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Student Demand . . .

The student body is slowly losing its life blood because the pressure point for the students is embodied in the Student Council, an organization without any apparent organization.

Supposedly the medium of student expression between administration and the students, the Council maintains a capital B policy, B as in bungling.

Examining the record of the organization for the first month of operation we find, it successfully spiked a rumor that its president had resigned, resolved that there should be more parking space for students, which prompted the erection of "faculty only" parking signs on all available space, and declared an election invalid. It followed up the latter by declaring that all members of the junior class had to register their names at a booth in the Union; then kept the booth well hidden during the first day's registration. An enviable record, to say the least, deserving of a big E for effort, effort and nothing else.

Often described as a defunct organization, the Council has offered no tangible proof of its worth other than verbal objection to the title.

Another case of unexplained tactics is the announcement that there will be no re-election held on ag campus. This point definitely needs clarification. Such as, why is it that votes from one election are counted in on another, and if this isn't the case, then why are the students on the ag campus deprived of the right of voting in any election?

As re-registration plans were explained, organized houses were free to make out a list of all juniors in their respective houses and send it to the Council or bring it to the Union. But the unaffiliated junior class members, having no way of making out a collective list, were compelled to come to the Union individually in order to register. Had they been able to find the registration booth, the Council might have avoided some unpleasant publicity.

In short, the students are demanding that all eligible juniors be allowed to vote at Thursday's election. It is possible, probable? What are you, the Student Council, going to do about it?

Ragged Edges

News at this time of the week is very slight, but left-overs from the weekend make up for the lack of things to come. My prediction for the coming weekend is this, however . . . if you're not going to Kansas, you're going to be awfully lonesome here in Lincoln.

For the benefit of those who didn't notice yesterday, the Theta house was very originally decorated with a sign, quote—"The Morgue. The public welcome to inspect the vats."

Another tid-bit of interest concerns Fran Mandalay who runs wildly around the campus wanting to know, "What does BMOG mean?"

Half the university, at least, that are going to KU will take dates. A few of the many are Bill Swanson and Gene Mitchell, and Charlie Welles with Sam Schulte. Peggy Cowles will be with Warren Eisenhart, while Marilyn Diestal and Warren "Jake" Jacobsen are also joining the crowd. Betty Chipman and Martin Pesek and Marilyn Denison and Jimmy Johnson made a fine foursome and fun will be had by all.

Who's Left?

Half of the remaining half of the campus who haven't dates will take the "Special" or will motor. A few Sig Eps, Harry Wagner, Forrest Christianson and Wayne Wickencamp, are three that will forsake UN coeds to see what Kansas has to offer. Many of the Phi Gams feel the same way, so let's hope the coed shortage

Letterip

To the Student Body:

The withdrawal of Beta Theta Pi from the Greek fraternity political faction foreshadows possible future developments in the political situation on the University of Nebraska campus. This future development is of importance to the student body of this institution, for it points to the ushering in of an era of healthy politics on the campus.

The Beta Theta Pi break from the Greek political faction resulted from the following mature judgment of its members:

1. The sharp political chasm existing between Greeks and Barbs belongs to by-gone days. The Greek fraternities do not exist for political expediency. The fraternities should not use political power to justify their existence.

2. Any future political activity by Greek fraternities en bloc will result in a lowering of prestige of the fraternity system. Beta Theta Pi believes that the validity of the fraternity system is to be evidenced by means other than the brandishing of a closed, potent political power for mere perpetuation of Greek politics, to the detriment of the general welfare of the student body as a whole.

3. There will always be political factions on the University of Nebraska campus. Beta Theta Pi advocates political lines which will cut across, horizontally, Barb and Greek organizations. Barbs and Greeks working together is better than one group working for its own interests, to the utter exclusion of the interests of the other group. What must be remembered is that Greek fraternities are social fraternities, not political fraternities.

The candidacy of a Beta, "Dake" Novotny, for the office of Junior class president, was merely incidental to the Beta withdrawal from the faction. Novotny was not nominated by Beta Theta Pi, but by other interested persons. This is a disputation not of personalities but of issues.

Beta Theta Pi is gambling on its political fortunes. In defying the faction, it has put several of its activity men on the spot. These men have achieved positions of prominence, not through any po-

might have some such idea, spending most of his time with Donna Gallegar.

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litical faction maneuverings, but rather, by virtue of their respective individual abilities.

Beta Theta Pi is not alone among organizations and individuals who desire to see the Greek stranglehold on campus politics broken. Other far-seeing Greeks recognize that there is no valid reason for Greeks opposing Barbs politically. Veterans on the campus, both individually and collectively, are not prone to being pushed about by a numerically inferior faction of Greek men who are motivated merely by their own selfish aims.

Now is the time for a renaissance of student political thinking and action! The fire has been kindled. New fuel must be added. This fuel will come directly from a student body which is willing to accept its responsibility for the attainment of a high standard in campus affairs!

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 President, Beta Theta Pi.

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