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UNL left high, dry without liquor vote

Travelers through Ohio, Neb., and citizens thereof, now may purchase liquor by the drink. Voters in the Fillmore County community (pop. 156) passed the measure 46 to 19.

Meanwhile, the Lancaster County community of UNL (pop. 22,000) is high and dry.

UNL's residents, as well as passers-through, cannot even buy beer by the bottle, but must travel to O St. and Cornhusker Hwy. for legal enjoyment of alcoholic beverages.

Sound outrageous in this day and age? Well, you must remember, it was not so long ago that another Lancaster County community—Lincoln—passed a measure like the one approved in Ohio last week.

The difference between Ohio and UNL, however, is that residents of the former were allowed to choose for themselves on liquor-by-the-drink. Residents of the latter community have no say in the matter.

A report in Sunday's Parade magazine indicates

cheating is on the rise at many U.S. universities, which are abandoning their honor codes as unworkable.

The honor systems, in which students are responsible for uncovering and reporting cheating among their peers, were being revised or abolished because students at the universities cited in the report are increasingly reluctant to turn in cheaters.

UNL apparently has no formalized honor code. In the 1975-76 Student Handbook, the responsibility for rooting out and disciplining cheaters seems to rest almost entirely on individual instructors.

But the handbook, in the UNL Code of Conduct, does define "assisting a fellow student in committing an act of cheating" as academic dishonesty, to be disciplined according to instructors' judgments.

That places responsibility on any students who conceal known cheating. It amounts to an unwritten honor system, since not reporting an act

of cheating certainly assists the cheater.

The problem with any honor code, implicit or explicit, is that reporting acts of dishonesty has come to be frowned upon.

Perhaps honor systems are being dropped not because cheating is becoming more accepted, as implied in the Parade article, but because, even in this age of post-Watergate morality, we are somehow made to feel ashamed for turning in our peers.

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innocent bystander

Free enterprise sobers Omar



By Arthur Hoppe

Once upon a time, there was a Good Arab. His name was Omar. He was a Good Arab because all he wanted to do was supply the world with 29.9-cents-a-gallon gasoline.

This angered all his Arab friends. Their name was OPEC. "Look here, Omar," said OPEC, "we have these infidels over an oil barrel. If we stick together and put the screws to them, we'll make billions. Then we can turn this wilderness into a real paradise!"

"A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread and Thou beside me singing in the Wilderness," said Omar. "Oh, Wilderness were Paradise now!"

"What a nut!" said OPEC testily. "He'll be the ruination of us all." And he was.

For Omar was quite content to sit in the wilderness, sip from his jug of wine and strum his rubaiyat (a three-stringed Arabian ukelele).

"I wonder often what the vintners buy," he would sing, "one half so precious as the stuff they sell."

The answer, of course, was gasoline. And, as they charged him 59.8 cents a gallon for a good jug wine, albeit a second pressing, he naturally pegged the price of his gas at 29.9.

OPEC was furious. "Do you realize we'll have to cut our prices to meet yours?" OPEC said. "We'll be broke tomorrow."

"Ah, my Beloved, fill the Cup that clears Today of past

regrets and fears," sang Omar. "Tomorrow! Why, Tomorrow I may be Myself with Yesterday's Sev'n thousand Years."

On the other hand, Omar's wine-producing customers were ecstatic. Their name was WPEC.

"Omar, you are not only a Good Arab but a True Christian," WPEC told him gratefully. "Out of the goodness of your heart, you have charitably solved all our problems with 29.9 cents-a-gallon gasoline. What can we do for you in return?"

"Come, fill the Cup," said Omar, "and in the fire of Spring the Winter garment of Repentance fling: The Bird of Time has but a little way to fly—and Lo! the Bird is on the Wing."

"Certainly, certainly" said WPEC. "But we see we're only charging you 59.8 cents a gallon for this great wine. We're afraid we'll have to make that \$14.42 a barrel."

"Why?" inquired Omar.

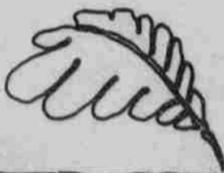
"Supply and demand," said WPEC. "We have the supply and you have the demand. That's what sets prices under our glorious Free Enterprise System, which we devoutly believe in because it made our countries great."

That was a sobering thought. It sobered Omar. Omar is no longer a Good Arab. He believes in the Free Enterprise System.

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to the editor



Dear editor,

I would like to place an ad (sic) in your paper for a few pen pals. I am confined in the Nebraska State Penitentiary. I would greatly appreciate any assistance you can give.

I am from New York. I was born on Nov. 25, 1950. I enjoy all sports and outdoor life. I am presently studying a program in medicine. I enjoy poetry also.

I have three years of college in science and graphic art. I also enjoy loom work. I love to write to people.

Thank you,
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Education fraternity promotes men's involvement

Groupspeak, a Monday feature of the Daily Nebraskan editorial/opinion page, offers UNL organizations and student groups a chance to inform readers of their structure, goals and philosophies. Today's column is written by Kevin Brown, public relations chairman for Mu Epsilon Nu (MEN).

Furthering the teaching profession is the major purpose of Mu Epsilon Nu, an honorary fraternity for undergraduate male students in UNL's Teachers College. Mu Epsilon Nu was founded on this campus and has since expanded to other institutions as a national fraternity.

Although the Alpha chapter began at UNL (then NU) in 1958, its origins go back to spring of 1955, when a few students enrolled in education came together in an attempt to solve some problems in the Teachers College undergraduate curriculum.

Concerns cited by these students included lack of pride in the profession among male students in education, absence of social interaction between students and the need for more professional experience.

On Jan. 3, 1958, the organization was chartered by the university as Mu Epsilon Nu.

These Greek letters correspond to the letters M, E and N, and conveyed the original idea of "Male Educators of

Nebraska." M, E and N also reflected the idea of a refuge in a sea of female education students.

Since its growth and expansion, MEN now relates the message of "Male Educators Nationally."

MEN has five primary goals:

- To build morale among male students in education.
- To promote meaningful relationships between students and professional educators.
- To provide additional teaching experiences for the members.
- To stimulate recruitment of competent men to enter the teaching profession.
- To support the significance of the student-teacher relationship as a means of enhancing learning.

Meetings are held three Mondays a month with a guest speaker for at least one of the gatherings. Teaching trips are held once each semester. All members travel to a school system and spend a day in the classroom observing, actively participating or teaching.

On Oct. 31, local MEN members traveled to the Valley, Neb., Public Schools for such an experience at the elementary, junior high and senior high levels.

Every spring, MEN honors the top male senior high and

junior high school teacher in Nebraska with the Henzlik and Saylor Awards, respectively. Questionnaires are sent to state public school systems, and through a series of correspondences, the outstanding teachers are selected.

Winners receive their awards at a banquet. Plaques listing history of the Henzlik and Saylor Awards and recipients are on the first floor of the Teachers College building.

Honorary memberships may also be announced and conferred at the banquet. Recent beneficiaries of MEN honorary memberships are former Nebraska Gov. Norbert Tiemann and Teachers College Associate Dean Ron Joekel.

In the past, MEN scholarships have been awarded to the outstanding male high school senior in Nebraska and outstanding MEN member.

Mu Epsilon Nu's Alpha chapter now has 12 active members. Officers are Loring Feen, president; Don Tisthammer, vice president; Jed Johnston, secretary-newsletter chairman, and Stephen Hamersky, treasurer. One UNL member, Gil Kettlehut, is national MEN president.

Faculty adviser is Galen Dodge, head of the Nebraska Human Resources Research Foundation. New members, inducted at the beginning of second semester, are chosen for scholarship, leadership, potential and willingness to work.