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'Too Many Rumors' . . . Facts Indicate Sub-Rosa Activity

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Sub-rosas are active on the University campus in varying degrees, Gary Larsen, Interfraternity Council president, told members of the group Wednesday night.

Larsen said the Cornhusker yearbook copy last year hinted at the return of sub-rosas on the campus. Later, Jim DeMars, copy editor of the 1966 Cornhusker said he "wasn't hinting but saying it out loud."

Sub-rosas are organizations such as Theta Nu Epsilon, Pi Xi, both male organizations, and Rho Delta, a women's organization. Larsen noted that the secret organizations, when strong, try to manage student government and other campus organizations and elections.

Larsen then told the IFC some facts regarding the sub-rosas current activity. He noted that Buzz Madsen, former IFC president, was contacted by the Theta Nu Epsilon sub-rosa but did not return their invitation to join.

"At Homecoming last year, a plane flew over the stadium carrying a banner saying, 'Welcome TNE alums,'" Larsen said.

"Last year, another person whose name I will not mention, was contacted and asked to join with the promise of securing for him a title of royalty for which he was a finalist," Larsen said.

Before finals last semester, two men associated with IFC received a letter from TNE, Larsen stated. The letter told them to go to a particular phone booth and look up a certain name in the telephone book.

The two individuals, who did not know the other had been contacted, went to Larsen, telling him of the letter. Larsen noted that it was decided to get them into the organization where they could "gain information about strength, ritual and plans of TNE."

The two individuals went to the telephone booth and found a note there reading: "Theta Nu Epsilon has been watching your college career with considerable interest. You are among the privileged few who have been selected for possible spring initiation. To signify your consent, you will place the following classified ad in the Tuesday Lincoln Star: 'The . . . rest home has a vacancy for man or woman. Disclose this to no one.'"

He said that since that time nothing has happened. "I think there are too many rumors and incidents for all

of this to be a joke," Larsen said.

Larsen said the Pi Xi is leading a "semi-active life at this time."

Later John Kenagy, IFC vice-president, termed the group "an immature drinking club." He said that membership is usually gained through friendship with one of the members.

Larsen said that Rho Delta is also rumored to be active and that as far as he knows at least one coed has been contacted about membership.

Larsen cited several consequences of being detected as a member of a sub-rosa: —A student may be expelled from school.

—The membership becomes a part of the person's individual record.

—Jobs and commissions in the armed forces may not be made available to members of sub-rosas.

—The FBI lists sub-rosas as subversive organizations.

DeMars noted that sub-

rosas do not only pick sophomores for membership, but may also contact dissatisfied seniors, offering to put them in an important position for joining.

"The IFC does not want to become a branch of FBI, but it doesn't want to sit back and watch the sub-rosas ruin the fraternity system," Larsen said.

Theta Nu Epsilon was founded in 1870 at Wesleyan College in Middletown, Conn., as an honorary fraternity to supplement and exemplify the ideals of the fraternity system.

Lambda Lambda chapter of the TNE was founded at Nebraska in 1895. The respectable chapters of TNE went out about 1924, leaving TNE as solely illegal, Larsen said.

The groups insignia is the skull and crossbone with a right eye of red, signifying blood, and a left eye of green, signifying the envy with which members guard their secrets.

TNE has been primarily a political organization while on the campus during later years.

Shortly after TNE was supposedly dissolved by its membership in 1951, Pi Xi was founded at the University of Nebraska. From here, it spread to other Big Eight schools.

The group's password is "What is it?" and the return is "Strikes me funny." The pin is worn on the inside of the lapel pocket of the suit coat.

"The organization thrives on publishing slander about the Greek system, against their own fraternity and against the University," Larsen said.

Larsen noted that both groups were active during the middle and late 1950's but during the early 1960's "the sub-rosas were again, supposedly, driven off the campus through the work of men like Don Ferguson and John Nolan, former IFC presidents.

Study Of Philosophy: A Bridge To Political Activism On Campus?

To many students, philosophy seems to be a bridge to political activism, at least on the University campus.

A look at some of the campus leaders of the Left, reveals that almost without

exception they are philosophy majors and graduate students.

According to Dr. R. L. Hurlbutt, acting chairman of the philosophy department, it is coincidental, but is perhaps,

due to the nature of the study of philosophy.

Hurlbutt noted that the University philosophy department has one of the oldest graduate programs and ranks well in the Big Eight.

According to one graduate student, the University's department has an excellent reputation because of such past directors as Dr. O. K. Bouwsma.

"Philosophy has become a subject of attractiveness within the last ten or fifteen years," Hurlbutt stated.

He noted the change in American life, from a rural to an urban society, that has caused people to question ultimate human goals.

Good and evil, right and wrong, these are all questions of an anxious pressurized society that no specific science can settle, said Hurlbutt.

These moral and ethical questions are tossed into the laps of philosophers, he added.

Hurlbutt offered no answer as to whether the kind of people who become philosophy students are those who question society, or whether the study of philosophy leads a student to question his society.

It is evident, however, that philosophy students do question their society. In many cases it leads to an involvement in some sort of social action, such as civil rights and an attempt to change society.

Pair Arrested On LSD Charge Are Released

Two youths arrested Monday night on suspicion of using LSD were released Wednesday because of lack of evidence after questioning by Kansas City members of the Food and Drug Administration.

Inspector Robert Sawdon of the Lincoln Police said that it could not be established if the drug used by the suspects was LSD.

He said that even if it was LSD that was used, there is no Nebraska state law which forbids the use of the drug.

The University student who was apparently suffering from the effects of LSD showed no symptoms which could be proven to be caused by LSD to the exclusion of all other substances.

Sawdon said that one of the suspects said that he bought the substance in San Francisco, but there was no possible way to prove that the substance bought was LSD.

Lincoln Police arrived at the North 18th street residence at 8 p.m. Monday after a call concerning sickness of a 20-year-old University youth.

The youth was taken by ambulance to Lincoln General Hospital. Police reports said that he was in "semi-conscious condition and going through hallucinations."

Hospital authorities stated Wednesday that the youth was released after spending the night there.

The youth's companion, a 20-year-old Lincoln man, was arrested in connection with dispensing drugs. He was released Wednesday after questioning by FDA authorities.

Sawdon said that the incident was the first suspected use of LSD in Lincoln.

Both men were held on suspicion of violating a federal law which limits the usage of LSD to laboratory experiments and psychological therapy.

An amendment to the 1965 Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act makes it illegal to distribute abusive drugs. LSD was included in the list in May 1966.

Sawdon said there is no state law regulating the use of LSD.

Several states presently have such legislation, Sawdon said, but they are in the minority.

Budget Approval May Depend On Justification Of Needs

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last story in a six-part series on the University's 1967-69 \$98 million budget request to the Nebraska Legislature.

How much dollar help the University will get from the state for the next biennium may depend upon legislative willingness to take a long, hard look at the state's goals and priorities, according to State Sen. Richard Marvel of Hastings.

The University's budget hopes "depend entirely upon the justification presented and on whether the state is ready to sit down and seriously determine the goals and priorities of the state," said Marvel, who is the chairman of the Legislature's Interim Budget Study Committee and three-term budget committee chairman.

Marvel said he feels it is "absolutely necessary" that state senators and officials of state agencies take a look at the goals of the state and determine the important priorities in making up the state's budget for the next two years. "Most state agencies budgets are up," Marvel said indicating that the budget committee will have a big job in cutting and fitting the requests to a total state budget figure that the Board of

Equalization will figure a tax rate on.

The senator said he would not comment specifically on the University request for \$67 million in tax funds for the biennium because he has not seen the budget in detail.

"I haven't analyzed it, and I'll make no comment until I've gone over it," Marvel said.

Marvel said he has "no idea at this stage of the game" how the budget request will fare in the Legislature.

Other members of the Budget Study Committee who were interviewed generally indicated that they would be amenable to the University request if the requests can be justified by University officials.

All of the senators interviewed will probably be returning to serve on the Budget Committee. The actual members of the committee are chosen by the Legislature's Committee on Committees in the first days of the session, which begins Jan. 3. Historically, those who have served on the powerful committee stay on if they want to.

One of the nine seats on the committee definitely will be filled by a new senator, because Sen. Richard Ly-singer of Ravenna will not be returning to the Unicameral.

All of the senators interviewed emphasized that they have not seen the budget document and spoke only from the general impressions of the University budget requests that they have now.

"Evaluate Closely"

Sen. W. H. Hasebrook of West Point said the lawmakers will "evaluate it (budget request) pretty closely."

Hasebrook said he feels there is "some justification" for the 91.48 percent increase in tax funds sought by the University, but added "I wouldn't want to make a positive statement" on the matter.

The University definitely "needs more money," Hasebrook said. Legislators will be "pretty realistic" about the University's appropriations, he added.

"They realize we need to improve the University; we can't afford a second class University," Hasebrook said. "It seems to me that it is a tremendous budget, basing it on the enormous increases asked." Sen. George Flemming of Sidney commented.

Flemming said he is "doubtful that it (budget request) will be cut very much," and that the "Legislature usually goes along" with University request.

Three-time Budget Committee member Sen. Harold Stry-

ker of Rising City, said "I'm sure the University will be needing more money." Stryker said he couldn't predict how much the University would be appropriated.

Sen. Clifton Batchelder of Omaha, who is up for reelection, said of the University's budget request, "I think it's more than the state could afford." The University's budget for the coming biennium should be "the same" as the budget for the current 1965-67 biennium, Batchelder said.

Sen. Fern Hubbard Orme, a three-time member of the Budget Committee, said "I think senators are inclined to be extremely fair when the need is made very clear and the facts are weighed" in appropriating funds for the University.

"Some things included in the University budget now we probably should have taken care of years ago," the Lincolnite said.

If the University does not receive the increase requested, funds that administrators have said the school "must have to operate as an institution of higher education should," the University may be forced to tell the Legislature and the state that the University is operating the best way possible under the circumstances and point out to the state that this

would seem to be what the state and the Legislature want," Mrs. Orme.

Gov. Frank Morrison, who will be preparing an executive recommendation on the University's budget and the budgets for other state agencies, said the Legislature has "basically been doing pretty well" in providing the University with needed funds.

Morrison said he could not comment specifically on the University's present budget request as yet and that he could not predict what the Legislature will do with the request and his recommendation.

"My budget recommendations is advice and they (senators) don't have to use it at all if they don't want to," Morrison said. He added that the Legislators usually do pay some heed to the governor's recommendations as a "practical matter" since the governor studies the budgets in detail.

Morrison discounted suggestions that the University's budget hopes would be aided by a change in the state's tax base.

Batchelder said earlier, "My opinion is that the ex-orbitant budget they (University) asked for was occasioned by the opportunity to get more money through a broadened tax base."

University officials have

privately admitted the possibility that the state property taxes and the state income tax being axed in the Nov. 8 election might brighten University hopes for large fund increases, because the Legislature would then need to write a new tax base for the state.

Morrison said a change in the state's tax base wouldn't "make any difference" to University hopes.

The state property tax mill levy is fixed each year by the Board of Equalization in accord with the amount of funds that state needs for the year, Morrison said. The levy is adjusted up or down each particular year, so that taxes on the same property could conceivably be different each year.

Figuring the state's property taxes each year is a case of "L times V equals B," Morrison said. "V" is the assessed value of a piece of property, or 35 per cent of its actual value; "B" is the budget of the state and "L" is the mill levy.

"L" is the unknown quantity," Morrison said. The "L" is set each year by the Board of Equalization.

The income tax law that was passed by the 1965 Legislature and that is on the ballot as a referendum peti-

tion, Morrison continued, was written to provide that taxes be levied on the same L time V equals B formula under which the property tax system works.

If the income tax law is defeated on the ballot, Morrison said, the Legislature will probably write a new tax base that would incorporate a combination income-sales tax that would work on the same formula already established for the property tax and the income tax laws.

With this type of a tax system, Morrison said, taxpayers could not expect tax relief and state agencies could not expect larger budgets because the taxes would be assessed in the same way, except that the proportion of those paying taxes would be evened out.

The senators interviewed expressed varying opinions on Morrison's statements.

Marvel said he didn't feel a broadened tax base would make much difference for the University's budget hopes.

Flemming commented that change "might make some difference." Hasebrook said the change "might be advantageous" and Stryker said there is "no doubt that it will" make a difference in the appropriation for school "could get."

Senate Requests Quiz Bowl Eligibility Of Grad Students

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Student Senate voted Wednesday afternoon to request that Quiz Bowl change its rules concerning qualifications for participation in its program.

Last week, Sen. Mike Jess presented a motion that the Student Senate request Quiz Bowl to change the qualifications for students participating from that of excluding students with more than eight semesters of credit to one allowing any undergraduate to participate.

John Metzger, president of Quiz Bowl, stated the reasoning behind the rule is that it was thought by Quiz Bowl that it is unfair for students to compete with individuals in their fifth year of school.

"We feel that this gives an unfair advantage to students with more than eight semesters of credit, especially when competing against sophomores," Metzger declared. "Also this gives us a workable number of teams which we can physically accommodate."

"The eight-semester rule sets a limit; the line must be drawn somewhere. Besides, I feel that it is up to Quiz Bowl to decide how many teams we can work with easily," he concluded.

In the discussion that followed Metzger's presentation,

it was brought out that Quiz Bowl has obtained more equipment and that possibly a league of fifth year and graduate students could be organized.

The motion was then voted upon and passed by a vote of 21 to 8.

"Adopt Fellow"

In other action, Sen. Bob Strayer moved that the Senate adopt the Faculty Fellow's organization, operation, and finances. He stated that the program was presently under the supervision of the Activities Office and that Bob Scott, of that office, had agreed to the change.

"In addition, Mrs. Jean Reegester, who organized the program last year, wished that ASUN take over the program once it got on its feet, which it has done as represented by the five living units that presently have a Faculty Fellows program," Strayer noted.

The program, as explained by Strayer, provides for a living unit to invite a faculty member to share an informal relationship with them. He stated that possibly, if they choose, the Senate could alter the program and supplement it by providing a program where the faculty member would spend only one evening with the living unit. The motion passed by a 27 to 2 vote.

Sen. Liz Aitken moved that the Student Senate support a debate between Frank Morrison and Rev. Tom Rehorn on Oct. 24. Miss Aitken stated that Rehorn is a write-in candidate for the U.S. Senate in the November election.

"He should be allowed to speak on this campus and his ideas heard. It is the same rationale as the motion we passed last week supporting the debate between Curtis and Morrison. Rehorn is not a member of a major party, but he does support a stand on a major issue," Miss Aitken explained.

To clarify why Curtis, who had been invited to debate with Morrison on Oct. 24, was not included in the motion, Miss Aitken stated that he had not yet consented to debate. This fact was agreed upon by Terry Schaaf, president of ASUN, who stated that Curtis had not yet made a decision whether or not to attend.

Sen. Gene Hohensee then moved that the motion be amended to include Curtis. The motion to amend was passed and the amended motion, itself, was approved by a 19 to 10 vote.

Schaaf then informed the Senate that he would consider vetoing the motion. Later in the meeting, it was moved that the Senate reconsider the

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