

## IFC VICTORIOUS

# Student Politics

The campaigning is over. The ballots are now counted and again, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) slate has been victorious. We note this, even though the IFC dropped its coercive measure of fining for not voting. It appears that the Greek men got out and voted anyway.

The IFC this year stated that its interviews had taken on a new aspect and that they were slating well qualified men for the jobs available. Each interview took quite some time and the slate was finally put forth.

Now, all of us on the outside can look in at the Council and see just how qualified these men are. They will have a chance now to prove that they are able individuals, not afraid to stand up for what they believe is right and for what they feel is in the best interests of the University.

But IFC people are not the only ones on the Council. Other individuals have been selected through the general election and the various groups represented on the Council. And it is time that a few people looked at them and forgot about the quibbling over now he was elected and "by whom".

A quick glance over last year's Council points out to us that the majority of the moppish people on the Council came from these areas.

We still feel that there is a very definite lack of University attitude in the independent groups on this campus. We were completely surprised that the Residence Association for Men (RAM) and the Student Council Betterment Committee (SCBC) couldn't get together on their program this year. RAM council even withdrew the funds that it had planned to spend on the election. We stated or ques-

tioned earlier why this was removed from SCBC support.

RAM released a short statement that the funds were for "Student Council Elections" and not SCBC. Fine. But where did they spend it? Did they get the Independent out to vote? What type of campaign did they wage — even for the non-SCBC backed candidate?

To be perfectly frank about the whole deal, voting totals were absolutely abhorrent! Approximately 800 less than last year. In fact, this is the first time in the past three or four years that the total has dropped instead of risen. We would have liked to have seen a survey made as to place of residence of those voting. In a spot check, we found that a few Greek houses had a very high percentage of men vote.

Moving into another area of election concern, we should consider the amendment to the Council constitution. It was necessary, for the passage of this Amendment to change the Amending process to a more realistic one, that 30% of the student body vote.

The previous method of amending the constitution was ridiculous. In making a change we find we would have to wait at least a year for any change to be possible. Now Amendments may be approved in a special election and take effect while they are most needed.

Today, the Council will decide what it will be next year. It will select the officers and holdover members. The platforms and programs, the ability to lead, inspire and direct, the attitude of service they hold, will determine the future of Student Government at the University of Nebraska.



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by anda anderson

If you always have time to do everything, get everything done in time, and never put things off, you might as well stop reading immediately.

You are rare. Either you've never had the disease or you've been cured.

But most everyone else suffers from the universal plague—procrastination.

Webster defines it: "To put off from day to day; to defer; postpone."

All kinds of devices and schemes have been suggested through the years to lick this habit. College has been no different.

As freshmen we are instructed how to use our time wisely, to get the most out of college, to combat the problem if it existed or prevent it from taking root.

To a freshman, these hints seem terrific. "Boy, I'll follow them to a tee," I recall telling myself. The year passed. It was the biggest chaos I had ever experienced.

As a sophomore, I decided: "This is the time to really get organized." I dug out all the old literature, re-read it, put it away. I did not forget it. But somehow, I simply didn't have the time to practice it.

As a junior, I find that my life is more messed up than I ever imagined it could be. There simply is too much to do in the time that's available to do it in.

A partial solution, I discovered, is to turn down invitations to attend things; but this is almost next to impossible to do.

Another solution is to cut into sleeping time. This is poor too, because sooner or later, it catches up.

Why do all these things require denying something else, I wondered?

Then, the other day, I read a letter sent out by McGraw-Hill Publishing Company. Let me pass on their suggestion.

They call procrastination the "costly habit." Here's what they suggest to "lick" it. Why not try this Rx?

1. Organize your work. List what you have to do daily, weekly, monthly or at special intervals. Crossing off projects as they are completed is an incentive to keep working.

2. Make a time schedule. Mark the various due dates on your planning calendar. By setting deadlines and sticking to them you'll produce more work and get it in on time.

3. Estimate how long tasks take. Keep a record of jobs and time required so you can refer to it when a task comes up again.

4. Decline which jobs are most important.

5. Break up big projects. Many efficient persons are guided by the

old Chinese proverb, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

6. Tackle the hardest jobs first. Many people find they can get more done in less time if they get the difficult, least-liked jobs out of the way.

7. Handle things as they come. Part of the backlog on many a desk stems from delay in making a decision.

8. Don't wait till you have "lots of time." If a job will take an hour, don't wait till you have a free hour to tackle it. Many people can't find a span of uninterrupted time. If the job is started, the first hurdle is out of the way.



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The first major area is programming. Students, under the direction of Gayle Sherman, program director and Al Bennett, Nebraska Union Manager, have brought several speakers to the campus. Speakers such as Victor Riesel and Richard Armour to give the student more insight into topics of concern. The Union also cooperates with the Convocations Committee of the University and has helped sponsor Walter Judd and Barry Goldwater.

In addition to their work with students, they also help faculty and department groups in bringing special interest speakers to the campus. They fulfill a function here that most department heads and faculty groups cannot — active publicity and programming.

Cultural experiences are also a vital part of Union programming. The union has sponsored various musical groups, symphonies and singers. Probably one of the most well known has been Jazz and Java. Jazz and Java was not well received at first, but is now one of the most well received and attended features on campus. In addition to Jazz and Java, the union has now started its Suite Beat to give the student a different type of music.

Another area, which the Union could and plans to move into, is working with faculty recitals and student presentations. The Union is working to present a wider scope of music of all types for the student's enjoyment and education.

And speaking of entertainment, we cannot exclude the outstanding, low cost evening provided by such groups as the Four Saints and George Shearing, to mention only a couple.

To help the student get entertainment to fit his budget, the Union has sponsored low-priced, top quality, student selected movies for weekend showing. They also present the Foreign Films Society to bring to the student, faculty and community the works and presentations of other countries.

A new area that could even be expanded a bit, is the area of Documentary Films. Such films as the Twisted Cross and last year's Operation Abolition were very successful in supplementing the student's education.

You can learn how to dance, play bridge and bowl at the Union! Lessons are sponsored each year to help the student improve his areas of entertainment.

Probably one of the most well received

and important areas of activity that has really caught on around the campus has been sponsorship of the Ski Trip. Each year the totals rise and the enthusiasm and interest surges over semester break.

The Union has also started a new area of activity this spring. The Union Forums Committee works to bring student, faculty and city speakers to the campus to express their views on timely topics to the student body. The next one of these will be next Thursday, May 17, and will feature a discussion on Nebraska — but more on that tomorrow.

But what about the business area? The Union gets \$11 per student per semester. \$6.50 of this goes to help retire bonds on the Building, \$2.25 for operating and maintenance, \$2.25 for programming. The business of the Union has, according to Bennett, gone up from 5-15 percent in all areas of operation.

The Union has established the new Commuter Lunch Room where 25-50 students eat their lunch each noon. Discount meal tickets are offered to students for use in the cafeteria. Students have purchased 8,000 of these since the program was started in September.

The student organizations on the campus have a very special friend in the Nebraska Union. The staff, a very competent one, offers service in all areas. They are willing to help you plan parties, speeches, meetings, banquets and what have you.

Since the Nebraska Center opened, the Union has been relieved of many of its conventions, thus making all facilities available to the student. Bennett also pointed out that the building usage has increased 30-40% since then. The Union is also full, 100% three to four night each week.

But what's our point? Well, very simply one of commending the Nebraska Union and all students and administrative personnel who work with it. Their job is a long and hard one. During the past four years, a Union that was very little used and very slightly appreciated, has become truly the "Center for Continuing Entertainment" and has also taken on aspects of supplementing the student's education with its programming.

The people at the head of this organization are never content with their job. And they shouldn't be. If they were, progress would stop. They are always looking ahead, weighing the future needs of the student, working to serve us better. And they are not afraid of criticism and suggestions from you.

There will be needs for more space, more operations in the future. The student body is growing rapidly. It will undoubtedly need such facilities as a large auditorium, more meeting facilities, more food services and very definitely, a larger coffee area.

But this is in the future. For today, your Union is serving you very efficiently and effectively. You should consider them, carefully and appreciate this service.

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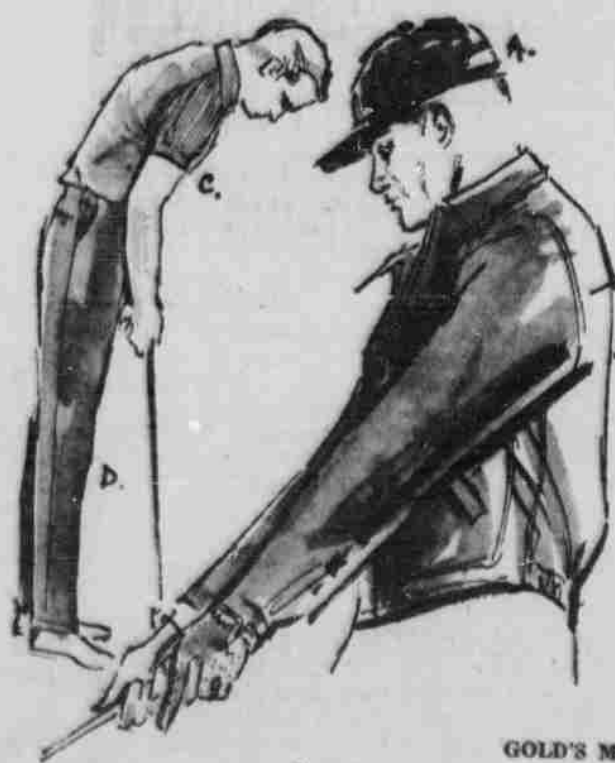


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