

# Rally doesn't 'chalk up' to its original intentions

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You could have compared it to trying to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Only in this case, it was trying to find a party at the end of a long, confusing drive.

The event was Friday's Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity road rally, and if you think it's a little much comparing it to the search for the pot of gold, well, for me it was about as frustrating.

About 15 cars were entered in the rally. The object was to follow directions set out by chalk markers and make your way to the end of a set route with the

least mileage.

"Sounds simple," I thought, when I made arrangements with a fraternity member and his friend to ride along in their car. "This will be too simple. What will I write about?" Little did I know. . . .

Friday afternoon, in the Lambda Chi lot— everything's set. Mileage checked, directions to find the first check station given, and Skip, the driver, Phil, the navigator and me the spectator were ready to go.

We were the second car to leave. That seemed to me like a good position to be in, but I found out that it was all relative.

You had to match the mileage that was set by someone who had driven the course the night before.

Okay, a left out of the lot onto 14th Street. No problems there. Right on to R Street, left on to 17th Street, and left onto Vine Street, then right back on to 14th Street. Sounds confusing? You haven't heard the half of it.

We headed out of Lincoln on 14th Street, where we were supposed to turn right on to Arbor Road. No problem, except Phil thought we may be in David City before we reached it.

Aha, the first checking station on Arbor Road. So far, so good. There they told us to follow that road till we had found a marker and called "good luck" as we had left. Were they trying to tell us something?

It seems that they were. We encountered our problems when we reached our first intersection with a chalk marker.

Skip was sure that markers at intersections meant we had to make a decision about which way to turn. So, we took a left, confident that we were doing the right thing.

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