

Deferred Rush—NO

Deferred rush should not be forced on the University of Nebraska fraternities and sororities.

Following careful consideration of the reports made by Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council and the arguments offered by Dean G. Robert Ross, the Nebraskan feels the burden of proof lies against deferred rush.

There are several arguments put forth as reasons for changing to deferred rush.

—Fraternities and sororities are pushing the open rush period into times when high school is still in session causing complaints by high school principals and a formal resolution by the Nebraska Association of Public School Administrators.

The Nebraskan cannot see that deferred rush would end this practice. Deferred rush, by its own nature, would merely prolong the rush period until second semester or through the entire freshman year. If administrators are concerned about this practice, it would seem far wiser to force change of existing rules to prohibit such a practice at all.

—Deferred rush would allow the stu-

greater period, which no one can deny will mean more costs. To those who say this could be accomplished by limiting the amount spent, the same could be done for the present system.

The Daily Nebraskan finds two major arguments which far outweigh any possible benefits deferred rush would provide.

Deferred rush would confront the Greek system, especially the fraternities, with serious financial crises no matter how long the transition period into such a system.

If the transition period were short, there are those chapters which would be unable to survive. The house would be forced either to run with a great number of empty spaces or to force Lincoln men and apartment men back into the house. And in many cases, these men are living where they are because they cannot afford to live in the house but yet still want the other benefits provided by the house.

If the transition period were longer, it would mean taking quite large pledge classes in order to prepare for deferred rush. This could also present problems.

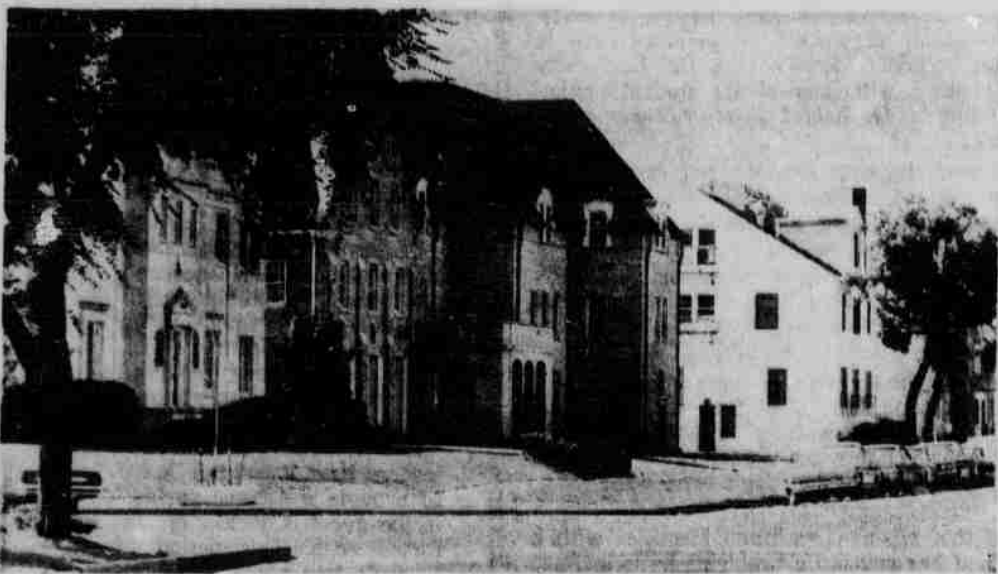


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dent to look over the Greek system and individual houses in order to make a wiser decision.

Many of those students going through rush have already decided to pledge. But for those students who are unsure, pre-school rush week provides them an opportunity to look over the houses. And they are not forced to pledge. Nor is a freshman forced to go through Rush Week if he is unsure. If he feels he needs more time to make a decision, he can go through when he is a sophomore or apply for open rush during his freshman year. Pre-school Rush Week merely provides those students who HAVE made up their mind an opportunity to pledge.

—Students should identify with the University first, and a social organization later.

This is fallacious merely because it is impossible to identify oneself with a group of 18,000 students. A freshman, seeking companionship and help, will naturally identify with a smaller group or organization. The fraternities and sororities are such a group which is willing to provide aid and leadership to the freshman.

—Deferred rush would eliminate some of the high costs of rush.

Instead of lowering the costs of rush, deferred rush will prolong rush over a

First, there is only a limited number of men who wish to pledge, and generally these men are pledged in Rush Week. Secondly, most fraternities who have taken large pledge classes find that they are not able to work successfully with such a large group of men.

Clinching the case, deferred rush, no matter what is said to the contrary, would lower the grades of both active members and potential rushees.

Freshmen will not forget pledging just because it does not occur until second semester or first semester of the sophomore year. Instead of allowing the freshman to get down to books studying, deferred rush would create a situation in which the freshman would be more concerned about where he will pledge.

Likewise it is foolish to think that just because rush has been deferred one or two semesters fraternity members will not rush until just before the deferred Rush Week. Because they will.

While the Nebraskan is the first to recognize that the Greek system has many problems, it feels that deferred rush will solve few if any of them. In fact, it will probably create more.

The Daily Nebraskan urges the Board of Regents to reject the idea of deferred rush for the Greek system.

Grand Sprix

by George Kaufman

Until the other day I had been quite disappointed in the student government and student involvement in vital issues of our time so far this year.

Last year there had been all kinds of things to get involved in, like getting appointed to the ad hoc committee on the amendment to the Bill of Rights, or something equally important and stimulating.

This year, the extent of student involvement seemed limited to a traveling debate on coeds' knees in the letters to the editor department of the Rag, or deciding whether to carry on the force of Rush Week before or after school has actually started.

To my estatic happiness, this all came to an end when Associated Students Society President Dick Shucks announced the formulation of an ad hoc committee on a Vietnam Referendum.

"Now we're off to the races," I said to myself as I grabbed an official LBJ 10-gallon diplomatic hat and headed for the Union.

I burst into Shuck's office just as he was leaving.

"Look," I said, "I hear you're organizing an ASS ad hoc committee on Vietnam to give the students a chance to voice their opinion on this very vital issue to us all."

"Well, we were going to, but ASS Senator Star Spangler has organized an ad hoc committee opposing student government involvement in international politics," said Shucks.

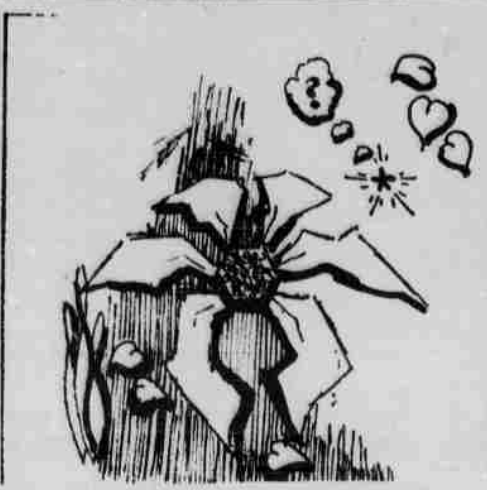
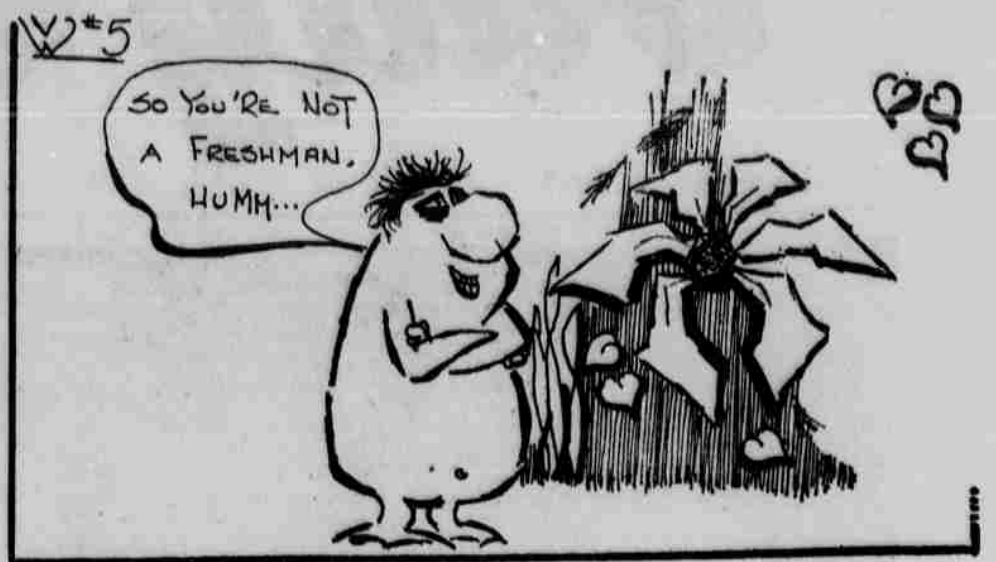
"Why, the nerve of the guy!" I exclaimed. "It's our duty as future leaders of the world to be informed and take an integral part in the workings of our national government. Why, that's the way a democracy like ours works; the President is just waiting to hear from his beloved constituents on how they like the way he's doing things in Vietnam."

I could see this had brought tears to Shuck's eyes and he slowly dried his eyes on his official H. L. Hunt fifty-star American flag handkerchief.

"Well, if you decide to from an ad hoc committee on Spangler's committee, let me know," I said. "By the way, how's your fight to implement the Housing Code going?"

"Just fine," he answered. "We're getting a lot of sincere cooperation from the Board of Regents. After all, you can't expect to change a thing like that overnight."

I thought I heard that somewhere before. I think from Kent Numeister and Terry Shaft. "Oh well," I told myself as I left the Union. "things like that don't change overnight after all."



CAMPUS OPINION

Dear Editor:

There are, I would argue, tremendous opportunities for self realization at the University of Nebraska for those who are fortunate enough to have been alerted to those opportunities and who have the motivation and ability to benefit from them.

One of those opportunities is the Free University. For the critics of the multiversity who charge that the course work has become an academic rote game, and that the multiversity is too large and impersonal to stimulate the student adequately, the Free University can be a partial answer.

A partial answer because it offers people a chance to learn about topics of immediate relevance that the established curriculum of the University does not offer and it offers people a chance to participate in a creative learning experience that is student-centered wherein discussion and critical inquiry are promoted.

For those who criticize, but seldom propose, the Free University is a proposal. I ask you to make the effort to find out if the Free University can be meaningful to you.

Rod McCall

ting such distractions out of my mind if a more pressing matter is at hand. After all, "for everything there is a season."

Secondly, Mr. Lee said of my "type" that "Their emotional and intellectual involvement seldom rises above the passing fancy phase." I can sympathize with Mr. Lee if he becomes emotionally involved with every pair of exposed feminine knees he sees in this day and age. This reaction is far from normal, however, and not being a psychiatrist, the only solution I can offer is that Mr. Lee seek out a monastery in the Mountains of Tibet, if for no other reasons than the preservation of his sanity. From this hermitage he can pursue his proposed life of "concentration and devotion to duty" without the needless presence of woman-kind.

From the top of this mountain, Mr. Lee will surely have reached his position ABOVE the "willing victims of distraction."

As for me, I will continue to support the right of women to distract their "willing victims" by dressing as they see fit. And if I should end up the "gentleman who... will continue to be distracted right into the middle-class melting-pot," at least I will be of some use to my fellow man from my lowly position.

Don Potter

Words

Dear Editor:

Although I have no desire to convert your Campus Opinion column into a media for a personal battle of words with Mr. Lee, many of my colleagues have asked me to speak again and I humbly bow to their demands.

I will therefore attempt to systematically analyze Mr. Lee's "rebuttal" and remark on each point from my point of view.

First, Mr. Lee described me as leading a "distraction-ridden way of life," which is the "easiest way out." Yet he complained in his first letter that these distractions were very difficult for "his kind" to overcome.

As I don't classify myself as a type, I can only speak for myself in saying that I have no trouble put-

Gripes

Dear Editor:

In last Wednesday's paper you printed two letters concerning the new (?) East Campus Union.

I agree with these people. However, I realize that a new Union wouldn't be in keeping with the Board of Regent's idea of "total education."

A new Union would give us decent facilities and for a "total education" we need to learn to get by with nothing or next to nothing to work with or in.

Jim Ritta

(The Nebraskan reserves the right to condense letters to the editor. Unsigned letters will not be printed.)

Right Of Left

Rally time is here and with it the perennial problems of avoiding the drunks at the stadium, the toga-clad-torch-bearing Alpha Tau Omegas at the spirit sessions, and the 30 foot square sign that just fell from Cather's 13th floor.

Yes, Fans, football mania has returned to the University as always perpetuated by the vast intellectual masses who sport slogans and signs much akin to third grade rhymes.

Last year's contributions included such favorites as "Bag the Aggies," "Annihilate the Aggies," and "Plow the Aggies Under."

Of course for those students who lacked ideas there was always "GO BIG RED" (bigger and redder than the enemies more original signs) to fall back on. The enemies, in this case, being the house or dorm across the street.

The innocent reader may at this point ask: "What enemies? Aren't we all in this together?" Not where there's a trophy involved, son, and the spirit award is definitely a trophy.

At the sight of glittering metal what normal, God-fearing, grubbers for the gold would not have tears in their eyes while visualizing such a specimen in their trophy case.

However, as premature pride surges through their chests, ideas of attack and

conquest also course through their brains. Preparations are made, plans are laid and it's off to the rally.

Marching off to the battle in a style that would have pleased any Caesar, the troops converge at the south side of the Union, chanting all the way such notables as "Kill the Kats," or "Go Fer the Gophers," or "Cream the Cowboys," all depending on who the Cornhuskers are planning to maul that week.

In full battle regalia which usually consists of grubbies and an identifying sweatshirt, the gladiators pursue the elusive golden prizes clattering pots and pans and waving banners as they proceed towards the stadium.

Upon reaching their destination, the plot thickens for the agenda calls for the individual groups to step forward and scream loud for that trophy: the nitty-gritty of the situation has arrived!

As the judges eye the hopefuls the group strives for louder and louder volume only to be shot down at the last moment by another group which has a larger number of participants (oh well, there's always open rush).

As the beaming winners snuggle the booty close to their hearts, the defeated foes slink slowly home thinking all the way "We'll get it next week..."

—A.C.

Campus Opinion

Dear Editor:

We, the presidents of the sororities and the fraternities at the University of Nebraska, have read both the Panhellenic and Interfraternity deferred rush reports. We understand them and their implications and we support the recommendations of the reports fully.

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Love-ins are notorious for generating hate.

In Kansas City this summer a lonely girl, dressed unattractively in a bikini but caught up by the beat of the band and the hippie warmth danced in front of a crowd of people. Seconds later she was undressed by the tenny-bop boys who came looking for a different kind of love.

All afternoon, tenny-boppers paraded their un-hairy chests, mocked the beautiful people and fought among themselves. When they got tired of that they began throwing the hippies into a nearby fountain. Police and canine corps waited anxiously at the park's edge for any crisis.

Though one of the major objectives of a love-in is to show beauty and love to the straight society, often the only true contact comes with a tap over the head from a policeman's billy club. In New York's Tompkins Square, 40 love-inners who had obtained a park permit for the event were arrested. The judges later dismissed the charges and the hippies, true to form, rewarded him with \$3 billion in play money.

But then warmth can come... gradually... to the dedicated minority. The long-sought unity comes with the unifying fragrance of incense and colors whirling to a tambourine beat. Dancing and holding hands or blowing bubbles with new friends brings life after years of the day-to-day superficial contacts.

Senses are enlivened. A handful of

grapes shared with a friend turn to gold. The band takes second place to the sounds of leaves crackling under bar feet or soft words whispered in a willing ear. Wearing an American flag or writing dirty words on a long "hate sheet" can bring a restful oversimplification of the world's hang-ups.

A masquerade?

Only to those on the outside fighting to get in. For the spectator—the voyeur—a love-in is the loneliest place in the world. Even for those on the inside, a love-in can be a dangerous plaything—a disguise for next week's hatreds.

Ask yourself some serious questions before you go to the park Sunday:

Do I have something to give, will I give it or will stand on the sidelines with the mocking spectators?

An I willing to risk the labels which may be attached to me if I hug someone of the same sex or read poetry to someone of another race?

Can I appreciate beauty, truth, honesty and joy when I experience it? Can I appreciate them for the moment and then use them over and over to find love in the following weeks?

If you can answer yes to these questions or think the love-in will help you answer them, then the tambourines, beads, bubbles, bare feet, the invigorating October air and the exotic clothes will be fun and mean something. Otherwise... Welcome to another hate-in.