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Present System Supported No Scholastic Evidence To Back Deferred Rush

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Editor's Note: This is the first of two articles on the report by the Interfraternity Council Executive Committee for the Board of Regents.

Interfraternity Council, Thursday, released a strongly-worded report on fraternity rush, making it plain the fraternities don't want to see the present system changed to deferred rush.

"The Interfraternity Council concluded from its research that immediate pre-school rush is best for freshmen, the University and for the fraternity system," the report concludes.

The 12-page, heavily-documented report was compiled over the summer at the request of the University Regents, who asked last spring for IFC's opinion on switching to a deferred rushing system.

The IFC report was released just after a Panhellenic report on deferred rush.

IFC based their conclusions on the answers to questionnaires sent to college deans, IFC presidents and national fraternity offices and on a number of published reports on deferred rush.

Immediate pre-school rush "is best for the freshman, the University, and the fraternity system," according to a report on deferred rush distributed to house presidents by the Interfraternity Council Executive Committee.

The IFC report is divided into several problem areas, including scholarship, atti-

tude toward the university, time, effect of deferred rush on freshman, campus leadership and financial aspects of deferred rush.

Acknowledging that "there is definitely a need for improvement in freshman scholarship," IFC says that "accurate statistics are not available to prove that the need for improvement is greater in fraternities than in independent students."

It points to a masters thesis by Edward F. Stevens, a University faculty member, concerning "The Relationship of Place of Residence and Size of High School to College Achievement." Completed in August 1967, the thesis compares the academic achievement of students living in different types of housing units.

To eliminate the disparity

arising because fraternities can pledge only high school graduates who were in the upper half of their class, Stevens studied only "upper half" graduates in all the living units.

For the purposes of the thesis, Stevens divided the fraternities into "high prestige" and "low prestige" groups. According to the IFC, he found these results:

"First Semester:

"High prestige fraternity freshmen grade point averages were higher than dormitory freshmen average; low prestige fraternity average was slightly lower. The difference was not significant even though the average of all fraternities was higher than the dorm average."

RESULTS

"Second Semester:

"Both groups of fraternities

had higher freshmen grade point averages than the dormitory freshmen, though the difference was not significant."

The IFC report also cites William S. Zerman, former Dean of Men at Michigan University, who wrote, "Anyone who tells you that there are good scholastic reasons for deferred rushing should produce the evidence."

There is absolutely no evidence in the last twenty to twenty-five years which indicates that individuals and fraternal groups increase academically with a deferred rushing system."

IFC goes on to point out "assistance and incentives for good scholarship" provided to fraternity freshmen:

—Most houses hold orientation sessions for freshmen.

—Pledge education programs include compulsory class attendance clauses.

—The many upperclassmen "in all varieties of academic pursuit" can provide counseling and assistance.

—The IFC hires professional tutors to aid freshmen pledges in difficult courses. Freshmen have a better opportunity to become oriented to the University, IFC says. Pledges benefit from orientation programs during the first weeks of school and from contact with the 60 to 80 upperclassmen in the house.

"There is much less reluctance for a freshman in a fraternal house to go to a member of the house for advice than there is for a dormitory freshman to go to a resident assistant whom he doesn't know as well."

The Interfraternity Council's report on deferred rush concludes that these results can be anticipated if a deferred system is implemented:

1. Deferred rush would not improve freshmen or fraternity scholarship.

2. Deferred rush would deny freshmen the opportunity to benefit from leadership training offered by Fraternities in the social and extracurricular activity areas.

3. There is no proof that deferred rush would enhance freshmen class unity or loyalty to the institution, especially at an institution as large as the University of Nebraska.

4. Fraternities would be able to judge prospective pledges on their college achievements rather than on their high school records under a deferred rushing system.

5. Deferred rush would not enable the freshman to gain a more objective view of the fraternity system or of the individual fraternities.

6. The financial impact on the fraternities caused by deferred rush would severely handicap most of them, and would cause some to discontinue operations."

Cal Tjader, Vibes And Group Arrive At Sheldon Jazz Scene

Escaping from the studio cameras and recording microphone, Cal Tjader arrived Thursday from Los Angeles for his 3:30 p.m. Friday campus concert on the Sheldon Art Gallery steps.

The internationally known jazz vibraphonist will make a rare Midwestern appearance with four other members of his group.

Armando Peraza, nationally famed conga player, will provide part of the Latin rhythm, Carl Burnett will be on drums; Stan Gilbert plays the piano; and Al Zulica has the bass.

Tjader has just finished a new album and a guest appearance in a Hollywood film. After his concert at the University, Tjader will stay at the weekend at the local Black Coach restaurant. From here he goes to San Francisco and then does a performance at the University of Hawaii.

"Cal spends most of his time in concert dates, night clubs and jazz festivals on the West Coast, but he's always on the go," explained Jim Barker, Lincoln businessman and a personal friend of Tjader's.

"They're an exciting group to watch," Barker said.

Tjader, who won the "New Star" award in the international jazz critics poll of Downbeat magazine, has numerous records and awards to his credit.

His recording of "Soul Sauce" was nominated for a Grammy Award. Tjader's own composition and recording of "Afro-Blue" is the musical theme for ABC's Wide World of Sports.

Tjader has a musical family, according to Barker. Curry Tjader, Cal's brother, is the drummer with the Jaja Marimba Band. Cal's wife has composed several songs that Tjader later recorded. His home is in San Francisco.

As an under-graduate at San Francisco State College, Tjader started playing drums for the Dave Brubeck Trio in 1948. He later joined the

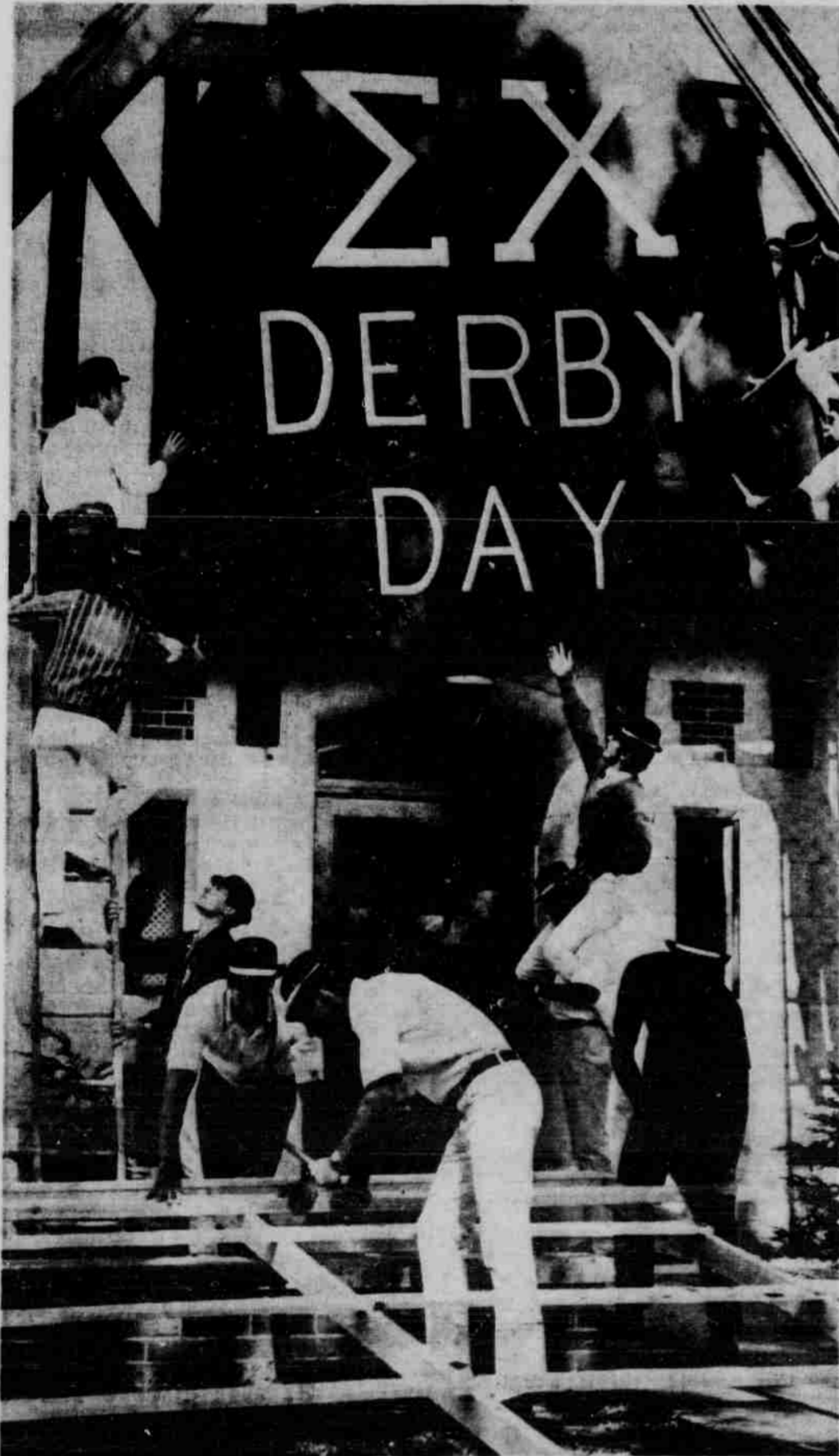
George Shearing Quartet during its spurt of popularity.

Music with a Latin beat and soul are an integral part of a Tjader concert. He remains, however, one of the

chief exponents of a melding of North American improvisational concepts of Afro-Cuban percussion.

The annual fall jazz concert is sponsored by the Ne-

braska Union Cultural Committee and is open to the public with no admission charge. The concert begins at 3:30 p.m. and will continue until 5 p.m.



SIGMA CHI'S . . . find that teamwork is the key as they prepare for traditional Derby Day activities.

The Derby Day Word Is Pledge Power, 1967

Spirited chants, competitive events, a beauty contest, and a lot of pledge power will sum up Sigma Chi Derby Day Saturday.

Derby Day, "promises to be one of the best ever," said Dick Tegmeier, master of ceremonies for this year.

"Games scheduled for Derby Day will be ladylike and will be in accordance with all newly imposed Panhellenic rulings," Derby Day chairman, Rick Reinhardt commented.

Reinhardt noted that some changes have been made in the activities for this year's competition in comparison to past years. Several events and spirit competition tactics have

been deemed illegal by Panhellenic.

Derby Day activities will "officially" begin at 9 a.m. Saturday with the traditional parade.

A change from past years, Reinhardt said concerns the sorority positions in the parade and their placement on the mall during competition. All sororities will draw for positions in the parade.

The Derby Day committee has scheduled the games to begin at 10 a.m. The games will include such events as the "rope race," "the fish and balloon race," and the "egg drop."

A tricycle race which will be a conventional relay is a

new event this year, according to Reinhardt.

Following tradition, Derby Day will once again have a mystery event. Reinhardt offered no clues to this event but said that it will be "a lot of fun."

Another scheduled event is the competition for Miss Derby Day. Representing 18 sororities, contestants will be judged on poise and beauty by five judges.

Three trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of the games. One will go to Miss Derby Day, one to the house displaying the most spirit, and one to the house accumulating the most points during all competition.

Orators At Hyde Park Attack Draft, Slavery

The first Hyde Park, Thursday, provided controversial speakers for an audience of University students.

The Thursday afternoon session filled the Nebraska Union lobby with curious spectators and anxious participants.

Four students took formal stands at the Hyde Park podium and many others took advantage of the informal atmosphere to question and raise new ideas.

SDS SPEAKS

Members of the Students for a Democratic Society were among those addressing the Hyde Park audience.

ry Hutches (SDS) expressed his belief that the draft and mandatory student housing are "part of a system to crush your individuality."

Hutches explained that many students are forced to enter fields other than their first choice—just to avoid the draft.

A person avoiding the service should build airplanes or be a teacher, he said, rather than chance the draft by being a poet or spending a year in Europe. "In this way our lives are channeled and directed," he said.

AWS QUESTIONED

Diane Hicks, a frequent Hyde Park speaker last year, strengthened her stand that a woman student has the right to renounce her membership in AWS.

Miss Hicks also gave her opinion on another subject, women's rights, which she called "a subtle form of slavery." She said that "women are

not truly free when they are not free to control their own bodies." Her examples were that single women are not free to obtain birth control pills and that abortions can not be obtained within the law.

SERVICEMAN ASSENTS

An ex-serviceman, Robert Pavlas, reminded the Hyde Park audience that in America there "is the opportunity to dissent as well as dissent."

In reference to the U.S. policy in Vietnam, Pavlas said that there "are those who think we are doing the right thing." Pavlas also suggested that there are many nonviolent means of instigating change in this country, such as "petitioning or writing your congressman."



STUDENTS CAN TUNE IN . . . to the sounds of Cal Tjader as he performs on the steps of Sheldon at 3:30 Friday afternoon.