

Collegiate Leaders Need Finesse

Not enough could ever be said about the value of intelligent leadership in our collegiate world today.

There are two meanings of "lead." One has the connotation of guidance and direction; the other means, in the words of Webster, "a metallic element heavy, pliable and inelastic."

At this time of year many organizations are thinking about choosing men and women who will offer them guidance and direction during the coming year. In selecting these leaders they must be careful to choose persons who will fulfill the first rather than the second definition of the word.

One danger a leader must guard against is the desire to be heavy handed in his leadership, to prod and push rather than to persuade.

A certain amount of telling rather than asking is always necessary, but the leader, especially if he is leading for the first time, must guard against expressing his own insecurity by forcing others to constantly conform to his own ideas.

A greater danger than "heaviness" on the part of the campus leaders is that of pliability. All too often leaders are little more than putty in the hands of professors, administrative officials or other advisors.

In order to earn the title of leader, a student needs to be more than a figure-head. The man or woman who stands up for what he believes even when "the guy on top" disagrees with him often wins the respect of his colleagues, his adversary and more important, himself.

Along the same line, a leader must not be too easily swayed by people within his own group. He must walk the narrow line between spinelessness and dogmatism. He must be firm in his own convictions and still be able to accept the opinions of others.

One final danger of the lead-like leader is inelasticity. Like heavy-handedness this often is a system of lack of faith in oneself. Only the leader who is firm in his own beliefs and who has self-respect can afford to be flexible in his leadership.

However, flexibility and pliability should not be confused. The great difference between elastic and putty is that elastic can be stretched and it will snap back into shape. Once pushed around, putty loses all semblance of its original shape.

No one can tell a person how to lead. It is an art which must be acquired through practice. Leaders are made, not born, and self-respect, the art of persuasion, flexibility and firmness of conviction are some of the basic elements in the formation of a leader.

—The University Daily Kansan

Campus Capers

Tulane Coed's Sex Question; Minnesota Toe Wins Award

A "pert, brown-eyed brunette" at Tulane University in New Orleans, La., who was recently mistaken for one of the male set, was assigned a room in a men's dormitory, and started to collect a number of Air Force and Army manuals from ROTC officials.

The coed, Sharon Short, was somehow mysteriously mistaken for a male, and a landslide of surprises followed. One of the biggest mix-ups occurred when four Tulane fraternities offered her rush bids.

"A younger house mother" was needed according to one fraternity rush chairman.

The campus publication, "The Hullabaloo," reported the incident with tongue-in-cheek.

"Ten points to the girl with the most tantalizing toe!"

This was one of many comments issued at the University of Minneapolis campus in Minnesota last week. The occasion was the Sigma Chi fraternity's Derby held on Delta field in order to acquaint new Greeks with campus life.

Electrifying Elbow Sorority pledges at the school competed for such titles as "the girl with the most electrifying elbow" and "most seductive earlobe."

The coed with the best combination of titles reigned over the Sigma Chi affair as Derby Day Queen.

Egg throws, egg swats, tug-of-wars, and a dancing contest were included in the program. The sorority that accumulated the most points received a trophy.

Across the border at the cow palace is a "new" type of coed. According to the WSC publication, "The Cougar":

"Those 'sexy' looking creatures parading about campus in a skirt sweater and tennis shoes are not really girls."

"Because of a sudden rash of grey 'W' initiates, wearing the latter apparel, being asked by more than one person for a date to the Homecoming dance, Grey 'W' Resident Gail Strait wants to get things straightened out."

"Strait reported that every year the Grey 'W' club, which is an organization for male athlete letter-winners, puts its new members through this type of an initiation ceremony. The initiates will wear the same get-up to the game tomorrow besides taking part in the rally Friday night.

"However," Strait added, "not everybody walking around in a skirt and sweater is necessarily an initiate."

Amen

In a list of five precautions, the University of Bridgeport publication, "The Scribe" added a sprinkle of humor.

At the end of the "WHAT TO DO TO PREVENT THE FLU" column was the remark "Say a prayer," and at the bottom of the column, "IF YOU GET IT, HERE'S ALL YOU CAN DO," the Connecticut paper read, "Say two prayers."

their tunes were jazz and the current favorites were played only when a particularly belligerent request was made by the management or a customer.

To everyone's astonishment, the musical experiment was a success the gate receipts were increased, and the audience danced happily to music which it had never heard before. But happiness didn't prevail.

Choice Remarks Due to a few choice remarks made when the microphone was on and the boss was listening in his office during a practice session one afternoon, the band found that nobody even said goodbye when the band left two weeks later.

That was the fall of 1939. Despite the success he'd had playing jazz with the big band, Lee realized that the answer for him lay in the area of small band jazz, and early in 1940 he formed a group including Lingle, piano; Tuck Murphy, trombone; Helm, clarinet; Pat Patton, banjo; and Squire Girsbae, bass.

This band never played a job, but the rehearsals on top of the Mark Twain Hotel were important because they welded the musicians together into a unified ensemble.

A Texan walked into a saloon with his wife and three-year-old son. He ordered two straight whiskies.

"Hey, paw," asked the kid, "ain't maw a drinkin'?"

—J.S.

A woman is young until she takes more interest in the fit of her shoes than the fit of her sweater.



SGP On The Rocks; Adjustment Begins

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of pre-election commentaries aimed at aiding an informed student body make its decision Nov. 14.)

The once-powerful Student Government is withering on the vine and preparing to die a slow, agonizing death. The Party, now bent on electing Jim Kay student body president next spring, is defunct so far as these class elections are concerned.

When they declined to participate in the relatively minor, but politically essential, class elections, a weakness that plagued the party last year came to light. And it... threw the two remaining parties... into a turmoil of such magnitude that a major reshuffling in party affiliations is pending.

But the move away from the SGP started some time ago. Potential presidential contender Clark Anderson left the ranks for the United Party and a resounding Exec Board victory. Summer vacation quieted things down and it was not until last month that the next top Student Government man pulled out for the more dynamic United clan.

SAE Lee Scott, who piled up an enviable record in his first year here, went to the Greek ranks, taking much of his house's diehard SGP support with him.

There were more, less important deviations, all of which showed the basic defect Chuck McDevitt's pet project: it now has no strong leadership and virtually no coordination.

It will be difficult for the party to pull itself together after surrendering this fall.

And what about the Independent and Greek parties.

The Independents sat down resolutely Monday and picked a strong slate of candidates — one that will appeal to those unaffiliated with Greek living groups.

This they had to do, since the voting next month will almost certainly return to the party line balloting that always characterized the former two-party system.

The United Party also realizes this and subscribes to a basic truism of Idaho politics—a heavy Independent vote can eliminate even the strongest Greek candidate by sheer weight of numbers.

The Greek leadership Tuesday will attempt to weed out all except its best contenders, those that might pull some of that powerful Independent vote.

Where will that Student Government vote go?

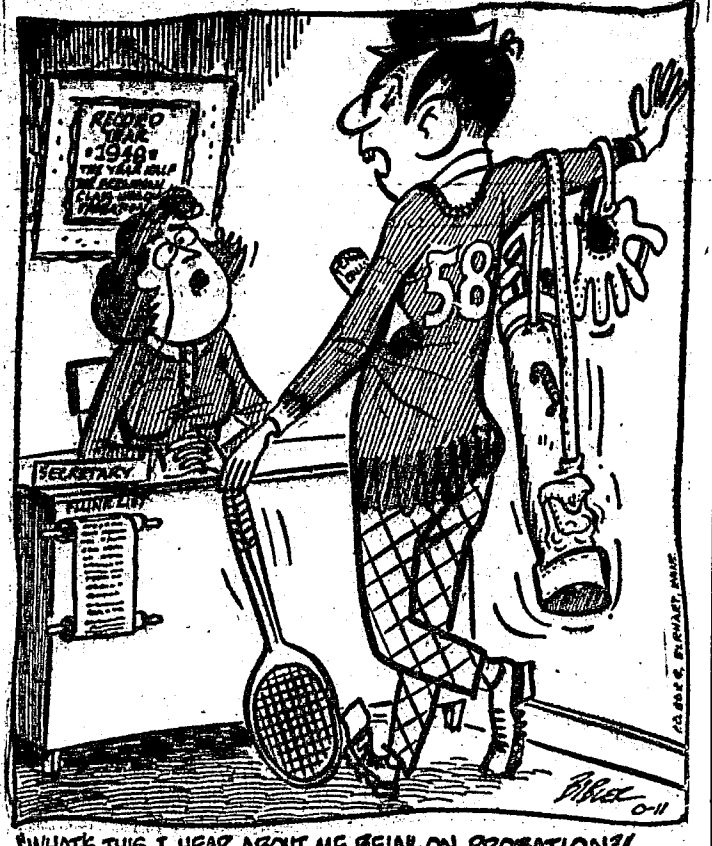
Logically, it will go back where it came from, that is, from the two parties from which its membership is taken. These votes will be lost in the multitude and it will be impossible to gauge the strategy of the desperate group.

So the big question now is what will the Independents do. They can easily control the four classes again as they did last year if they so choose.

The next three weeks of campaigning will answer these questions.

This column will explore all phases of the pre-election mud-throwing as it develops.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT ME BEIN' ON PROBATION?

Jim Golden's Campeyeing Homecoming Summary: Rain The Hill Loses A Course

Homecoming—one of the wettest in Idaho history—has come and gone with gusto leaving a wake of colds, flu and other assorted diseases to mark its passage into the record books.

It was a weekend to remember even though most of the floats did just about that through the city streets and Queen Marilyn and her court were slightly hard to distinguish in their transparent rain coats.

Halftime ceremonies produced one sour note and a whole herd of unhappy float-builders who not only were never identified as they paraded their prize-winning floats in front of the crowd, but got pushed off the field by the returning Idaho Vandals.

It was gratifying to notice that the University band finally deemed the weather good enough to appear during the halftime parade, including majorettes, queens and marching units shivering their way through, the band elected to back out at the last minute for the comfortable climate at home.

The climactic Homecoming Dance featured a special floorshow type impromptu square dance which vastly entertained the participants.

Sigma Nu, F.O.B.

A final note on the Quarantine Saga: One Kappa Sororome apparently bore the brunt of her sisters' enthusiasm after the ban was lifted and found herself tied in a box in the Sigma Nu living room. Reason: she was in exchange for a television set the Sig Nus loaned the KKG's.

Ultimately the fraternity got back its TV set and the Kappas got their flustered member back, but things may never be the same at KKG again.

WHAT Course?

One hapless graduate has, by his own admission, lost all faith in the

University administration.

Seems he registered for a course, one which was apparently required for his master's degree. When no one arrived for the scheduled class he went up on the Hill, was told that there had been no such course offered to graduate students in the past three years. So the credits were lost.

One other sidelight: two students had the course counted toward their master's degree when they graduated last year.

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Social Alpha Hays starts dancing trophy coming Weeker HAYS HALL Hays Hall gals escape to "The M land" amidst an grass huts, a water volcano for their 15. Setting the m music of the Four We extend our Connell Hall for t ed assistance on Homecoming were Nancy Arms Pat Crank, Emmet Kellogg; Eileen O Karen Wylie, Spolene Bentz, Whit girls and chapero sing were also we Sunday dinner Karen Wylie, Mr. F Jene Bentz, and De SIGMA CHI Thanks to the w Saturday and Sur enjoyed a very nic A hearty "job Joe Ketchum and Homecoming Book Our special tha Alpha Phi for the float. Congratulations Kappa Alpha Th wears the pin of and to Sylvia Fish the pin of Chuck F GAULT HALL Thanks to Ethel ing us to build th float, to Roger Sp, and all those who the night in order time. Guests Saturday served coffee, punc ments in the lobby. Virgil Young ar win volunteered r rooms during open ALPHA TAU OME Thursday eveni duced the five E nationalists, Carolyn O' Kathy Thompson, Roxanne Jones, Al Peterson, Pi Phi; an Delta Gamma. Tr last years' Esquire and Mrs. Don Mo dinner guests. Among the fifty ited the Taus dirin was Mrs. Amanda who was the Alph nearly 20 years 1 in 1955. DELTA CHI An extremely bus had at the house du coming festivities. The house was h large number of p and guests that Homecoming buffe the house followin game. Guests for the were: Mr. and Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Blan den, Julie Kennedy Mrs. Ralph Hatch. Thanks to the K the fun we had co float together. Congratulations pledges who did keeping the house c ing the posters and Homecoming. Darwin Otto wil guest for the next LAMBDA CHI ALP A hearty welcome kar and Joe Dyer, v mally pledged Mond 28. Over the Homecor we were very happ Idaho's alumni and Hensley who is a Kappa Alpha Theta Congratulations to Thomas Hoots, M Moscow C Equipme Repa We have a compl ENGINEERIN DRAFTING SU 509 South, C for s Tip

