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NEWS

The sole purpose of this Bulletin is to bring to the students the real truths about our institution nomatter how radical or conservative they may be. We feel that the school newspaper, although they do their best, is unable to give the students anything but announcements of ball queens, insurance sales, and whatever the administration allows them to say.

We feel the major purpose of a newspaper is to print the truth and the facts. The Antelope has been unable to do this so -SCORPION- will. We know many of the antelope student staff would very much like to write what they feel but the administration seems to have final word on what is printed.

We know that some of our articles may be more than the administration can swallow so we expect a great deal of backlash about our articles and welcome any opposing points of view, and we are sure that there will be plenty, especially from those who are contented with the present student status on campus.

## STUDENT BLUES

Welcome to K.S.C., school of higher learning and independent thought?? I really have to laugh when I hear this. A school of higher learning, I wonder, and of independent thought, puppy cock! Not that we don't want to be but we aren't allowed to be and we're too scared to try to be. Those who have tried to be leaders in fighting about student liberties have found themselves fighting alone. Lets forget the word apathy. I'm talking about guts; who has them and who doesn't.

Where were we when a few certain individuals were trying to secure our student say so in school policies? We were all sitting around hoping we'd get them but we weren't helped. Why were we hesitant to help? Was it because we didn't care? No! We do care. But lets face it. You know as well as I that the administration and a number of teachers are against student liberties. They have pigeon-holed every movement to secure student liberties on campus. The administration seems to have the unique quality of quietly snuffing any individual or group of individuals who give the slightest inkling of fighting for student liberties.

One of the biggest disappointments students have with profs and the administration in general is the

How many profs grade you according to the number of skips you have and whether or not you have a beard? Too many I'm afraid! There is too much emphasis placed on whether or not you come to class regularly and your chin growth and not enough placed on what we are learning. As in too many cases in this institution we have those who teach word for word from the text and expect you to sit for the entire class period and learn nothing. I have a seven year old brother who can do that. Where are the teachers who put meaning and learning into their lectures. If we're fortunate enough to get one of them the administration soon gets rid of him because he doesn't follow the trend of the school administration. He lets us be independent thinkers and actually teaches us something of importance. I'm not saying all our teachers don't care. I believe we have some excellent teachers in each department, but they are few.

What about grades? Aren't you tired of being graded according to whether or not you have more than three skips and/or a beard? Aren't you tired of being told your wrong because you have a different idea. Fight for what you want and what you believe is right. If you're like being led around by a chain

the administration for years then we should travel the same track we have been traveling since we entered school. But if we want a fair shake then we must stand up for our rights and stand up now or else we'll pass with the wind like all the others have in the years before us.

TEACHERS! Stop grading us according to whether we have more than three skips or a beard. Have enough foresight to see that if students are skipping your class it might be your fault. If we feel we are learning something we will come. If you just ramble on and waste our time, we will not. You teachers who tell us you will dock our grades if we have any skips or won't let us into class if we have a beard or dress differently are the ones, in most cases, who are afraid we will skip because your class has not and is not teaching us anything. Does it hurt your ego to know you are wasting a whole class's time? It should! If it doesn't bother you then you ought to seriously consider another occupation. Some day many of us students will also be teachers and if we can't instill in our students the will to learn, an enjoyment in learning, and a love of learning as many of you have failed to do, then we have failed as so many have failed. May God help us to be developers of individual men and women and not

texts!

by  
crusader

LET THE TRUTH BE KNOWN!

Kearney State students- stop being victimized. Last Friday night you were treated to a free dance at the student union. Entertainment was Kearney High School's own "Sunny Funny Co." Of course college students with a certain degree of taste instead attended the dance at the Firemen's Barn, featuring a nationally known recording group, the Rumbles.

This year, for the first time, a five dollar fee was extracted from each student to be spent on student affairs, specifically affairs like student union dances, among others. This was done to save the students money, and in itself is a wonderful idea. But it is not a wonderful idea when it spends our money on second rate attraction. The Sunny Funny Co. are not particularly popular on campus. This is not the fault of the group- this is the fault of KSC's student population-a group of people who cannot understand the tasteful progressive rock the Sunny Funny Co. ably performs. But enough of the students' poor tastes.

What remains is that students are being victimized. Not only

booking job. The truth is that SUAC had planned a musical extravaganza for the evening of January 10. The originally planned dance consisted of four hours of continuous music. The original agenda was Omaha's creative "Fay Hoagan Experiment", Yanda Productions' new sensation "The Collector's Item", and KSC's underground folk duo, "The Wynde". The proposed lineup would be a credit to any campus. But SUAC supposedly cancelled this fantastic program, in favor of the "Sunny Funny Co." dance. Why, you ask? Because SUAC supposedly couldn't afford the approximate \$750. This leads one to wonder how SUAC is spending its share of the Student Activity fee. We know about \$1,000 to \$1,200 was spent to bring "The Outsiders", a dying group whose original members (not the ones that were here) had one big hit and two lesser records. But there is still money (of ours) to be spent.

Something must be done. Even if it involves charging a small entrance fee to union dances. Fifty cents a person wouldn't hurt anybody and this could bring real entertainment to KSC. But only if you, the student, says and does something. The first thing to do is complain to SUAC. Complain to Jan Nelson and other officers of SUAC. Complain to Dave Rader (remember-he was the one who rudely insulted five

great musicians, the Detroit Wheels-a perfect example of KSC's bad taste. But remember, if KSC is to have REAL entertainment, you must do something.

by truth

#### SPEAK YOUR PIECE

The following is a personal opinion and should be taken as such. Everyone is entitled to an opinion of his or her own and this is just that.

It seems that this is what is lacking on the campus of this institution. We have no freedom to do our own thinking and the times we do we are insulted, laughed at and to top it all off, we are looked down upon because we have a mind of our own. There is one aspect on this campus that is totally and virtually disgusting and disheartening. I am talking of the faculty-student relationship. It seems as if this should be reversed and the prime emphasis should be the faculty. We have been brainwashed the last few years or whatever into thinking that we are here to serve the faculty, instead of the faculty serving us. We as students pay a good deal of money to get an education and should do this in our own way. This does not mean

"The only real threats of any kind over our heads. The way practically every faculty member feels is that we should be serving them or owe them something. They are here to serve us, they are paid to serve us. We seem to think that they are the almighty, that we dare not look cross-eyed at them for fear that they might flunk us. They have us so "damned" scared that we barely disagree with them or have a difference of opinion. How many times in any of our classes do we hear a fellow student say "Mr. Jones, I totally disagree with your opinion and that is what I think of the matter." Rarely do we here this, and rarely will we ever in the future unless something is done.

I am not provoking any type of disorder or rebellion, all I am saying is that it rests with each one of us. If we have any backbone and respect for our own opinions and freedom of mind and choice to speak up when we disagree and to make our opinions known, we will do just that. Many nations have fallen under this same predicament, listening and accepting, without any thought as to what is right and wrong or stating difference of opinion. I think it is about time that we change all of this and begin to act like free men and women with free and imaginative minds, and to speak up when we feel we should, for if we don't and keep listening and accepting we will evolve into a nation of puppets and "Yes" men in which the only victor is tyranny, for believe me it can happen, it is happening right under our very own eyes, and you are a part of it. Aren't you very proud? What an ugly contribution to a free society like ours.

by deeply concerned

#### A GALLUP FOR VICTORY

In filling the "Rap", I will say yes; we do have a so called generation gap, a communication gap or even possibilities of the intellectual gap! In a recent Gallup poll conducted December 6-8, 1962. it was indicated that us Super-humans who are involved in so many Super-events are heading for Super trouble. Of the 1501 adults over 30 surveyed, that great American freedom of thought and higher learning ranked low as compared to Great Britian and Canada. A mere 33 per cent were in favor of the college students having a greater say concerning the academic side of college. Twelve percent were apathetic enough not to get involved.

Great Britain who also has its ups and downs academically favored 35 per cent in the Gallup affiliated survey, and 19 per cent of the Allies were blind to the facts (probably London fog). Now Canada, tah-tah-tah-taaaah, our secreted friend says 47, percent of the students should be concerned, 40 per cent be wall flowers and 13 per cent French.

O.K., lets face it PACIFIERS, IN DUE inidue time us sheltered farmers will trod upon this campus of paradise and stand tall like that cottonwood in the back yard. We may be just people, we may also be simple people, however, we are not just simple minded people.

Lets' mount that Ole Plug horse and Gallup to Victory. Remember! We need recognition as thinking individuals. Will you help to get it?

by            an interested individual



The silent struggle for student government at KSC has been lost. Student responsibility, based on the assumption that students are to be considered as potentially mature socially as they are intellectually, has been suppressed again by the frightened Administration. The most cooperative, least threatening, respectfully submissive student body president of the decade has lost his battle for student rights. It is obvious now that "blow-nosing" the Administration accomplishes the same as rebellion--no more, no less, nothing!

Administration paternalism stands undaunted, the victor as usual. The students fully anesthetized by years of Nebraska education do not even know that a battle was being waged. They would not care if they did know. The faculty, equally numb, stands idly by, secure in their niches as they lord it over the students and kow-tow slavishly to the Administration. The battle is lost, the silence is deafening, and the dream goes on.

So why the silence? The Administration has conquered virtually nothing, so why not let them relish their conquest? Let them dream their dreams of Berkeley phantoms and Columbia ghosts, let them tremble before the vision of International SDS and organized anarchy, let them conjure up their devils and vanquish them with vigor! The students are unaware, and the faculty does not care. Let the Administration play war with themselves.

Why the silence? The victims are in the future. I grieve lament of the '70's. I weep for the broken hearts and broken heads of the '70's. I do not mourn the sleepy numb children of the '60's who play careers and seek life's comfort stations. I mourn the awakened students of tomorrow who will feel the strangulation of their swaddling clothes, and will fight for the freedom to grow up. I weep for the frightened administrators of tomorrow who will wonder at rebellion and enforce their paternalism with clubs and gas.

Why the silence? Dreams sown today will sprout into nightmares tomorrow. Heavy suppression of student government today will breed civil war between militant students and tough-minded administrators tomorrow. Calling in the state police to suppress an abortive party-raid today sets the precedent for calling in the national guard to suppress a general strike tomorrow. Awakening students will thrash and struggle against paternalism, and the Administration will panic, call in outside violence in the form of armed police who will paternalistically beat heads in, and all supporters of the Establishment will piously deplore the corrosion of moral values. Paternalism prophesies trouble, paternalism pursues policies which cause trouble, paternalism crushes outbursts with violence which breeds more violence which requires still more violence--and the Administration then basks in the glow of self-fulfilled prophecy.

It can't happen here! Certainly not in central Nebraska, the warm womb of good news and blind obedience to Administration placenta and faculty pablum. Student rebellion and campus civil-war embittered by outside police intervention cannot happen at Kearney State College! Why not? It is happening everywhere else. But the reply is that "Nebraskans will learn from outside experience, and it won't happen here."

This is precisely the point. It will happen here because the present Administration is making it come to pass. The administration at KSC is making the same mistakes in the same way that other wielders of academic power have made. The Administration at KSC has

the same complacent blindness which afflicted the predecessors of the now beleaguered authorities of the exploding campuses. The ingredients for "Requiem of the '70's" are being gathered together and mixed in the '60's.

What Administration mistakes? What ingredients? Where are the things going wrong? Subdued observers of the '70's will be probing the ashes of our 1968's Monument of Folly to explain the bashed heads, the lost reputations, the grief and the rage.

What Administration mistakes? Paternalism is the word which sums it up the best. Paternalism represses nascent expressions of student ambition. Students want to handle their own money, they want to determine the substance and bounds of their social life, they want to take responsibility for self-government. The paternalistic Administration, like the over-protective parent, suppresses these ambitions, and drives the energetic talented student into rebellion. Paternalism represses nascent expression of student creativity. Students want meaningful courses and spare time to study and experience the world around them. Breaking the bonds of sterile bouffans with mild whoop-la accompany any live student efforts to be creative, and paternalism drives this human energy into dangerously rebellious channels. Paternalism encourages learning through experience in the best tradition of modern education philosophy, but it deprives students of the independence necessary for real experience. Paternalism drives the bright energetic student outside the system and under ground to gain the independence necessary for experience and creativity. When the inevitable clash comes, the Administration justifies the violence, which ranges from expulsion to physical injury, with its Christian-lined moralism Biblically based on Romans 16. Expulsion and bruises hurt, but hypocrisy infuriates, and serious plotting begins among the friends of the humiliated and the most resiliently stalwart of the beaten.

The ingredients of rebellion now present? Given Kearney State's explosive growth, Kearney town's complacent small-minded cozy conservatism, and the present Administration's panicky rigid suppression of the slightest student urge for independence, the riots of the '70's are just waiting to happen. Given the brutal suppression of the student body president's modest proposal for controlling students' money coinciding with Bronco Days, it is lucky that the ready-made grievance and the ready-made police did not combust. Given the Bronco Days' tom-cattling and the omnipresence of heavily armed police, it is lucky that violence did not flare up. Given the complacent satisfaction among Administration personnel that omnipresent police prevented violence and avoided the combustion of grievance and tom-cattling--when the exact opposite is true, it is hard to see that such luck will continue. Next time such a confluence of events takes place, more police will be needed to prevent violence. And by the '70's there will not be enough policemen in Nebraska to sit on Kearney State College. He who prospers by the gun and truncheon will perish by the gun and truncheon.

The crowning irony is that KSC will arrive at this chaos by the "low road" only. Chaos symbolized by Berkeley, Columbia, and the Sorbonne represents the finest academic achievement as well as the grimmest physical violence. To some extent, socially valuable research and scholarship contribute to and result from the ferment now plaguing these noble centers of academic learning. Wiser administrators could have averted the worst violence, as relatively wise administrators have done at other great universities, like even University of Nebraska. Is KSC to arrive at "the top" without even the socially valuable research and scholarship. Is the "low road"

of mindless student rebellion the only way that KSC will topple the administration paternalism? What a crushing thought! This is why the dirge.

The solution, the prevention? Simple. Give the students responsibility. Responsibility means power and jurisdiction. Let student government really govern. If there are mistakes, let the students pass judgment and make amends. If there is success, let the students reap the rewards and distribute the honors. The goal is so clear.

The process? Let the mistakes be in the area of excessive leniency instead of excessive caution. Nebraskans are so authoritarian oriented toward obedience, to authoritarianism that permissiveness here is probably the best way to attain equilibrium. Of course, there are progressive steps being taken within the present context. But time is running out. The tragedy of 1968 is that it is not seen yet as a tragedy. The first step in the process must be to the reverse direction.

If this dirge counteracts the regressive trends and prevents the impending tragedy, then the "Requiem of the '70's" will be unique. It will forestall that which it celebrates. May God will it be that way.