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SC Urges Organizations To Omit Racial Restrictions



Madsen

InterFraternity Council (IFC) faces challenges today as a part of the academic community," said Buzz Madsen, newly-elected president of the IFC last night.

"It is my purpose as president of IFC to meet these challenges and to maintain the fraternity system as an integral part of the society in which we live," Madsen said.

The new secretary of IFC, chosen after many ballots, is F. C. Green, Theta Xi. Green said, "I am primarily concerned with the communications within IFC and the fraternity system. We have to unite in order to solve pressing problems. I am especially concerned with cooperation within houses and special programs such as the tutoring project and FMA."

The election of vice president and treasurer will be held next semester. Nominations are now being accepted. Following his election Madsen pointed out many areas of concern. He said that expansion was the number one problem. He called for research and evaluation of the present rush program and committee work in general.

"We need to reevaluate and get rid of the dead wood," Madsen said.

"Programs need to be stimulated in order to carry out their individual goals," Madsen added. He would like to see a health program initiated and more efficient utilization of fraternity alumni planned.

By Priscilla Mullins
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After lengthy debate on legality and morality, Student Council yesterday passed a resolution urging student organizations at the University to delete any racial restrictions from their constitutions.

The resolution, introduced by Larry Frolik, recommended that any organizations with such clauses, or which belong to national organizations with similar clauses, work for the abolition of the clause.

"If this proves to be impossible we then urge the local chapter to attempt to obtain a waiver exempting them from any racially restrictive clause in the national constitution."

In a roll-call vote, 27 Council members voted in favor of the resolution; eight voted against. Those opposing the resolution were Susie Segrist, John Luckasen, Mike Barton, Bob Kerrey, John Klein, Bill Hayes, John Kenagy and Bill Potts. Abstaining were Andy Taube and John Cosier.

study skills course by going to 108 Administration Building before second semester begins. There is no cost for adding the course.

Students in the course will meet in large lecture sessions twice a week for the first three weeks of the semester, Neumeister said. Then, during the next six weeks, the students will meet in small discussion groups.

Two Seniors Receive Hawthorn Award

Two University seniors in mechanical engineering have been awarded the coveted Hawthorn Fellowships for graduate study at the University for the second semester of the 1964-65 school year.

Jack Schwarz and Harold Spidle will both receive a grant of \$1,000 plus tuition for the semester.

Spidle, who has been on the honor roll for the past three years, holds a 7.0 grade average and has earned 90 percent of his college expenses working for local manufacturing and engineering firms.

Schwartz holds a 7.7 grade average and has earned 50 percent of his college expenses working on farms, with the Soil Conservation Service and an oil company. He is a member of several honorary societies including Sigma Xi.

Council reactions to the resolution ranged from objections on legal grounds to favorable comments based on moral considerations.

Frolik pointed out the study of the committee was incomplete, and further study of off-campus housing would be done next semester.

Susie Segrist told the Council that since the report included statistics on racial clauses of fraternities, but



Larry Frolik (standing) explains ... his resolution to Student Council with Shirley Voss, John Lydick and JoAnn Stratemann watching.

not on sororities, the Council could not pass the resolution until they knew the sorority stand.

Frolik explained that the sororities were forbidden by a National Panhellenic ruling to answer any questions about their constitutions; thus the committee was unable to obtain information about sorority racial clauses.

The resolution, however, was based on an idea larger than just the Greek system, he said. The whole Council attitude on the racial problem in general is involved.

"With such discrimination clauses," John Lydick, president said, "other universities have encountered conflicts, which have caused their campuses to go into a state of turmoil."

Lydick said that if the resolution passed, he would talk to the InterFraternity Council (IFC), and try to convince its members that the resolution is for the good of both the University and the fraternity system.

Referring to the 1963 Civil Rights Bill, Mike Barton asked Frolik if the Council had any right to consider the matter, since sororities and fraternities are exempted by the Bill.

Frolik contended that the Bill was irrelevant to the issue, and this resolution was not a question of law, but of student body views.

"The members of this Council represent colleges," he said, "not living units. We are not here to use the Council as a sounding board but to represent all 13,000 students."

Continuing the legal aspect of the resolution, John Cosier said the Civil Rights Bill states that no investigation shall be made, or any legislation passed on such discrimination issues.

"Could it be," he asked Frolik, "that the Federal Government realized that such actions would violate basic Constitutional rights?"

"The Federal Government may not want to get into local affairs, but this has no bearing on the 13,000 students at this University," Frolik said.

"We're not passing anything binding here," JoAnn Stratemann, vice president of the Council, said. "We are only taking a stand urging the University to follow our lead."

Gary Oye, a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, the only

fraternity listed in the Committee's report as having a "white" clause, told the Council, "Our fraternity is working in this area, and will continue to do so."

Quoting a Wall Street Journal editorial, Oye said "forced association is the breeder of dissention."

The moral viewpoint of discrimination was put before the Council by Klein, who said the Council should take a moral stand on the whole discrimination situation, not just on housing.

"Anyway," he said, "I think the report is favorable. I think the houses are doing what they can." Klein concluded that "forced action is not as desirable as voluntary action on such an issue."

Klein proposed that this resolution be defeated, to be replaced later by resolution based on the moral issue.

Frolik answered that putting through such a "watered-down, weak resolution," as proposed by Klein would have the same effect as saying "We're for morality."

Cosier suggested an amendment stating that the resolution would not be a mandate, but would serve as a recom-

Army Ball Interviews Scheduled

The first annual Army Ball will be held on February 20 to replace the Military Ball which has been done away with this year.

Interviews to select the three finalists will be held this Saturday in 334 Student Union. Candidates and their interview times are:

Scarlett Zade, 9 a.m.; Sheryl Soukup, 9:10; Mary Poesche, 9:20; Connie Hoy, 9:30; Pat Dunklau, 9:40; Marlene Johnson, 9:50; Sandra Lee Rice, 10:00; Linda Sue King, 10:10; Carol Beck, 10:20.

Janet Wirth, 10:50 a.m.; Kathie Southard, 11:00; Marilyn Masters, 11:10; Karen Frisk, 11:20; Sharon Schmeckle, 11:30; Mary Ann Rudin, 11:40; Carol Jaeger, 11:50; Bonnie Knudsen, 12:00; Di Kosman, 12:10; Susie Young, 12:20; Suzie Walburn, 12:30; Lou Velte, 1:00; Tami Svoboda, 1:10.

Mike Barton Nominated For Award

... Outstanding Nebraskan

Mike Barton has been nominated to receive the Outstanding Nebraskan award. A letter recommending Mrs. Key Michelfeld was received past the deadline and consequently disqualified.

The letter nominating Barton emphasized his "Extensive work in the Student Council."

His three year tenure on the Council has been "studied by major achievements and substantial student improvement," the letter said.

Barton is presently ranked in the top 15 percent of his class in Teachers College and he holds five scholarships. Last spring he was tackled

into the Innocents Society and serves as secretary of that group, the letter said.

According to his letter of nomination, "Barton is an active member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, Lincoln Project and InterFraternity Council member.

"In these many areas Bar-

the report as saying, "It doesn't bother me if they don't like me because of the color of my skin, as long as they don't say so to my face."

Two Negro students spoke to the Council in behalf of the resolution. One, Obasi Onuoha, a Council member from Nigeria, urged the Council to pass the resolution as "assurance to all students of other races that they are wanted."

"Nebraskans are the worst people in the world," said Richard Brown of New York. "They pass the buck and are narrow-minded" about racial discrimination because they have so little contact with upper class Negroes."

"The University student who sits next to a Negro in class considers himself a 'rabid integrationist, and runs home to tell Mommy about it."

"Big Deal!" Brown exploded.

Following the passing of the resolution, Kerrey asked the Council to "look at what we have done."

"We have not said a thing today; we have taken half a loaf because we were afraid we couldn't get a whole loaf. We have merely cleared our consciences."

Miss Stratemann pointed out that he was welcome to bring up a new resolution next week.

Dean Ross Applauds Discrimination Action

By Priscilla Mullins
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"I am pleased the students have spoken on this question," Vice Chancellor G. Robert Ross, dean of Student Affairs, said of the Student Council's discrimination resolution.

Ross said the Student Affairs office has been working for the same objective. He said he viewed the Council's resolution as "encouraging," and termed it an "educational kind of approach" to the discrimination problem.

There has been no public stand like this taken, at least in the last few years, according to Ross, other than positions taken by local chapters.

Student Council was unable because of a national Panhellenic ruling, to obtain the position of sororities on inclusion of the white clause in their constitutions.

In a survey taken last year by the Daily Nebraskan, 11 of the fifteen local chapters of sororities said they had no membership restrictions. Four houses, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Delta and Pi Beta Phi would give no comment on such restrictions, because of a National Panhellenic ruling forbidding them to comment on their constitution.

The four sororities, when contacted again yesterday, still offered "no comment" on membership restrictions.

One fraternity, Sigma Nu, of 24 local chapters said that its constitution had a "white only" clause. Six other fraternities said they had membership restrictions, but they were religious, vocational or "socially acceptable."

One fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, which now lists no restrictions, removed any white-Christian stipulations for membership as of Aug. 27, 1964.

Panhellenic President Jean Probasco said Panhellenic felt the resolution did not infringe on their rights. "Student Council has a right to express their view," she said.

"The InterFraternity Council (IFC) does not and will not practice racial discrimination in carrying forward its program as a University organization," according to newly-elected IFC President Buzz Madsen.

Madsen said the IFC "stands behind the policy statement on discrimination as put forth by the IFC in 1963."

The discrimination problem, although it is not evident on the University campus, does exist, according to last year's survey.

A typical date for Negroes, it said, is limited to a show and a coke at the Student Union. The Negroes lack places to hold parties and dances except at the Union or Selleck.

Negro coeds said they would have liked to have gone through Rush Week, but did not know "If I did not get taken, then would it be because they did not know me or because I am a Negro?"

The problem of a Negro sorority at the University is increased by the fact that there are not enough Negro coeds at the University to allow colonization, according to Negro coeds, agreeing with Helen Snyder, associate dean of Student Affairs.

As one Negro put it, the main problem with the Greek system versus integration involves the purposes of the houses. Houses enhance academic atmosphere, leadership and social poise so members can meet others, finally ending in marriage. The Negro fraternity member would date someone of his own race, he said.

Six Study Skills Lectures Scheduled Next Semester

The announcement of the titles of the six lectures for the second semester study skills course has been made by Kent Neumeister, chairman of the study skills committee of Student Council.

The lectures and their purposes are:

Learning to Learn and Learning in Depth: these two lectures are intended to lead to more efficient learning by dealing with the learning process. They will distinguish between studying and learning and will teach the student how to understand and respond to subject material.

Learning from Books and Learning from Class: these lectures will discuss how to apply textual material and lecture notes to comprehension.

Library as Source of Ideas: this lecture will be based not only upon the usual procedure for checking out a book, but around the ways students can make imaginative use of library resources for purposes beyond merely fulfilling class assignments.

Using What You've Learned: this lecture will be concerned with test-taking and effective behavior during tests. It will tell how a student can improve his grade average by putting knowledge to work in tests and essays.

Students may enroll in the

stamped out, Jackson said. The question is, "How to make a nation fight that doesn't want to ... I don't believe there can be a victory in South Viet Nam," he said.

The difficulty is if the nation is not kept a free, independent, non-communist one—how does the United States get out of her situation gracefully? Jackson said.

"I am sure that subject is being discussed," Jackson said he believed President Johnson and Prime Minister Wilson "talked it out" when Wilson visited the President.

As the United States does not want a communist Cuba on her backstep, so China wishes Indo China, Laos and Viet Nam to adopt their form of government, Jackson said.

"The policy in Viet Nam must be based on neutrality ... We must admit that in the east, China is the most important," he said. A neutral policy must be backed with a clear warning to China as to where her influence can lie—autonomous, independent places should remain so, Jackson said. The warning should be backed with nuclear force of the United Nations. "We have a similar Anglo-American agreement with India right now," he said.

Malaysia and Indonesia is another problem—if anything more serious than Viet Nam Jackson said. Malaysia is a prosperous country. "The people are easy going, pragmatic types, which they probably learned from their association with the British," Jackson quipped.

Because Malaysia is a prosperous territory they are more ready to defend themselves, but must face the threat from Indonesia. "What we need in this world

is not independence but interdependence among nations," Jackson said.

Turning to the African situation, Jackson said, "We must surely hold our breath in 1965 that the tribal savagery of the Congo does not spread.

Jackson noted the words of the Belgian philosopher-philanthropist Albert Schweitzer that applies to the African situation: "Don't forget that a piano has white and black keys, if you wish to hear the sound of music, you must play both the white and the black keys." Similarly in Africa to hear the sound of peace both the Negro and the White have a place and are necessary, Jackson said.

"Far too much of the responsibility for creating a feeling of interdependence rests on American and British shoulders," he said.

"Why can't the Common Market help? Why isn't there a French, German or Russian peace corps? We need a large scale plan to lift up the nations who are struggling," Jackson said.

The United States and Britain are often accused of being imperialists. "The United States has probably given away more money and received less credit for doing so than any other nation in history," Jackson said.

This turns a nation's people against helping other countries, he said. A change of techniques is needed in planning the proper assistance for countries in need, he said.

"We need the concept of one world ... That is why I like President Johnson's concept of the 'Great Society'. That does not mean we must in having a Christian ideal," he said.

Russia Said Not Real Danger; 'Cold War Between East, West'

The cold war of the West has recently defrosted to a cold peace, Colin Jackson, a Minister of British Parliament, said yesterday.

"The real danger in the last four or five years has not been Russia, since they have become a quiet middle class people," he said. The cold war is between the West and East now, the former University lecturer said.

Jackson, elected to Parliament in 1964, representing Brighouse and Spenborough, was a visiting professor of international relations at the University second semester, 1954-55. He is a member of the Labour Party.

Anglo-American relations are good, Jackson said. "I am an optimist, though I realize that's not a fashionable attitude ... we have gone through the elections and know how to govern ourselves. We elect the right people," he said. He added quickly that he hoped his Republican friends wouldn't leave.

In his travels, Jackson visited South Viet Nam. "The nation has been fought over and has been at war for 23 years. It started in 1941 when the Japanese moved in, he said.

"In 1945 the French took over with their colonial rule when it was going out of date, out of fashion. Ten years ago there were still troops seeking out rebel armies," Jackson said.

The Geneva partition did not offer a solution, according to Jackson. "A partition never is a solution whether in Ireland or Cyprus. It is never the answer—sooner or later they must come back together," he said.

The generals in Viet Nam represent no one, the "flickers of freedom" are continually