

NEW EVIDENCE REVEALED

Committee Hears Discount Case

By Priscilla Mullins Senior Staff Writer

A new complication in the Student Discount Card investigation has arisen in a statement by J. B. Fornier, saying that he thought the discount cards were his private enterprise and he considered Bob Kerrey his "employee."

Fornier's remarks were given by President John Lydick at a Student Council Judiciary Committee hearing last night, before approximately 100 listeners.

Lydick told the committee that he had received a phone call from Fornier yesterday afternoon in the absence of Judiciary chairman JoAnn Stratemann. Fornier had been asked to submit a written statement to the committee, but had not done so yet, Lydick said.

Fornier had made Kerrey his "partner" during the past summer, according to the statement, because he would not be in Lincoln and wanted Kerrey to keep the Discount Cards going.

Lydick pointed out that his statement contradicted Kerrey's statement that Fornier was "his employee."

Statements from most of the people involved in the card project were given at the two and one half hour hearing last night.

Dr. William Pharis, one of the advisors to Student Council, was not present at the hearing, but his statement was read by Miss Stratemann. Pharis emphasized that "we should not restrict the guilt to one person." He said that the executive councils for both years would have to be held responsible, as well as members of the Welfare Committee both years.

Pharis said the Council should not purchase its "own innocence by making Kerrey the scapegoat."

Miss Stratemann, who conducted the hearing, first introduced Lydick, who told the committee the background facts of the situation. These facts were presented at the Student Council meeting Feb. 10, after the matter had come to Lydick's attention one or two months ago.

\$40 Check
At that time an envelope containing a check for \$40 had come to the Student Council office. The check was made out to Kerrey.

Lydick said he wondered at that time just how the finances for the cards were being handled. He said he began looking into the matter at that time.

Lydick told the Committee that he felt he "couldn't condone the facts I saw." Thus, he said, he felt he should have no vote in the decision of the Judiciary Committee.

Lydick asked Kerrey if he considered the cards as a private enterprise, and Kerrey responded that he did not. Kerrey said he had never considered the "profit angle" during the first year of the sale of cards, but he knew it was possible to make a profit.

When asked by John Klein whether he ever got the idea that it wasn't a Council project, Kerrey answered, "technically no; we never established a written agreement."

Klein then asked him if he felt he had the right to offer such profits to other student welfare committee members, and Kerrey answered "yes."

Discrepancy
A discrepancy in the address for Kerrey given on the cards from last year to this year was brought up by Klein. During the first year the address was the Student Council office, and Kerrey was listed as chairman of the Student Welfare Committee for the Student Council.

This year the card listed Kerrey's name and home address and phone for additional information on the cards.

Kerrey said that this was just a matter of convenience. Lydick asked Kerrey "If you weren't trying to build up a profit, why was there so much excess money in the second year?"

Kerrey told him that there was "no deliberate attempt to cut it so close that there was a chance for loss."

"The assumption I was making was that if I were to incur profit, it would not be illegal."

Judiciary Committee member Galen Frenzen then asked Kerrey if he had ever had any other idea for financing the discount cards. Kerrey answered that he had thought of charging students a base rate but had ruled this out "on the basis of confusion."

"Fornier and I decided this was the only way he would operate."

Miss Stratemann asked Kerrey if he had offered the chance for selling advertisements to anyone other than members of the Student Welfare Committee. Kerrey replied that he hadn't.

In other testimony, Mike Jeffrey, business manager for the Daily Nebraskan, told the committee that Kerrey had "contracted with me personally for an ad in the Daily Nebraskan" for Dec. 16, 1964, urging students to support the discount cards.

Jim Baer, a member of the Student Welfare Committee last year when the cards were originated, testified that he thought a lot of the confusion in the situation was arising out of a confusion of the terms "Student Council endorsed" and "Student Council project."

"We didn't actually make a distinction, and this tended to be both," he said.

Baer said that \$40 was charged to businessmen the first year "to make sure we wouldn't lose any money if only four or five advertisers responded."

Dennis Christie, last year's Council president, had told the Welfare Committee that no profits could go to the Student Council fund, according to Baer.

Commission Basis
Baer said that it was decided that a commission basis would be the best way to interest sellers. "I had no idea how much was being made in the way of profits," he said.

Mike Barton asked Baer why the committee hadn't done any research on cost of the project, since they said that they had no clear idea of the amount involved.

Baer answered that there were two factors: 1. Time limit. The project had to be completed by the first of the year, he said. 2. "The whole thing was so dependent on how many merchants we ended up with."

Barton then asked if Fornier's request for pay for his services was the reason for the profit basis of the cards. Baer said that this was probably partly the reason. He said Kerrey "felt this would be the best way."

To Barton's question, "Are you positive Denny (Christie) gave tacit approval on this plan?" Baer answered, "No."

Barton asked why the committee members hadn't mentioned the profit to the Council—"didn't you think the profit was debatable?"

Baer answered "No. I thought Bob had talked to someone on Council about it."

Baer told the Judiciary Committee that no advertising for sellers had been done in the Daily Nebraskan "because there would have been a flood of people coming in wanting to sell."

Bobby Kotecha, a member of the Student Welfare Committee last year, told the committee that he was under the

impression that the Council would pay for the expenses involved.

Kotecha made two main points for the committee. First, he said, he did not know there was a two thirds profit being made on the cards. Second, he said, he suspected by the end of the year that a profit was being made.

He said he planned to make

a personal investigation of the matter since he "felt profit shouldn't be made by student organizations."

Kotecha said that in the hustle of finals, he did not complete his investigation, and since he was not returning to Council this year, he forgot it. He said it partly his fault, since he should have talked to Kerrey about the matter.

He said that as far as he knew, the price to be charged advertisers had not been settled at \$25 or \$40.

Kerrey then asked Kotecha if he remembered some of the other projects the Welfare Committee had been concerned with last year. Kotecha cited one of the projects as being discussion groups with professors. He said that this project had failed because of

a break-down in communications.

Kotecha said he had not been present at the meeting when Christie spoke to the Welfare Committee.

Pam Hedgecock, present Student Council member and an Associate on the Welfare Committee last year, told the committee that she recalled a discussion of the possibility of profits being made, but

was not clear on too many details.

John Luckasen, present chairman of the Welfare Committee, told the committee that he had "assumed I would set up the discount cards for 1964-65."

He said he tried to contact Kerrey while he was out of town this summer. When he finally reached him, Kerrey

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DORMS AHEAD . . . The model represents the new dormitories, George Abel Hall, looking north from 17th and Vine. Construction is expected to be completed by September in time for the fall semester.

Dormitory Complete This September; Abel Elevators Will Stop Complaints

By Wayne Kreuscher Junior Staff Writer

One complaint you're not apt to hear on the University campus starting next fall concerns the elevators at the new men's dormitory which will be completed this September.

Students often squawk about the skip-stop elevator service at the twin tower Pound and Cather Hall where elevators stop only on odd floors. But in the new \$3.5 million George Abel Hall, located on No. 17th, one block north of Vine, elevators will stop at every floor, sort of.

In the new dorm there will be two elevators for the first six floors and two for the upper six, creating the effect of one dormitory on top of another.

Elevators are only one of the new changes in the residence hall. Abel Hall will hold 1,650 students, as compared to 960 in both Pound and Cather.

In terms of lounge area, the new hall will far surpass any of its predecessors. As compared with Pound and Cather, Abel will have 45 per cent more main lounge space, and 77.8 per cent more lounge area in upper floors.

Although Noel Smith, construction engineer for the University, said that there will be no difference in the function of the rooms at Abel as compared to the other dormitories, Abel will have 12.5 per cent more area in each room.

The rooms will be 14 ft. by 15 ft. and unlike those in Pound and Cather, there will be a large window in the middle of the outside wall with the closets on the opposite wall.

The hall will have two basic structures: the dormitory and a dining-recreation hall. The dormitory itself will be 307 feet wide (more than a city block), 61 feet from front to rear and 140 feet high.

The dining-recreation hall will be a two-story structure, located behind the dormitory, with the cafeteria on the second floor and a snack bar on the first floor.

The cafeteria which will hold 650 students will also be used by the new nine story girls' dorm which will be built in the future to the south of Abel.

The cafeteria will be connected to the dorm by two passageways. The passageways and two buildings will enclose a large patio area.

There will be two small lounges on each floor where students can study, hold meetings or just gather. There will be outlets for television sets in the small lounges so floors can buy television sets if they want.

On the main floor there will be two large lounges and rooms for the residence manager.

The exterior of the structure is of precast concrete containing white quartz aggregate, the same material used on the exterior of Pound and Cather Halls.

A private drive will serve the main entrance, and there will be a sizable parking area to the rear of the hall.

The two penthouse-like boxes on the top of the hall, now being completed, will house mechanical equipment for the dorm.

The hall is named after George Abel, founder of Able Construction Co. of Lincoln, who died several years ago.

Council Agenda To Be Printed

... Before Meeting

An agenda for Student Council meetings will be published in the Daily Nebraskan Mondays, as a result of a motion at yesterday's Council meeting.

The motion, introduced by Susie Segrist, calls for motions for each week's meeting to be submitted to Council President John Lydick by the preceding Sunday if possible.

Miss Segrist explained that this would enable constituents of Council representatives to contact them before the meeting to make their opinions known.

When asked by Bob Kerrey who would determine whether or not it would be possible for the motions to be submitted that early, Miss Segrist said that it would probably not be enforced too much, but would allow for more chance at good representation. She said this was an executive policy last year.

Lydick said that this was not an executive decree, but would permit more publicity for issues, and would allow Council members more time to do better thinking.

Kent Neumeister asked the Council if the office hours of representatives could also be posted so the representatives could be reached on Council matters. No action was taken on this request.

Dr. Beverly Fowler was announced as the new advisor of the Council. Dr. Fowler is the newly-appointed associate director of the School of Home Economics.

Delegates for the Model United Nations to be held at Nebraska Wesleyan University March 26-27 were announced by Mike Barton. They are: Carol Boyd, Larry Johnson, Jim Moore, Richard Thompson, C. Robert Jensen and Bill Marshall.

There have been no letters of application for the positions of graduate representatives on the Council, according to Bob Kerrey. Two positions from the Graduate College need to be filled, he said, and interested graduate students should send letters of application to the Student Council office at the Student Union.

Reporting for the Elections Committee, Kerrey said that the May Queen primary will be held May 3, and the All-Women Election will be held May 10.

Kent Neumeister, chairman of the University Counseling Service Committee, told the Council that the Study Skills course being offered at the University has only 35 students enrolled this semester compared to 300 first semester. He said this compared to 300 first semester last year and 80 second semester.

He told the Council that his Committee felt that there were four reasons for this drop in enrollment. First, the 800 students enrolled last semester made up the largest enrollment the course has ever had, thus making 35 seem very small in comparison.

Second, he said, the publicity for the course was perhaps poor.

More important, Neumeister said, is the fact that no credit is offered for the course, which might be discouraging many people from taking the time for the course.

The fourth reason he listed was that perhaps "word got out that the course wasn't worthwhile."

Neumeister said that the small group this semester would allow for three changes: experimenting with a small group through recording sessions for future study, upgrading the quality of the course, and recruiting sponsors and prospective freshman during the spring.

The Counseling Service is working on another project which would allow members to work with administration in selecting dormitory counselor assistants, he said.

Speaking for the Academic and Faculty Committee, Gale Muller told the Council that the University can and has applied for \$636,000 through the Economic Activities Act. This would allow 2,000 more jobs to be opened on campus, with 90 per cent of the salaries being paid by the federal government, and the other 10 per cent by the University, he said.

Muller also explained the method by which Regents' Scholarships are given. He said that some people may have been wondering why they didn't get scholarships when they got higher grades on the examination than some of the winners.

The examination is given to the top one third of all high school graduating classes in the state, he said. Of all the students taking part, the 100 highest scorers receive four-year scholarships.

Then, excluding the schools with four-year winners, the next ranking students are given one-year scholarships. The alternates are those with grades high enough to have been winners, but who were excluded on the basis of their school's winners.

Taube, Larson Will Head IFC Public Relations, Affairs

Andy Taube and Gary Larson are the new IFC chairmen for the Public Relations and Affairs Committees, respectively.

They were elected committee chairmen last night at the Council's meeting.

Taube, Sigma Chi, said he wanted to start a public relations seminar between the IFC committee and the fraternity public relations chairmen, that he felt more personal contact was needed with principals of high schools and that IFC should work more with the University's Public Relations Department.

Opposing Taube for the chairmanship was Larry Johnson, Beta Theta Pi. John Rasmussen, Phi Kappa Psi, ran against Larson, Beta Sigma Psi.

Larson outlined a plan for improvements of Greek Week and said that a film on Greek Week should be made.

Next Wednesday IFC will decide on the rush week schedule for next fall. Strong sentiment was expressed at this week's meeting for possibly extending rush week from three to four days.

Interviews will be held for the Affairs Committee this

NHSPA Contests Set For March

More than 1,000 Nebraska high school journalists will participate in a series of district journalism contests during the month of March.

The contests, sponsored by the Nebraska High School Press Association (NHSPA) will be held as follows:

—March 6—School of Journalism, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

—March 13—Wayne State Teachers College, Peru State Teachers College and Chadron State Teachers College.

The top 16 winners in each contest category will compete in the state contest May 1 at the University's School of Journalism, according to James Morrison, executive secretary of NHSPA and a University faculty member.

High schools planning to compete in the district contests should submit applications as soon as possible, Morrison said.

Contest categories will include: news writing, sports writing, editorial writing, copy reading and editing, news layout, advertising, yearbook copy reading and editing, yearbook layout and copy writing, and radio news writing.

This is an extra 2 o'clock night beyond those granted by AWS rules.

Boys Pay Again; Late Date Night Set For Follies

Mortar Boards will sponsor a Late Date Night, Friday, Feb. 26, the night of the Coed Follies.

For every minute that a girl is out between 1 and 2 a.m., her date must pay a penny. The money will be used for such Mortar Board projects as the scholarship luncheon, activities and the graduate seminar.

Once a boy pays, he must leave. No overnights or out-of-towns will be allowed and special permission will be needed to go home. One late minute means an automatic campus.

This is an extra 2 o'clock night beyond those granted by AWS rules.



EAGER-BEAVER FROSH . . . and upperclassmen listened to sales pitches, signed their names and became new members in campus activities at yesterday's Activities Mart.