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## Where Is the Party?

The five-point basis for yearly recognition of campus political parties proposed Wednesday night by the Student Council is a sound, practical measure designed to help party organization as well as to define the legal limits of Council jurisdiction over campus parties. Incorporation of this proposal into the by-laws of the constitution will be a real achievement for the much-maligned "44 Council More specifically, is a feather in the cap of Jeanne Kotton, head of the Council political action committee, and of president Harold Anderson.

According to the Council constitution, the measure has been tabled a week pending approval, but unofficial unanimous approval has already been voiced by council members. This unofficial O. K. gives politically-minded students the go-ahead signal on immediate organization in order that their parties may be in shape for the already overdue fall election. For that matter, under the election rules of the constitution, the fall election cannot be held until participating political parties have been recognized by the Council. Since the present barb and union parties were declared "unofficial" Wednesday, there are no legal parties on the campus; hence, no fall election until parties are re-organized.

Aside from the fact that the five-point plan is more specific in its requirements than ever before in Council history, it contains several revolutionary qualifications. Provision must be made by the party for the democratic election of a party leader presumably by a general party election instead of by the totalitarianism methods of a faction within the party, as has been the case in the past. On the subject of factions, instead of the usual organization of two more or less secret factions, a men's and a women's, who vie against each other as well as against the opposing party, one of the five-points specifically states that each party will form one faction whose function is to act as steering committee for the expedient direction of party business. It is recommended by the Council that factions representatives be elected at some sort of general party election on a basis of equal representation of student groups.

The third outstanding reform is that instead of putting up the usual long list of candidates on the general election slate and then organizing to back one of the candidates, the party will choose one whom it wishes to back from their list of candidates by party primary, and that candidate's name only will appear on the general election ballot.

Finally, it is worthwhile to note the emphasis placed upon platforms in the five-point plan. Since 1938, no party has "stood" for anything. Party affiliation has been determined on the basis of whether or not the individual was a barb or a greek, an unhealthy tho convenient division. Provision has also been made to guard against the issues of a platform growing obsolete, which is what has happened right now. Each fall partis must re-petition the council for recognition of their program for the coming year.

The five-point plan is a good piece of legislation and represents clear, far-sighted thinking on the part of the Council. With the approval of this plan next week, that body will have done all it is legally allowed to do in order to clarify the political situation on the campus. It is now up to the as yet unofficial student party leaders and members to clarify their own situation, not only to the Council, but to the student body as a whole, and to their own party associates.

## LETTERIP

October 25, 1944

Dear Les,

Your question of October 25 was a good one. Naturally the campus wonders what is going to happen to the War Scholarship Fund. You are correct in saying that the GI Bill of Rights covers completely what the War-Scholarship Fund intended to do. The fund was intended to give scholarships to returned veterans who had honorable discharges from the service and who had left college in good standing. The GI Bill of Rights, however, will completely cover the cost of education of any service man or woman desiring to take advantage of it.

According to my knowledge, it is good journalistic policy to print news when it is new. You asked about the War Scholarship Fund on Wednesday, October 18. Your repetition of my statement was not printed until October 25. During the intervening week, the Student Foundation officers have investigated the plan of the Alumni office completely and have come to a different understanding of it than we received at first impression. We feel, with our broader understanding of the plan, that it is a worthy cause in line with our purpose.

Technically the War Scholarship Fund was to enable returning veterans to come back to school. If we cannot do it by giving them scholarships (that is, if the need for scholarships has disappeared), we can do it by informing our own Nebraska service men and women about the GI Bill of Rights and about how to go about taking advantage of the program AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA. All other schools are trying to get students back to their schools under the GI Bill of Rights. Why shouldn't Nebraska? We certainly need the increased enrollment it would bring.

The Alumni office, under Ellsworth Du Teau's direction, has worked out a complete program of informing service men and their parents of the GI Bill of Rights and the advantages of attending the University of Nebraska under it.

I hope this answers your question, "What is the War Scholarship Fund to be used for?" As soon as a definite decision has been made, you and the rest of the students who so willingly contributed to it will be the first to know what it is to be used for. We assure it will be for a worthy purpose.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Neumann  
President, Nebraska Student Foundation

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October 25, 1944

Dear Editor:

We should like to thank the editorialist advocating the return of Love Library to a civilian status for bringing to light the almost unendurable sacrifices of the student body in denying themselves the joys and comforts of this new edifice. Their ability to carry on this sort of hand-to-mouth existence is little short of miraculous, considering the strain already imposed upon them by the presence of army trainees on their campus.

There are, however, a few points which seem to have been overlooked in this rapid survey of a rather complex situation. Consider, for instance, the necessity of issuing three blankets to each inhabitant of the Field House, as was done last year. Two of these were for warmth, and one was to keep the snow out. Consider, too, the fact that on some days last year nearly a third of the company living at the Field House was on sick call with colds due to inadequate heating and ventilation. Use of the Field House was an emergency measure to handle the overflow from the library, and it is not sufficiently equipped to provide proper quarters.

We do not ask for overstuffed chairs, or ice boxes to raid when the pangs of hunger creep up on us in the night, or even a place wherein we might throw a house party now and then. There is some excusable desire, we think, for a warm, dry corner in which to curl up in an army blanket at least several nights a week.

The battle is not done, oh editor, and it may be a hard winter.

For the Pre-Meds,  
Pfc. Andrew H. Neilly

(Editor's Note: We are sorry, and also quite surprised, at his interpretation which was read into Wednesday's controversial editorial, "We Want In." Neither the Nebraskan staff nor the civilian students have any desire to "kick the army off the campus" now that the unit is so much smaller than last year. The Nebraskan has co-operated with the army with the utmost enthusiasm and has enjoyed the association. In this, we feel, the paper speaks for the entire civilian student body. We are sorry if our use of the free editorial columns of the Nebraskan to express the student's desire to use the new library as soon as possible has been misconstrued as dislike of the army units stationed here. We still believe, however, that the wishes of a majority should be considered, if not take precedence over, the few.

As to the Private Neilly's charge that the draftiness of the field house was the cause of a great many colds, a talk with Dr. Rufus A. Layman of the university student and army health service quashes that idea. Dr. Lyman said Thursday, "there were no more colds in the field house than in any other building on the campus last year."

## Rosenlof Speaks To Kemper Meet As Guest Adviser

Dr. G. W. Rosenlof, director of admissions at the university, has been invited to be guest adviser at Kemper Military school during a three-day faculty conference held Oct. 26-28, and to address the faculty on "Youth and Post-War Opportunities of Kemper."

Dr. Rosenlof gave the preliminary address Thursday afternoon. This morning he will visit classes

in his capacity as advisor, and during Friday afternoon will confer with divisional groups. A faculty reception in his honor was held Thursday evening. Dr. Rosenlof will sum up his experiences at Kemper in his final address Saturday morning.

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