

If Sub-rosas Exist

The cartoon in today's Daily Nebraskan suggests that if one ignores any existence of a sub-rosa problem maybe it will go away, but unfortunately this is only hopeful thinking and the possibility of such a problem cannot be ignored.

Sub-rosas are very serious problems and can and have in the past caused a great deal of trouble on university campuses. Especially today when the Greek System is already so disconnected from many of the modern ideals of education, the sub-rosas are not anything funny but very serious.

As former IFC President Don Ferguson pointed out last spring sub-rosas are like "cancer that gets in a fraternity and eats away the basic fiber of the fraternity house."

A fraternity member who joins a sub-rosa soon finds his loyalty drifting from the house to his outside group and when sub-rosas take over campus organizations, a student's merits do not matter, but only his membership in the secret group.

The Daily Nebraskan encourages every possible student to attend the IFC meeting Wednesday night and hear the facts—not just the rumors which are presently sweeping the campus—on the present status of sub-rosas at this University.

The following editorial published in the Daily Nebraskan Dec. 13, 1961, was one of the last long pieces written in the paper about the sub-rosa problem.

The Nebraskan is publishing this editorial again because in the last five years sub-rosas have been a part of the past at Nebraska and most students today understand very little about the serious nature of a possible sub-rosa problem.

Editorial Published In 1961

"The student population is minus two individuals today. Specifically, joint Student Tribunal and Dean of Student Affairs action has resulted in the suspension of two members of a sub-rosa fraternity.

"These two male students were caught painting their yellow insignia on a sidewalk early in the morning, Dec. 1. The Tribunal and the Dean of Student Affairs rejected their alibi that they were framed and therefore, were not members of the outlawed Pi Xi fraternity.

"Their defenses, in our opinion, were as weak as their organization. They received a just penalty for their actions and affiliations. It is our feeling that suspension was more than a fair break. Certainly expulsion would have been justified. Pi Xi along with Theta Nu Epsilon (TNE) and Rho Delta (Red Dots) have been outlawed by the Board of Regents and the Office of Student Affairs for the sickening principles they stand on. The same action has occurred on college campuses across the nation.

Last spring the Daily Nebraskan conducted a campaign against these sub-rosa organizations which included the publication of secret rituals and other information pertaining to two of the organizations. In our consultations with the University administrators, we were assured that decisive action would be taken against the sub-rosas if substantial evidence could be produced. The campus police force provided the evidence and the members. Now the Tribunal and the University have fulfilled the promises. May the intelligent unaffected portion of the student body stand behind their decision.

"Perhaps now the entire campus can realize where these subversive groups are heading. Prior to the recent action taken by the Tribunal and the Dean of Student Affairs the average student might reasonably believe that membership or affiliation in sub-rosas could do little harm to the student. Now we all know. Anyone who is a member or affiliate runs a high risk of being suspended or expelled from the University, a high price to pay for associating with a group of individuals with immoral and twisted beliefs.

"Last year the organizations were exposed. Now two members have been exposed and ejected. The handwriting should appear to be quite readable on the wall. It is our contention that each member and affiliate knows what he is a part of in these groups. There can be no excuse for future members who might well be exposed. As we pointed out last year, to be a member of Pi Xi, TNE and Red Dot, one must lie. He must lie to everyone including his closest friends and even himself to avoid detection. However, this little device didn't buy much for two ex-students.

"In the past, members of sub-rosa fraternities had political prominence on campus. Today, the corrosive evils of the sub-rosa's have little going for them. Their twisted political ambitions have disappeared to be replaced by little more than alcoholic intake. It should be obviously clear to all that these groups are bringing about their own collapse. They cannot boast of having members in high campus positions as they once did. The remaining members are living on borrowed time.

"These organizations perpetuate only as long as they can lure others into their corrupted organizations. A goodly share of their new members come from the sophomore class. We urge students to think clearly when approached by members of sub-rosas. Don't forget why you are going to school. If students unite to completely repulse Pi Xi, TNE and Red Dot, they may rest assured that they will take another step closer to graduation and a moral life besides being around to watch these groups of petty individuals deteriorate to nothing.

"These subversives think of themselves as 'swingers' and campus 'movers' (otherwise known as the elite). We'll watch as you swing and move right out of the University."

A Good Plan

Student Senate will be presented with a plan Wednesday which could improve some of the existing but ineffective channels which the University now has between the faculty, the students and the administration.

The plan, which will be presented by Mel Schlaechter, calls for a re-evaluation of the present constitutions and goals of the student advisory boards.

The student advisory boards, which are supposed to give student representatives a chance to meet with the deans of colleges and discuss ways that the different fields of study can be improved from the students' point of view, presently do very little advising and in fact have often done little meeting.

The boards have been one of the many important student-faculty-administration channels which have been ineffective due to both the students and the faculty ignoring their presence.

The plan will call for a new emphasis on the importance of these boards and more discussion by the boards' members with the faculty of different colleges about such things as curriculum.

Schlaechter's plan also calls for a closer liaison between ASUN and the boards so that the boards can make suggestions to ASUN concerning actions and obtain ASUN political support and aid in their projects.

The plan will in a manner of speaking bring the boards to the students' attention so that students will know that they do exist and encourage students to use the advisory boards for significant purposes and possibly to form new boards in colleges which do not have them.

The Daily Nebraskan encourages ASUN and Student Senate to consider this plan seriously and to put it into effect as soon as possible.

Wayne Kreuschler



Campus Opinion

Baker's Column Applauded

Dear Editor: Kelley Baker's column in Monday's Daily Nebraskan was something that should have been said long ago, and he should be congratulated by every student who believes in an honest approach to student government. This type of nepotism has been going on for years first under the guise of the sub-rosas but now accepted as a quasi-honest means of glorifying the Brotherhood. The System, which was on the defensive for many of its early years, is now offensive to the point of filth. Hopefully, courageous columnists will continue to expose this problem and courageous Brothers and Sisters will come to realize that dishonesty as a means does not justify the glory of the Brotherhood as an end. Or it might soon justify the end of the Brotherhood. Frank Partsch

Three Cheers For Baker

Dear Editor: Three cheers and a bouquet of roses for Kelley Baker! Baker's "if up's the word" column in Monday's Daily Nebraskan eloquently said something that should have been said long before this. We would all do well to stop living in a dream world that glorifies our "democratic" ASUN. A Student

Need For Dorm Bill Of Rights

Dear Editor: Although I wouldn't go so far as to hold Rich Arndt and Ed Bryan responsible for the Abel Hall fire, John Klein's letter in Monday's Daily Nebraskan was I thought a brilliant expose of the problems of the University's policies toward dorm students. There in lies a bureaucracy's bureaucracy one that would be ridiculously comic if it weren't so frustratingly pathetic. As a dorm resident, a student is subjected to rounds of analysis, amateur counseling and half-baked theory based only on the nebulous thesis that "a residence hall should be more than just a place to eat and sleep."

Unfortunately, what most students want is a place to eat and sleep. More unfortunately, what most students want is not taken into consideration. By this overprotective atmosphere, the University is fostering immaturity and actually hindering the educational process that they purport to deal in. In a day when the curve of individual responsibility and initiative rises sharply, the University is forcing this same curve just as sharply downward under the banner of the group approach to living. Klein doesn't have the answer, and neither do I. But I maintain that we must go back to 1963 and start over if we are ever to find a system which will help diminish the crying need for a Bill of Rights for dormitory residents. Frank Partsch

SDS, Civilian Debate

Dear Editor: We have unsuccessfully tried to arrange a debate between the SDS and the ROTC Department on the subject of American policy in Viet Nam. The SDS immediately showed an interest, and was anxious for the debate to be organized. They were, however, pessimistic toward the chances of the ROTC Department participating. They were right. We talked to all three of the ROTC Department commanders. Col. Bowers (Air Force), like Col. Bishop (Army) and Capt. Mullen (Navy) stated that it was against military policy to debate a "political" issue. Col. Bowers, however, welcomed a civilian debate. We talked to Col. Bishop on the chances of putting a notice on the bulletin board pertaining to the debate. Although we emphasized that ROTC students would be participating in strictly civilian fashion, Col. Bishop stated he could not approve of such a notice on the ROTC bulletin board. When we talked with Capt. Mullen, he told us that there was "no need for a debate" and that "you can find everything you need to know about the Administration's policy from reading the newspaper."

Would anyone interested in debating the SDS (serving in a strictly civilian capacity of course) please write a letter to the Daily Nebraskan? Ken Rose Jackie Metzger

Boy Did I Go Hungry

Dear Editor: Would you believe we had two fried apple-rings for breakfast at Abel on Friday? Boy, did I go hungry! Would you believe that Abel serves breakfast juice made from the canning syrup of fruit-cocktail and peaches? Boy, did I go hungry! Would you believe that the toast at Abel is softer than the fresh bread served in the evening? Boy, did I go hungry! Would you believe we had "sloppy joes" hamburgers at Abel on Friday? When I picked up the bun, its contents ran out filling my plate with grease. Boy did I go hungry! Would you believe that the Abel cafeteria waits until it runs out of one pan of food before preparing the next? Boy, did I go hungry! After choosing between cobbler, cake, or gelatin for dessert; choosing between breaded meat and potatoes, or noodles and pork for a main course; choosing between properly aged white and rye bread; would you believe I could get enough starches to meet my minimum adult daily requirement? Boy, do I ever get fat while I go hungry! Spoon

LOST COOL BY LIZ AITKEN

I am a Lincoln girl, and as such have never had to live under the stringent rules of AWS. Because of this I have always kept out of any controversy, as I felt that I had no justification for "sticking my two cents" into the questions at hand. (After all, it would be something like my complaining about Men's Rush Week schedule.)

All this notwithstanding, today I am going to write about AWS at the request of an AWS Board member. My topic concerns the constitution of AWS as contained in the AWS Handbook, "Focus on Coeds." Most girls read the handbook only to scan the current rules and regulations covering closing hours, scarier keys, etc. They ignore the current constitution and its suggested changes — a serious oversight.

Over the past two days I have made quite a study of this document and, may I say, I am appalled. The suggested changes are little more than meager attempts to appease last year's rumblings about the undemocratic nature of AWS elections.

I fully realize that these suggested changes were formulated last year when the AWS Board was under a very strong conservative influence. I also realize that since the source of that influence has graduated, the board has taken on a somewhat more enlightened attitude and is even now considering changes and additions to the list of proposed changes.

Nevertheless, every woman student who is governed by AWS should know exactly what the proposed changes cover and what they ignore. Then if the women of this campus are still unhappy about how their government is run (and I can't see how they can help but be unhappy), they should give active and vocal support to any further changes suggested by their executives or initiate changes themselves.

But enough of my sermon and on with my gripes. In the AWS handbook these are the opening statements explaining what AWS is. I quote directly from the handbook.

"The Association of the Women Students is the governing body of the women students of the University. Every woman becomes a member of AWS the moment she completes her registration in the University, and through this membership she is offered a "The purposes of the AWS Board are to cooperate with the Dean of Women in establishing and enforcing rules to govern all undergraduate women students "My answer to this is — "not by a long shot." There is no semblance of self-government in AWS and the Board must more than cooperate with Dean Snyder, it must agree with her. I

cite as my reference the constitution of AWS. "The AWS Board shall have the power to legislate regulations WITH THE APPROVAL (my caps) of the Associate Dean of Women for women students living under the jurisdiction of AWS (Article VIII, section 1). As I understand, the AWS has enacted legislation that Dean Snyder is not fully in agreement with. If so, this speaks well for Dean Snyder and her respect for the women she deals with. But (and this is a crucial provision) the AWS Board cannot breathe without the approval of the Dean of Women and even if this rule is unofficially ignored it is a terrible and wrong regulation to have on the books. I want to say right here that this is not a personal attack against Dean Snyder. Any coed who has had dealings with this dedicated administrator will attest to the fact that she is fair, intelligent and always looking out for the student's interest. My gripe is with the constitution, for it will be around a long while after Dean Snyder relinquishes her post, and it is possible that her successor could be far less concerned with student opinion. It wouldn't be so bad if the constitution gave the Dean of Women the power

of the veto. Veto power is almost always coupled with the power of the legislative body to override that veto. As it stands now, the Dean's approval is needed and, without that, there is no recourse or higher authority to which the AWS Board can turn. My second major area of concern with the AWS constitution is that of election of officers. Previously, the three candidates for president of AWS had to be slated by the senior members of the outgoing board. Applicants could only come from the junior members of the outgoing board. This was a terrible situation that raised the eyebrows of more than a few campus leaders last year. So some changes were initiated. The yet to be ratified changes have added the provision that "any woman meeting eligibility requirements for president may add her name to the ballot" by filing a petition of 3 per cent of the women students. Sounds great doesn't it. But don't be fooled. That little word eligibility actually means that the girl who circulated the petition must have been a member of the junior board. In other words, if you don't get elected to AWS board the end of your sophomore year, you don't even get to think about

being president. It is still the same old system that has been in operation for years. Don't get me wrong. The AWS executives this year are some of the most able people on campus but that need not always be true. It is possible in future years that the six junior members of the board will be all lacking in some area of leadership, and with the current method of election AWS would suffer. These are only two serious discrepancies that I can see in the proposed changes of the AWS constitution, and the constitution as it remains unchanged. I have quite a few more questions as to the fairness of other aspects of this document but they are either too technical or too lengthy to discuss here. The point is not for me to challenge rules and procedures that don't affect me, it is the women students who live on campus who should be raising these valid questions of democracy. Read carefully the last eight pages of your AWS handbook and go to your AWS representatives or executives with your ideas. After all, no executive no matter how dedicated, how enlightened, or how concerned is going to undertake a fight for changes that she thinks no one wants.

Our Man Hoppe

The Maker of Lester Maddox



Arthur Hoppe

The surprising victory of Mr. Lester Maddox, the axe-handle segregationist, down in Georgia continues to astound the experts. How did this inexperienced former restaurant owner capture the Democratic nomination for Governor? Where did his strength come from? What does it all mean? Actually, the victory came as no surprise to Mr. Maddox himself. He humbly attributed it not so much to his own efforts but to his staff. God, he explained modestly to the New York Times, had been his campaign manager. This revelation makes the whole thing clear. True the Good Lord was seldom, if ever, seen around Maddox-for-Governor headquarters. But we can assume that He was staying in the background the way a good campaign manager should. "Lester, this is your campaign manager speaking to you." "I hear you, Lord." "You need more bill-

boards in downtown Atlanta, Lester." "Right, Lord." "And the precinct work's been weak over in Pikes county. They've put out more bumper stickers there than we have." "We'll get to work on it, Lord." "I can only help those who help themselves, you know, Lester. Now, going over the text of that speech you're giving in Augusta tonight, it's mushy, Lester, mushy." "Golly, Lord, it's got a lot of statistics about industrial development, hydro-electric power "By Mr. Lester, folks don't give a hang about those kinds of things. How many times do I have to tell you, you've got one issue going for you and you've got to keep hammering away at it." "You mean "That's right, Lester, the White backlash. Talk about terror in the streets. Put the fear of Me into them. Talk about our Southern

way of life. States' Rights, unsullied magnolias. They'll get the point." "Well, if you say so, Lord. But I was kind of hoping on picking up maybe ten or twenty per cent of the Nigra vote." "I'm not that omnipotent, Lester." "But the polls show me trailing by six points, money's getting tight, the experts say "Look here, Lester, do what I say. Harp on White supremacy, dwell subtly on miscegenation, stir up bigotry. I only know how big this White backlash is. So have faith in your campaign manager, Lester, and you shall be rewarded at the polls." Well, it warms your heart to think how Lester Maddox went to heaven for help, had faith and won through. Of course, politics being what it is, I've always felt that any politician with the temerity to claim that kind of help should go to Hell.

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