

# Lydick Reorganizes Student Council

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Unlike most campus leaders, Outstanding Nebraskan John Lydick is married, and "with a schedule like mine, it takes a willing wife," he said.

As President of Student Council, he spends several hours each day working on internal projects of the Council, in addition to a full class load and about four hours of meetings a day.

A mechanical engineering major, Lydick is responsible for the reorganization of student government taking place this year in the Constitutional Convention.

"As a Student Council Associate in my sophomore year," Lydick said in a Daily Nebraskan interview yesterday, "I first became interested in Student Council."

"I could see that that Council didn't have any image—not even negative. I became concerned about this and the fact that Council needed to be brought to the level of the individual student."

"Council should not be a political stepping stone," he said, but "should be made up of people who get in and do their jobs."

The letter nominating Lydick said he "combines with his leadership the personal qualities, self-sacrificing nature and idealism." In his every desire for the Student Council and the entire student body, Lydick proves this statement to be true.

Discussing the various committees making up the Council, Lydick said of their programs, "If just fifty students—or even ten—are helped, then it is important."

### Military Service

After high school, Lydick went to the Air Force Academy, then began studying engineering at the University of Omaha. He was recalled into the service during the Berlin crisis, and finally came to the University in the fall of 1962.

Lydick's interest in the military stemmed from a ROTC program at his high school, Omaha Central, and the fact that he was school commander. Offered appointments to three academies, he finally chose the Air Force Academy.

While at the University, he was the recipient of the Steve Cass Memorial scholarship, given by Kosmet Klub, and a Delta Tau Delta scholarship, from his fraternity.

As a member of Delta Tau Delta, he has been scho-



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Lydick, mechanical engineering major . . . "Alone at the top."

larship chairman, activities chairman and alumni chairman.

He is in the top 20 percent of his engineering class, and belongs to Pi Tau Sigma, mechanical engineering honorary, Sigma Tau, engineering college fraternity, of which he is trea-

surer, and Associated Students of Mechanical Engineering (ASME).

Lydick was a finalist for Outstanding Collegiate Man and Prince Kosmet, and was a Kosmet Klub worker in his sophomore year.

Allowed to discuss what

he wished, Lydick remembered that he formerly worked his way through school playing a saxophone in a dance band, "playing mainly progressive jazz. Now I'm mainly a listener," he said.

Lydick's thoughts turned continually to Student Council. Referring to Dead Week, a new innovation of the Council this semester, he said, "I think this will phase in and be stronger next semester and more so next year."

### Associate Program

"The Associates program has been vitalized this year, and have come up with some good things, such as the Academic Freedom report recently given."

"I think the improving Associate's work shows an improved Council, and hope that this will continue to go forward," he said.

Lydick discussed what he believed were the two most important things the Council has done this year, as far as the whole student body is concerned.

"In allowing all students the opportunity to apply for honors, we have opened up the way for Lincoln independents and nurses from the Omaha school to be-

come involved with the campus."

### Discrimination Issue

Lydick termed the Council's discrimination resolution, passed Wednesday, as "a very forward and progressive step. It is best for the students to take a stand. I think we can save the fraternities and sororities a lot of grief this way."

"I think the administration would have stepped in eventually anyway," he said. Lydick said he planned to follow up on the resolution and talk to IFC, explaining to them that "white clauses" are to the detriment of the University. "You just destroy relations by having administration step in."

Lydick continually praised the work of the "thirty-nine hard-working people on the Council. Without them the Council would be nothing," he said. Each Council member puts in about 10 hours a week.

### Committees' Work

Most of the work of the Council is done in the committees, he pointed out, "despite the fact many people think that we are not accomplishing anything."

"We would rather work



Lydick . . . and his wife Jackie, at home in their apartment.

on things till we know what we're doing and then present them to the Council as a whole."

Turning to the Constitutional Convention, Lydick said, "I think it is the most important thing which has been done for the students in the last 10 years, since it will bring them closer to the system of student government."

"We feel that the merits of the Association system of student government, which have recommended it to almost every college in the country, make it desirable for the University."

### Future Plans

Switching to his future plans, Lydick said he is interested in industrial management, and would prob-

ably go on to get his Master's Degree in Business Administration at one of three schools he is considering.

"Then I'd like to go with a large company, and possibly live in the southwest part of the country. But Jackie and I haven't decided yet where we actually will live."

Lydick expressed his outlook in a quote from Bernard Baruch, "The great American is the man who does the best job he is capable of doing, day after day."

"The most important thing I have ever done is reflected in a statement by Winston Churchill: 'The greatest thing I have ever done was to convince my wife to marry me.'"



Lydick . . . casts a long shadow on Sigma Tau Monument.

## Bowen Pleased To Be Elected Speaker Of Legislature

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dates who have been elected to offices."

Bowen said he was pleased to be elected speaker. "Even though it (the Legislature) is a non-partisan body there was a feeling that if the Governor and Lieutenant Governor both were Democrats that the Speaker should be Republican."

Over 800 bills will be introduced during this session of the Legislature, Bowen said. "Many will concern the future of the young citizens . . . One of our biggest problems is education . . . We can't afford an uneducated generation," he said.

Bowen said the Legislature must face up to the problems "Young people can do more than any other group because you are honest, you tell us exactly what you think," Bowen said.

"I sometimes have a feeling we should lower the vot-

ing age to 18 years. We expect young men to defend their country at that age," he said.

Bowen discussed the problem of too little time that State Senators face. He noted the conservative policy of two senators sharing one secretary. Bowen said if more money could be offered to newly graduated lawyers they could "afford to take an interest in the Legislature."

Such law students could aid the senators in writing an analysis of what every bill contains and finding necessary information which would enable the Senators to vote intelligently.

Young Republican President Bill Harding presented Senator Bowen an honorary membership of the University's Young Republican Club.

Harding then introduced Bob Weaver, Bill Herzog and John Reiser who presented individual discussions on Medi-

care, Viet Nam, the Congo and Civil Rights.

Weaver began with a discussion of medical care for the aged. He favored adopting a plan which would be administered under the present Social Security Administration. "This would cause no unnecessary bureaucracy to be created," he said.

Herzog, president of the Conservative Club, said "There is no need for Medicare, I contend that the Republican Party should fight it." Herzog noted that of the 190 million people in the United States, 145 million are covered for medical aid with Blue Cross, Blue Shield or some other "voluntary program."

Herzog said if Medicare were adopted many people who already had their own voluntary program would drop it to get the governmental program.

Reiser said that the Republicans should investigate "constructive alternatives to

President Johnson's social security plan for Medicare." It doesn't help the right people, he said.

"I am in favor of the Kerr-Mills concept—that is to provide help for those who need it," Reiser said. Such a program could be administered by local agencies, he said.

Weaver provided a historical summary of Viet Nam and said there is little political freedom in the country. "Most peasants look to the government as the enemy," Weaver said.

United States policy should be to continue the air strikes and give as much support as possible to the South Vietnamese, Weaver said. "We ought also to call a conference discussing the neutralization of South East Asia . . . We cannot become involved in a mainland war with China," he said.

Herzog said, "We shouldn't pull out of South Viet Nam or

all South East Asia would be lost." In addition the United States would lose face which is "worse than death" according to the Chinese, he said.

"We must stabilize the government, form coalitions between military and civilians, convince the Buddhists and Catholics that they can exist side by side," Herzog said.

Reiser said the first step was to get the facts from Johnson's administration. After the facts are known a discussion should be held on the floor of the Senate and conclusions could be made, he said.

"I believe withdrawal from Viet Nam is the easy solution but it is not a live option," Reiser said. He said the United States had either to "increase the fight or contain it" until a stable government can be established. "We should stay as long as they want us there," he said.

Civil Rights is the biggest domestic problem that confronts the United States, Weaver said. "The Civil Rights Act

of 1963 has brought progress . . . signs that it will continue are hopeful," he said.

Speaking of the Congo situation, Herzog said the United Nations should take a more direct stand. "We must convince them we are not making a colonial effort . . . but are trying to help," he said.

"The Congo will become the chief foreign policy problem," Reiser predicted. "We must be ready to be involved alone," he said for other Western alliances are not willing to be involved again.

### Organists To Present Contemporary Music

An organ recital will be held at 8 p.m. today at the Holy Trinity Church at 60th and A.

Selections of contemporary music will be played by ten members of the American Guild of Organists.

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