed their confidence in us by supporting us in the past election.

Terry R. Schaaf Roger Doerr

Ivy Day Idiocy

Dear Editor,

So it's here again. Once a year we of the University must suffer through the idiocy of what is laughingly known as Ivy Day. For the sake of tradition, each year at this time the thirteen male gunners and their female counterparts creep out of the woodwork to perpetuate their kind.

The excuse for this ceremony, of course, is to honor the so-called leaders of the junior class. These are the students who have, in their college lives, given the campus the benefit of their manifold knowledge and leadership.

What a joke. Fraternity men have spent years grooming candidates for the annual tackling. A freshman is instructed in the way to pass an interview, how to pass the buck to subordinates, how to get his face around campus, who to know, what to say.

Each of these gunner-factories exposes its choice candidate to the glare of the Big Red Spooks. And they politic between themselves so that each man's house doesn't get shafted. And so the real leaders of the campus are passed by in favor of frat brothers and personal friends.

So I won't go to Ivy Day—because I won't get a mask or a baldric. And I won't go because I don't give a damn about those who do. It is time the real leaders of the campus (some of them might have slipped into the senior honoraries) stopped this whole farcical act. If they don't, Mortar Boards and Innocents will be laughed out of existence before long anyway.

I hope more of the campus will write in to the editor and express what I feel is the prevalent idea against the farce that senior honoraries are.

Innocents' Bystander

An Average Student

Dear Editor,

I like to read the letters column, but I have never written one before this. I guess because I'm a pathetic.

Anyway, I really get a kick out of some of the letters you get. Can you imagine a bunch of "students" getting upset over the fact that someone stole their traveling trophy? That about got me.

I also get a charge out of the regular contributors of letters on the Viet Nam policy, on Communism and so forth. It seems to me that illogic is prevalent on both sides of the fence. I'd like to see a good letter from a middle-of-the-roader.

But middle-of-the-roaders don't get excited about much I don't either.

I have to cram for finals like everybody, I have a sloppy roommate, I have a whole slew of boring professors and mickey mouse courses, I like to party on weekends, and I'm anxious to get away from here. Guess I'm pretty average. I don't think you get enough letters from average people, but then that's one reason I get some chucks every time the paper comes out.

By now you've figured out that I'm not hot and bothered about anything; I hardly ever get that way.

Don't you think it's refreshing that I'm not? In fact, I can't even think of anything I'm much against, or much for, for that matter.

If you want to put me on the record as being for something, guess you could list no finals, no courses, no instructors, no draft, no jobs, lots of money for everybody. Oh... and yes, patriotism and motherhood. (Slipped that in for my mother and my congressman.)

In the summer I'm also for swimming and loafing and getting a good tan. I don't give a diddley about being constructive in the summer... or any other time for that matter.

Wishing you the best of luck during finals and hoping you'll have fun this summer, I am,

An Average Student

Lost Cool

By LIZ AITKEN

This Friday is the date of one of the University's most revered and respected traditions—Spring Day. Known to the campus elite as "Games People Play," this fun-in-the-sun frolic is an annual spring occurrence and in some eyes eclipses the brilliance of Ivy Day.

The story behind Spring Day is an interesting one. First started in 1913, the scheduling of an outdoor games day was dedicated to the thousands of underprivileged Nebraska students who had never been able to get outside the confines of city walls.

Hence, it was established that one afternoon per year would be reserved for organized activity in the great open spaces. (This action was probably the first significant step taken by student government to declare students' rights and was successful only after a rugged struggle with the Regents.)

The first Spring Day was held at Pioneer's Park (now affectionately referred to as Southwest Campus), but was switched to Ag Campus

(now affectionately referred to as East Campus) the following year.

It seems that with all the abundant foliage at Pioneer's Park and the great number of students, there turned out to be a misunderstanding of the purpose of the event stemming from a wrong interpretation of the name. Since then, all activity at Pioneer's is entirely on the student's own initiative.

After this initial setback (the attendance dropped drastically the second year) Spring Day grew into the significant and meaningful event it is today. This isn't to say that it wasn't without its problems.

In 1935 certain trouble-making students circulated a petition declaring that they were being gyped out of classes they had paid for.

Almost 49% of the student body were deceived into signing this subversive document by a hard-core group who made some radical claims about democracy and such. Even though the Administration had opposed Spring Day just a short 22 years before, it decided to

defend its status on the basis of status quo. The petition was defeated.

Then, in 1959, Spring Day was given a very prestigious boost. Within the framework of the President's Program on Physical Fitness, an award was established for any student who could roller-skate around the tractor-testing track 200 times.

To date, no one has garnered this award (a medalion with Harry Truman's portrait on one side and a picture of Grant's Tomb on the other) but it is rumored that the Kappas have an entry in secret training.

This year there were plans to have a booth for tap-and-pizza in an effort to boost attendance and make Spring Day a more representative event, but again status quo has prevailed.

Because of the significance of Spring Day, I can't figure out why no racing forms have been published for the competition. In fact, I would have made one out myself, but I really don't know that many freshmen.

RAG RACING FORM

Rag Racing Form table with columns: Jockey, Stable, Trainer, Odds. Includes names like Seabound, Purity, Double Trouble, Sure Bet, etc.

