

Frolik Excels As Scholar, Leader

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Leadership in the scholastic, in the extracurricular and in the intellectual atmosphere of the University exemplifies the student selected for the Daily Nebraskan's Outstanding Nebraskan Award for this semester—Larry Frolik.

Frolik has served the University the past year as first vice president of the ASUN, president of his fraternity—Beta Theta Pi and sergeant-at-arms of the Innocents Society.

In the past he has served as chairman of Nebraska Union talks and topics, on the IFC scholarship committee and as chairman of public issues committee and corresponding secretary of Student Council. As chairman of public issues, Frolik compiled a report on racial discrimination at the University.

High Scholarship

Scholastically Frolik is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, has a 3.8 accumulative grade average and will be graduating with distinction in June after which he will be attending Harvard Law School. He has participated in the English and history honors programs and was a Career Scholar in English, his major.

Referring to the time he has spent at the University, he noted that one of his greatest pleasures was "talking to people—a variety of them—about what they were interested in, what they think, their values, desires, attitudes, goals and aims."

"From talking with them I've learned the alternatives of life," he continued. "The more people one gets to know the more choices of values open up and then one either reaffirms his own or changes them."

The biggest accomplishment Frolik has made, in his

opinion, involves his work with student government.

"Being able to work on projects significant in themselves is important," he said. "Then one isn't just shuffling papers."

Projects like the pass-fall system, the foreign student housing study and the study of discrimination on campus are such projects, he continued.

"If one gets something done which effects a change on the campus which in turn affects the students themselves, then a project is significant," Frolik stressed.

The main project ahead of student government, as he saw it, is in the area of education.

"The main thing is making education meaningful to the average student," he stressed. "The main thing is making the curriculum meaningful."

In his year as ASUN first vice president, Frolik was primarily impressed "by the

emergence of a left wing on campus."

He accounted for this emergence by commenting, "Well, it is nationally an in-thing and Davidson and Spangler (organizers of SDS) helped considerably."

"There is always a group like that around a campus," he continued, "but it wasn't committed to anything until this year. The movement attracted many younger students who needed to feel as part of a group, yet were repelled by the idea of the bourgeoisie."

He added that these so-called radical groups were "good in the sense that they stirred up the campus and made it think. I believe they started a lasting trend although maybe the groups will not be lasting as such."

Of his greatest regret on leaving the University, he said, "I really haven't learned as much as I'd like to. I have accumulated a great number

of facts, yet I'm not completely educated and feel inadequate in that respect."

"Being president of my fraternity was perhaps the most meaningful experience," he said. "It was a great responsibility and was tremendously rewarding working with so many people I felt close to."

The most challenging experience, Frolik noted, was serving as vice president of ASUN in its first year of existence.

"We tried to set up the committee structure and work on the project angle as well," he said. "Both Kent (Neumeister) and myself were basically fountain-heads of ideas—especially in the fall."

As to the future of ASUN, he commented, "Unless it gets involved with the academic—for instance by showing concern and advising—ASUN will never be an influence."

"There are only a limited number of 'make-work' projects that can be undertaken," Frolik added. "Every year certain areas are exhausted."

He said that he would disagree with previous Outstanding Nebraskans "who urged everyone to get into everything."

Getting the proper perspective, he stressed is just as important.

"Too many people worry about filling all their time with meetings—simply so they



can seem busy to themselves," he said. "In so doing they are not learning what effect or lack of effect their meetings have."

"Fine," he added, "devote yourself to a project but take time out to talk to people to get the proper perspective. We are not in the world; we are on campus."

"And what we do will not have an impact on those outside," Frolik continued. "The

University is sort of a gigantic playground for young adults and Phi Beta Kappa is much more important than Innocents."

"Remember," he stressed, what Socrates said—the purpose of knowledge is to know one's self."

To paraphrase his letter of nomination—because of what he is and what he has done, Larry Frolik is an Outstanding Nebraskan.

County Agents Receive Awards

Three University of Nebraska Extension county agents received a distinctive honor at the last meeting of the Board of Regents, according to Dr. John L. Adams, director of the Agricultural Extension Service.

They are Harold Stevens of Dawson County, Lexington; Cyril Bish of Lancaster Coun-

ty, Lincoln; and Mrs. Elizabeth Grant of Dodge County, Fremont.

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University fraternity men have an average of 2.5. The sorority women's average is 2.777.

The girls at the University won the battle of the sexes with an average of 2.547, compared to the men's average of 2.287.

According to Richard R. Scott, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, a comparison between the all-mens' and women's averages and the all-fraternity and sorority averages cannot be fairly made from these figures.

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