

Power Placement

In an effort to add to the power of Student Council, the Constitutional Convention has proposed placing the Union, Panhellenic and InterFraternity Council under Council jurisdiction.

In order to become an effective organization, Student Council must have more powers, or at least use the powers that it now possesses.

In wishing to have jurisdiction over the organizations of Panhellenic and IFC, the Council is placing these organizations in the same category with all other groups on campus, which is where they belong.

However, the Convention has not yet determined the consequences of this move, just what powers it will bestow upon itself.

If it attempts to become a supreme governing body with dictatorial powers over all organizations, it may serve to make itself a more effective body but will not be working toward the advancement of the campus as a whole.

If it is going to take these organizations under its wing, then it should continue its present policy, whereby it approves constitutions and makes recommendations to the organizations.

But to try to impose powers whereby they may tell an organization what to do and what not to do; to be able to stop an organization doing something of which it does not approve, is stepping over its bounds.

To try to dictate to these groups how to budget the Union money, how to run rush week, how to select a good pledge, is stepping over its bounds.

To tell Kosmet Klub how to run its Spring Show, to tell AUF what charities it must support, to tell the Cornhusker what pictures it may run, is stepping over its bounds.

A talk with one of the representatives reveals that this may be what is in the thoughts of some of these legislators.

Granted, the present Council, may be perfectly judicious about the way it utilizes its new powers, and may present no threat to the freedom of the other organizations. But a system of checks and balances is needed in any legislative body. Absolute power will destroy the powerful body as well as the other groups.

In its effort to make itself an effective body, the Council must think about how it is going to affect the other organizations and the University, as well as how it is going to effect itself.

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By Mike Barton

Whether you know it or not, the Greek system is approaching an intersection. We may turn to the right or to the left. Take that in a political connotation, if you wish. And the direction we turn, if we even decide to turn, will have enormous significance.

The University in conjunction with the Interfraternity Board of Control, has offered a design for Fraternity expansion. The University proposes to buy land, build housing units, and lease those units to fraternities. The details as to location, size, design, and operation have yet to be worked out. Those details may well decide the fate of that proposal.

As I say, the decision is one of direction. Do we chart our own course, or do we

embark with an ally? Either direction imposes difficulties.

Go alone: Where do we get the cash? Where do we get the land? Could we expand in step with the University?

Go along: Does aid mean control? How much control? What about breakage? What about house parties? What if we can't fill the house? Where do we move if we, or they, break the lease? Would Alumni still give support?

We must weigh the alternatives. A bit of caution is justified, considering the regrettable developments in New York and California, where Fraternity as we know it is only past history.

Choose wisely, boys. Whatever you do, the house you save may be your own.

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- A cancelled meeting.
- An answered phone after only one ring.
- Fresh goodies till Christmas.
- Having your advisor accept your registration.
- Having all your Christmas presents bought.
- A Cotton Bowl ticket with a red ribbon on it.

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"LET'S HANDLE IT THE AMERICAN WAY, ANDREI—BY SLIPPING IT TO THE BOTTOM."

CAMPUS OPINION

A Satire

Dear Editor:

Being unable to discover the hidden meaning in Nick Partsch's poem, "Snow," in the Nov. 18 Daily Nebraskan, I went to a graduate English student for an explanation. He was a strange fellow, but friendly, and his comments on the poem soon revealed it as a first class satire on the university students. His modesty dictates that he remain anonymous, but I thought you might be interested in his interpretation of this highly amusing satiric poem:

SNOW (1)

Because (2) or our climate, (3) We all (4) feel and know, (5) We'll soon (6) be covered (7) With a blanket (8) of snow. We do not care, (9) It's happened before. The cold snow will come (10) And cover earth's floor.

1. Snow stands for the student. The letters S.N.O.W. represent Students Needing Only Wealth—a satire of the student always writing poems for money.

2. The word "because" is a satire of upper level philosophy classes—the answer to the question "why" is "because."

3. Climate has a double meaning—it is primarily a slam against Nebraska weather, but also the solution of how to get up the Pi Phi fire escape—"climb it."

4. "We all" is a slam on Fraternity pledge class unity, revealing the author as knowledgeable of Greek problems.

5. "Feel and know" is probably representative of the student, groping along the path of knowledge. It may also be a parody of Dr. Wotton's Comparative Anatomy lab practicals—identifying a bone inside a bag.

6. "Soon" probably refers to the Oklahoma Sooners, representing the high quality of athletic opponents the University faces every year. (It's too bad So. Dak. couldn't have been worked into the poem also.)

7. "Covered" apparently refers to required material in classes, that which will be covered during the term, but is always added to or deleted from, depending on whether or not you have read ahead.

8. "Blanket" refers to the grand old tradition at NU—woodsies; this image is further carried out in the last two lines on the poem.

9. "We do not care" is the echo of the most feared

of all student moods; the overwhelming apathy which shrouds the campus, removing even the remotest trace of spirit and joy (witness the lack of red worn at football games and the diminishing number of beer cans in the Selleck parking lot.)

10. The sixth and seventh lines offer the reader hope of a brighter future through the retention of the old traditions, and cheerfully predict the new crop of Freshman girls (cold snow) who will begin their college career with their first woodsie, taken by the upper classmen to frolic on the "earth's floor."

I hope other students will be as pleased as I in discovering the true meaning of "Snow." My friend is now working on an explanation of "A Lake," which he assures me is a parody of Sex and the Single Girl.

Yours truly,

S.P.W., Jr.

Editor's note: It might be noted that Nick Partsch is a student at a commerce school in Omaha, not well acquainted with the campus problems; and that the poem was written three years ago when he was a sophomore in high school. The poem was published simply for its beauty.



Closet Case

By Frank Partsch

Students get excited every now and again. Just last year the students at this University decided they wanted to beat Oklahoma badly enough to demonstrate on the streets of Lincoln.

And just last month, the student body organization at the University of Tennessee voted its opposition to a new activities fee imposed by the school's board of trustees, on the grounds that the students won't have enough voice in how the money would be spent.

But get this. The fee is \$15 per quarter. It will be spent to provide an all-weather Olympic-sized swimming pool, an addition to the school's student center, a new health center, a lecture and music series clinic for students, tickets to all home football games and one third of the basketball games and subscriptions to the school's newspaper.

Forty-five skins a year for all this! And they object. Maybe they have valid complaints; they say not all students want football and basketball tickets, and that students shouldn't have to finance construction anyway.

At this place we pay \$30 per semester, \$60 per year. This is split almost evenly between Student Health and the Student Union, for operating expenses and retirement of building bonds and \$1 per semester goes to the Daily Nebraskan.

And no complaints. That is commendable, I think—I'm not sure.

We have had periodic suggestions concerning a new ticket financing system, but any change brings problems, and we have relatively good seats without charging people who don't want to watch the bullfights.

We have a nice, though small, Student Union and a passable health center, which we have been building all these years. The Union itself takes care of the lecture and music series and the Daily Nebraskan is hurt for funds.

So, about the only interesting conclusion I can draw from the facts is the Tennessee objection to lack of student voice in how the money is being spent.

We don't have any voice in governing the disappearance of our \$30, and whether we even want and deserve the right is questionable. As students we would probably cut the fee in two, abolish Student Health, and (hopefully) split the remainder between the Student Union and the Daily Nebraskan. Meaning the failure of health and the Union.

But the constitutional convention thinks the Student government should, at least, control the Union, which seems like taking on an unnecessary pile of paperwork without enhancing the power of the organization at all.

Perhaps we should think of the Union as a University provided service just as the classroom and student health and forget about gaining power through bookwork.

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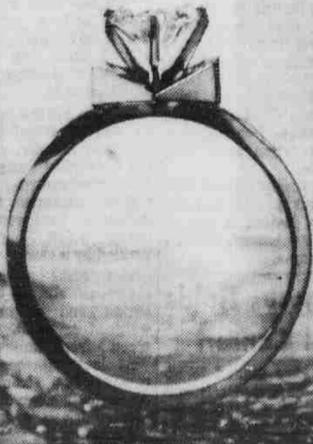
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