

IFC SLATE:

Right Direction

When the Interfraternity Council (IFC) expanded its slate to include independents Wednesday night it did certainly, as Student Council President Dennis Christie said, take a step in the right direction.

According to John Lonnquist, chairman of the expansion committee, the IFC wants independents to interview for the IFC Slate next Thursday.

In the past, the IFC Slate has been the only powerful backing any candidates for Student Council have had. It has tried to pick candidates who demonstrate that they know something about the campus and the Student Council. It has been an efficient screening board.

But, when a well qualified independent tried to make the slate before the chances were that (1) he had not had the training the Greeks get in their fraternities (2) and he had little backing. It should be noted that Greeks not supported by the Slate found themselves in much the same position with respect to backing for the elections.

The past record of the IFC Slate proves its effectiveness. In almost every case the Slate's picks have been elected with the major exceptions being Engineering and Ag College.

So, if the IFC Slate backs some independents this time, those independents will have the chance at Student Council that they never had before.

In addition, IFC has committed itself to choose the best qualified to support for Student Council positions. This means that Independent vs. Greek should have little to do with the final selection, but that the personal, expressed qualifications will. In other words, it will be helpful, not Independent vs. Greek in the Slate interviews.

But, it remains up to the independent. The IFC has taken the first step. The independent must take the next. The IFC will not and should not have to recruit independents to interview just because it has given them the chance to.

NEBRASKA PROPOSAL:

Is The Best

The Kentucky Kernel, student daily newspaper at the University of Kentucky, has called for the establishment of a human rights committee there.

The purpose of the group there would supposedly be to provide an agency to speak and an agency to act in cases of discrimination and prejudice.

The human rights committee at the State University of Iowa, according to the Kernel, has made progress in fair-housing policies, education against bigotry and research into civil rights laws.

The Kernel also stated that the campus needs a group of enlightened and dedicated members of the faculty and student body, and administration to serve on such a committee.

It is evident that the problem is thought to exist on many other campuses. But, many campuses have made it a bigger problem than it really is by (1) handling it the wrong way and (2) being too dedicated in exuberant efforts to save the so-thought discriminated against.

By far the best of all proposals that have been studied by the Editor is the one adopted by the University of Nebraska Student Council Wednesday to form a study group to keep the Council informed on the problem, if it exists here, and provide a strong base upon which to act, if such action is ever necessary or feasible.



"I WAS JUST TRYING IT ON FOR SIZE."

--- The New Guard ---

By Bob Weaver

Recently a curious political phenomenon occurred on the University campus which has historical precedent. That occurrence surrounds the passage of the recent study-of-discrimination resolution last Wednesday by the Student Council.

It is to recall that last year during the spring Student Council election time there appeared on campus one University Party for Progress. The UPP stood for many things in the minds of Greeks, independents, and other students.

The Interfraternity structure noted the potential challenge to its traditional role on campus and therefore galvanized into action. It put forth a competent slate and urged its candidates to campaign effectively.

The UPP also put up a slate of candidates and proceeded to launch a vigorous campaign, complete with a newspaper and political fireworks. Several meetings of the party were held and the main backers presented a possible platform some or most of which was adopted by their candidates.

Needless to say the UPP barely got off the ground. Attendance at meetings of the party was good at first

but quickly fell off. General support centered around a handful of independents some of whom were Council candidates themselves. The party itself did not have enough support from the student body or independents. Their failure to effectively organize around an established organization to include the Lincoln independents was the main factor in their death.

Part of their platform included the investigation of racial and other discrimination on campus. This was a guess to be aimed at the fraternities and sororities and their well known clauses. The resolution adopted at a party meeting read: "WHEREAS: It is one of the principles of this nation that all men are created equal; and WHEREAS: It is a major function of an educational institution to uphold these virtues of equality and break down the barriers of misunderstanding and prejudice; and WHEREAS: It has been widely circulated that University students both on and off campus have been discriminated against because of their race; THEREFORE: Be it resolved that a standing committee of three be established to investigate the extent of racial discrimination both on and off campus."

Wednesday the Student Council passed a resolution dealing with the same subject: WHEREAS: Student welfare is a vital concern of Student Council; WHEREAS: Democratic, fair and equal treatment of all students is a part of student welfare; and; WHEREAS: Discrimination does exist in areas of the University of Nebraska and Lincoln; THEREFORE: Be it resolved that Student Council establish a committee to investigate areas in which discrimination exists on this campus and Lincoln and prepare a report for study by the Student Council evaluating the problems and progress in this area."

It is interesting to note the similarity in thought behind the two resolutions. Both appeal to traditional American principles of democracy and equality. Both deal with the right of an educational institution to consider these principles in the light of student welfare and needs. The fact that discrimination exists on and off campus is asserted in both. Finally, each calls for an investigation of said discrimination by a party committee in the former and by a Council committee in the latter. The overriding theme of both resolutions is the investigation and reporting of discriminatory practices as they affect the University and the student body. Neither calls for a specific stand, action, or protest.

and passed the resolution Wednesday, a majority are members of the Greek community. It is to be noted that there was no open opposition to the motion. The Greek position in regards to discrimination was investigated and a resolution passed by the Interfraternity Council. This resolution has been printed by the Daily Nebraskan before but deserves consideration here and reads in part:

"This is the situation as the Interfraternity Council sees it. The responsibility must lie with the individual chapter and the individual national fraternity. The Interfraternity Council is encouraged by the movements in the individual fraternities concerned to strike out these clauses. The Interfraternity Council encourages this movement on the campus and is gratified by the response from the individual chapters here at the University of Nebraska. Without exception, the individual chapters here at the University desire to delete these membership clauses, and evidence for this can be readily assayed by studying their voting record on this subject at their national conventions.

In the course of a year, events have moved so that a rather vocal pressure group's ideals have been adopted by the very group it tried to influence but failed to do. Its ideals were adopted in part by those people who were to be the object of their campaign. This is the phenomenon which has occurred in other bodies politic. The ideals and principles of a minority group were adopted by the majority. This, however, is not to say that the majority did not hold these principles in common in the first instance.

In the final analysis this very process occurs often and usually after an issue has been brought to the fore. The Negro Summer Revolt of 1963 and a clarification of the Interfraternity position helped bring this year-long process to a resolution.

It is proper if not necessary for an educational institution to concern itself with significant issues of society. Through the leadership of the Student Council, a united effort by University students in consideration of the Civil Rights issue is finally being made. This consideration cannot stop here, however. Students must look beyond their own university, city and state. The events in New York City, Chicago, Atlanta, Oxford, Birmingham, Washington and San Francisco must remain in our hearts and minds as a part of our own community of concern.

Bad Seed II

The Peace Corps has been busy on campus all week, talking, smiling, nodding, and informing everyone of the P.C.'s hidden status symbol. The only difficulty is that some students are naturally more prone to join than others, and to persuade the rest is a waste of time. I shall prove my point.

THE PEACE CORPS, AS SEEN BY...

The Bus Ad Student - They haven't mentioned anything about a pension plan, fringe benefits, tax deductions, or how a volunteer affects the gross national product of the country.

The Soc Major - Oh, I do so want to help, anyway I can. The thought of really getting in there and slumming, absolutely slumming with those poor, uneducated natives thrills me. Of course, our house would have carpeting, wouldn't it?

The Engineering Major - We haven't studied the stress and strain points of a bamboo bridge just yet.

The Teacher's College Student - Uh, just how hard is that training program?

The Jock - And you're sure I'll get extra money if my blow dart team wins the championship?

The Married Couples - No children? Oh Hell, forget it! I mean, there's a limit to patriotism too, buddy.

A Professor - (Nurk, Nurk) Class, for our field trip this year...

The Pre-Med Student - It would cut lab expenses.

The Peace Corps repre-

sentative - No, I'm sorry, service in the Peace Corps does not fulfill freshman English requirements.

Host Country: No, as a matter of fact that isn't an out-house—it's your home. N. S.

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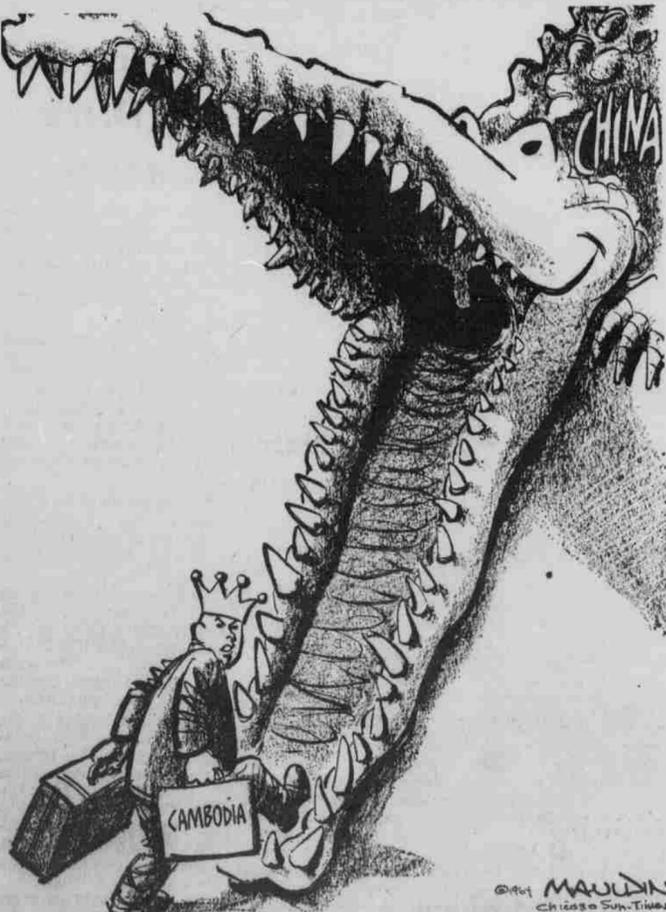
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