

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

We are resorting to the Notebook today since we feel that it gives us a little more freedom of expression in answering questions about the NSA constitution directly. Particular objection has been raised about the student and faculty bills of rights.

There has been much comment on the phrase which guarantees students the right to free political expression. This freedom of expression was included, not necessarily to guarantee Communists alone the right to participate in politics, but to guarantee all students, Young Republicans, Young Democrats, Young Do-Nothings, or what have you, the right to say what they want to about their parties at any time. If this is wrong, then the Constitution of the United States is wrong.

Objection has also been raised to the clause in the faculty bill which asks that professors do not introduce controversial matter into their lectures which have no relation to the subject. This section of the Constitution was taken from an American Association of University Professors' bulletin and reflects the careful thought of educators on a subject that has been sadly misused in some schools. There is no iron-clad restriction in the bill and it merely represents what the faculty itself has voted. If this is wrong, then the A.A.U.P. is wrong.

In the section on the application of such rights, there is an unfortunate omission of the negative in some phrases which has misled many readers. There is an introductory phrase with a note in it that was supposed to clarify the issue. However, a superficial reading might give a meaning which is diametrically opposite to the meaning desired by the constitution committee. If you, as students interested in the NSA, will re-read Section B of Part I of the article on recognition with the thought in mind that these are negative statements, it may help clarify a highly controversial point. The constitution clearly states that recognition cannot be used as a lever. Reading from there, things should be clearer to you.

Several fraternity and sorority members have approached this writer and questioned him on the possibility of NSA's forcing Greek organizations off campus. This question demonstrates the basic lack of knowledge mentioned in Friday's editorial. NSA cannot force anything since it is a voluntary association. Since NSA's policies would be administered by the student council on this campus, there is no possibility of such forcing action being taken.

Assuming that fraternities and sororities are discriminatory, there is some slight chance that the NSA might attempt to put information at the disposal of the Greek groups as a method of education. This is our personal conjecture and does not represent any official view. We merely mention it to demonstrate the maximum action that might possibly be taken.

Some very intelligent men and women at Nebraska have challenged the constitution as being 'weak' or 'riddled with loop-holes' or 'too vague.' It seems that many of these critics have overlooked the essential construction of the NSA. To repeat, the NSA is a voluntary association. It is based on a strong belief in the basic intelligence of all university students. Naturally there is room for improvement in the constitution. It is being worked on all the time.

A good case in point is the recent action of the Executive committee in writing a specific by-law, at the mandate of the National Congress prohibiting partisan political action or sectarian religious action. This agreement was made at the Congress but is just being included in the Constitution, subject to the ultimate approval of the next national Congress.

If the critics of the NSA on this campus feel that its constitution is weak, yet agree with the stated principles of the group, they should make every attempt to affiliate this university with NSA and then campaign for nomination to represent Nebraska at the national convention. In this way positive action can be taken to improve the document.

News Print

It is becoming apparent that one of the biggest political footballs of the era is the well-intentioned and desperately needed "Civil Rights" program pending before the Congress and its various mazes of committees and sub-committees. The presidentially-supported bill was recommended to the president last fall by his special committee on civil rights, which suggested a ten point legislative program.

The legislation, which has been forced to issue by the outspoken tactics of Henry Wallace, calls for the creation of equal and the same rights for all people regardless of race, religion, creed, or national origin.

Thus far the net results are that if the program goes through Congress, the Democratic party will insure itself of losing an election. Wallace's threats have taken the industrial area votes away from Truman and the party; the south is not, or will not be, solid; and the rural areas are still predominantly Republican.

It is quite probable that the final result of the pending legislation, which has, according to informative Washington sources, an excellent possibility of passing, will mean a reorganization of the nation's present party structure.

If the northern Democrats continue to press for the legislation and are willing to alter their other stands to be consistent with the new liberal view, it is indicated that Wallace will capitulate and go in with the Democrats to form a strong progressive movement of a labor, liberal, party.

Current indications in Washington show that the Republicans, who previously were taking the initiative in supporting the program in the hope of splitting the solid south from the Democratic party, have changed their ways and are currently putting in a bid for southern support, as witnessed by the defeat in a Republican controlled House Appropriations Committee of the recommendation that Congress withhold federal funds for hospital building and vocational education from states that deny Negroes equal educational and job opportunities.

Developments in this legislative program should be watched closely, for it is entirely possible that the national elections of this year may be determined in the outcome of the alignments over this issue.

Campus News In Brief

Bonnie Compton will be featured in an organ interlude at the coffee hour in the Union from 5 to 6 p. m. Sunday afternoon.

Charles Goolsby, president of the Lincoln Beta Beta chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was appointed regional director of the Nebraska-Iowa region. The Beta Beta chapter received official recognition recently on the campus.

University Dames will be guests of Magee's March 9, at 7:30 p. m. for a style show. Other Dames activities for this week include: Study Group, March 8, 8 p. m., Parlor Z, Student Union; Beginning Bridge, March 10, 8 p. m., Student Union; Sewing, March 11, 8 p. m., Lincoln High, 16.

Tassels are asked to bring grade reports from the Registrar's office to the Monday meeting.

Tour Planned By YW Group

YWCA Beging Social Service commission group will tour Prescott school as their next project Tuesday at 3 p. m.

This group, which is a preliminary survey group to Advanced Social service, meets every Tuesday. Thus far this year, extended trips have been taken through the Orthopedic hospital, the Univeristy speech department, and the Urban league. Future plans include surveys of the Salvation Army citadel, Boys' Town, the State penitentiary, and the mental hospital.

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Dear Editor:

Memories can be short. Evidently, the questions fired at the advocates of NSA at last Thursday's meeting were considered as of no consequence by the editor. They were brushed aside quickly in Friday's editorial by claiming that privilege cards systems, standardization of credits and reduction in cost of dance bands "are merely plans."

Next the editor quickly buried the criticism of the constitution by saying they would be righted in "next Sunday's issue of Daily Nebraskan."

My question would then be, based on the admission of the editor, that proposals are "merely plans," why should we have NSA at Nebraska University at all, if the Constitution is a sterile instrument and the bill of rights "will be explained?"

Why, in order to get real opposing and proposing views, do we not put the Constitution before a group of law students or lawyers. Certainly they could give us a quick recap on whether or not the Constitution is bona-fide and advantageous to Nebraska University. If the criticism of last Thursday's meeting were representative, the Law Students were disappointed in the constitution. WHY?

Another thing, why have we not heard from the Nebraska Alumni on the issue, the faculty, other schools who have turned down NSA and why? (Examples: Cornell, Northwestern and Texas). Miss Tremper admitted in an after-meeting chat that the constitution was weak as yet. She suggested that some students incorporate suggested changes and forward them to her. If, in the opinion of the National Secretary, the constitution needs mending, and the bill of rights needs explanation, and the purposes are "just plans," need we rush into adaptation of the NSA?

Nebraskans, whether students or citizens, hate to be pushed or rushed into things. We like to pick our own paths. Let's investigate the need, if any, of NSA and how the students today and the students of years to come may benefit. Let's do it right!

Bill S. Foshier

"Dri-NiteClub" Plans Opener For March 12

One hundred and fifty Nebraska couples will be privileged to attend the opening of Lincoln's first real night club, the Union "Dri-Nite Club" on Friday evening, March 12.

With dancing to Johnny Cox, a floor show by Juan Illueca, talent bureau winner who features authentic Latin-American rhythms, costumes, vocals by his trio, and a dance act with Miss Marilyn Mayo as his partner, By Hooper's entertainment committee should certainly present one of the most popular types of campus entertainment.

Every effort is being made to fill the requisites of a club the like of which UN students have never seen.

Not only has the transportation problem been eliminated, but the club has been set up so that three hundred dancers may enjoy to the fullest extent the candle-lit atmosphere, complete with headwaiters, cigarette girls, bouncers, soft drinks and special delicacies, in the strictest privacy.

The Union halls will be curtailed so that the club will hold its exclusiveness. Custom-made table-mats, napkins and menus have been designed in the Craft Shop for the Club.

All tables will be filled at the time of arrival according to the size of the party, and although table reservations will not be made, tickets may be purchased at the Union Box Office, or special booth in the Union, for \$1.50 per couple.

Duane Lake and the Union committee wish to stress the fact that they are making every effort to secure the fun club which

Cadets To Hold Formal March 12

The University of Nebraska Cadet Officers association will hold their mid-winter formal at the Lincoln hotel ballroom, Friday March 12.

Honored guests will be members of the Advanced Corps of the first semester, according to Al McGill, public relations officer of the Cadet Corps.

Dave Haun's orchestra will furnish music for the dance, which is open to the public, free of charge. Short business meeting will be held immediately before the dance.

has been asked for, on campus, without need for a large amount of cash for intoxicating drinks, tips, transportation and other costs of an exciting evening of dancing with good entertainment.

Classified

LOST—Parker "51" Maroon with gold top, all Ed Prado, Men's dorm C. Reward!

LOST—one pair of blue rimmed glasses in brown leather case, between Uni. Hall and Soc. Cal. Bonnie Smith, 2-7820.

FOR SALE—Underwood portable, C. E. Halstead, 321 No. 13th, Apt. 2A.

WANTED—one male student to share 3-room apartment. Good bus connections. Call 5-8113.

UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION—needs part time clerical help. Girls apply in person to Mrs. Sorenson, 106 Love Library.

LOST—"Minus" drawing instrument set in Temple Building or near vicinity. Reward, R. L. Hancock, Room 203, Dorm "A".

LOST—Dietsgen commander drawing instruments in Andrews 214. Return to the Rag office. Reward, K. A. Swanson.

RIDERS WANTED—Leaving for Denver, Mar. 23 and returning following Tuesday. Call 3-7193 after 8:30 p. m.

LOG Log Vector Slide Rule wanted. Leave name and price at Daily Nebraskan office.

LOST—Man's Bulova wrist watch Thursday night in Coliseum dressing room or between Coliseum and Union. Bill Hess. Tel. 2-7651. Reward.

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