

NU lags in Big 8 prohibition repeal

By George Miller

Last Saturday's Kansas University (KU)-Kansas State University (KSU) football game marked the debut of beer sales at the KU student union in Lawrence.

Kansas is the fourth Big 8 Conference school to allow the sale of liquor on campus and the fifth to allow consumption of some type of alcohol. Nebraska is not one of them.

There has been no further progress at UNL to bring either consumption or sale to the campus, according to Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The ASUN Government Liaison Committee is gathering financing of an opinion poll to gain student opinions on alcohol on campus. The poll's results would be used when another try (the last was in 1973) is made to get the NU Board of Regents to approve consumption, and possibly sale, of liquor on university property.

A task force on differentiated housing, sponsored by the Housing Policy Committee of the Council on Student Life (CSL) is also studying the possibility of liquor in

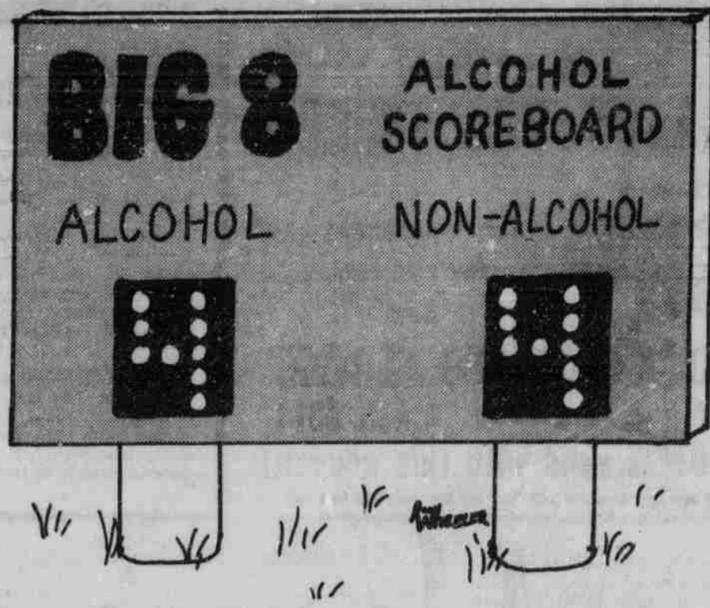
residence hall rooms as part of an overall study of dormitory policies.

Beer sales at Lawrence followed action by the Kansas Board of Regents Oct. 21 allowing each state university in Kansas to decide for itself whether it wanted to sell 3.2 beer, according to Warner Ferguson, assistant director of the KU student union.

Ferguson said the consumption of beer on campus had been allowed by the Regents since 1972. Beer also could be consumed at private meetings and parties on campus, he said.

Since the 1972 decision, he said, there had been no liquor-related trouble on campus except in controlling the consumption at private parties which might include persons below the age of 18, the legal age for drinking 3.2 beer in Kansas.

According to student body president Ed Rolfs, approximately 300 persons were in the union Saturday at any one time to get their first look at 3.2 beer being sold there. Rolfs said the KU administration tried to keep the sales low key to prevent possible misbehavior by patrons.



Spearheading the move to allow Kansas campuses to sell beer was the student advisory board to the Kansas regents.

The board comprises executives of the student governing boards of the Kansas campuses, according to Ferguson.

However, KSU has not allowed the sale of beer on campus, according to Earl Molting, dean of students at KSU.

Molting said that 3.2 beer may be consumed in dormitories and at residence hall functions, but that there has been no policy change concerning sale yet.

Molting said the KSU Union Governing Board has been asked to consider the question and has taken a campus poll on the subject.

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Skull, crossed keys reappear on campus

By Ron Ruggless

Mystery and secrecy shroud the skull and crossed keys symbol that has reappeared on the UNL campus.

The skull, with a left red eye and the other green and Greek equivalents to the letters TNE on the forehead, has appeared on fraternity and sorority doorsteps and in pamphlets mailed to the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic and all Greek houses.

Obviously, someone is behind TNE's re-appearance, but no one wants to talk about it, or, if they do, they don't want their names mentioned.

Someone even threatened the life of a reporter asking about the organization.

TNE—Theta Nu Epsilon, "the fraternity of fraternities"—allegedly comprises Greeks in prominent campus positions.

Although TNE was all-male in the past, if the rumor is true that houses with the emblem painted on their step hold TNE members, sororities now have members in the organization.

Prime of TNE

Four 1950's TNE alumni provided history on TNE, but didn't want their names published.

According to one source, the fraternity was founded in the late 1890s by Roscoe Pound, former Harvard Law School dean and NU alumnus.

Membership in the fraternal organization is secret, the source said.

The fraternity now has developed into a national secret or subrosa organization, the source said.

Each year the organization's skull emerges on campus at about Homecoming, according to Jayne Anderson, coordinator of fraternities, sororities and co-ops. At least it has for the 14 years she has been here.

Welcome banner

The airplane dragging the "Welcome TNE alums" banner has flown over Memorial Stadium on Homecoming for many years, Anderson said.

The plane is paid by TNE alumni, who send in \$5 each year, the source said.

According to a person who was a TNE member from 1949-53, the group was active then and raised havoc with campus organizations such as Innocents, a men's honorary fraternity.

"Quite a few of the members of Innocents were in TNE," he said, "so about two days before the Innocents were tackled (the method of inducting new members) we hired several kids to hand out brochures with all of the new members names on them."

"The university went absolutely wild about it," he continued, "but they could never figure out how the organization got the names of the members before they did."

Eat lunch, get drunk

He said the group would skip class once a week, meet at Lee's Restaurant, eat lunch and get drunk.

"One night we went out at 2:30 (a.m.) and got drunk," he said. "Then we came back to campus about 4:30 and proceeded to paint the skull and crossed keys on just about everything."

The Phi Kappa Psi president caught them and called the police. The president of TNE had to submit a list of TNE members to the chancellor, the source said, and the list was put in a safety deposit box that can be opened with two keys—one belongs

to the TNE president and the other to the chancellor.

"We were told if we didn't disband," he added, "the chancellor would get the list and expel all of the members from school."

Wielded power

Another source agreed that the fraternity then wielded power on campus, especially in campus politics.

Most of the members held influential offices in their Greek houses, he said, so TNE could determine the candidate they wanted in student government office and make each member of their house vote for him.

"We had a check-off sheet placed at the ATO (Alpha Tau Omega) house," he said, "and the members had to vote at the Nebraska Union, then check in over there."

TNE initiation in the 1950s consisted of drinking a pint of "rot-gut whiskey" and surviving, sources reported.

One current student said his father was surprised to see the emblem on his fraternity's doorstep when he came to UNL's homecoming. He said his father was amazed the organization still existed.

But, indeed, evidence suggests TNE does exist.

But, it remains as secretive as ever.

As one source said, "This group is so secret that even the members don't know what is going on half of the time."

Vote reconsidered

LB6 amendment added

By Dick Piersol

The Legislature Thursday reconsidered State Sen. Loran Schmit's amendment to Gov. Exon's bill cutting general fund expenditures 3 per cent (LB6) and passed 27-17 the amendment which would exempt several state agencies, including NU, from the budget cuts.

That amendment deletes approximately \$3.7 million from the governor's request for \$10.4 million in general fund appropriations reductions.

Reconsideration of the amendment came after the Legislature rejected it Wednesday. Reconsideration may occur only if a senator who did not vote or voted on the prevailing side requests it and a majority of the Legislature concurs.

Sen. Gerald Koch was absent during Wednesday's vote and requested the reconsideration.

Koch's vote, plus vote switches by Sen. William Nichol and Sen. Larry Stoney provided the difference needed to pass the amendment.

Wednesday the Legislature voted to exclude the Departments of Administrative Services (DAS) and Revenue from the amendment and added Educational Lands and Funds, the Mexican-American Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Senators also voted to add other amendments to the bill.

An amendment restoring \$166,000 cut by LB6 to the Beatrice State Home was ap-

proved 25-6. It was sponsored by Sen. George Burrows.

The senators approved another amendment sponsored by Sen. Schmit requiring state agencies to pay all accounts within 30 days after receipt of goods and services.

The amendment also provided that the DAS report when an account is more than 30 days past due and directs the Attorney General to insure compliance.

Sen. Jerome Warner introduced an amendment setting specific appropriations for the state natural resources development fund, waste water treatment fund and governor's emergency fund. Those amounts were reductions of \$1 from original appropriations.

Warner said that would allow the governor to line-item veto those specific amounts to the level of their projected expenditure by June 30, 1976.

He said only \$400,000 of the natural resources development fund's \$2 million general fund appropriation and \$1.4 million of the waste water treatment fund's \$7.7 million appropriation would be spent by June 30, 1976.

LB6 was advanced to enrollment and review 33-9 on its way to final reading.

Sen. Jules Burbach, speaker of the Legislature said the four bills being considered would probably reach final reading Friday when the senators convene at 3 p.m., remain there Monday for the constitutionally required one day, and be voted upon Tuesday.

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Weather

Friday: Decreasing cloudiness. Winds becoming northwesterly, ranging from 5-15 m.p.h. High temperatures in the mid to upper 60s.

Friday night: Partly cloudy and much cooler. Temperatures in the low to mid-30s.

Saturday: Sunny, with temperatures ranging from 60-65.