

## Power Dispute Aired

At last we have the student-governing power dispute in the open.

What power the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska should have under the new constitution plagued the formers of the new constitution last year. The question has worried the leaders of the various organizations and activities since the constitution was ratified. And it has become the PROMINENT concern of the executive leaders of the ASUN.

ASUN President Kent Neumeister is under pressure to create a student governing body that really works for the students. His efforts have not been accepted.

What he and the other executive leaders have failed to realize is that the organizations that have served the University students and the campus for many years cannot be expected to accept an intruder "coordinating or controlling" the activities and projects they have carried out for several years—on their own and without the aid or advice of a governing body.

Thursday night's dispute brought into the open the obvious loopholes in Neumeister and Frolick's ideas of what power the committee is to have.

Larry Frolick asserted that the purpose of the Alumni-Foundation Association Committee was to provide ideas for Builders. Dick Newton, the chairman of the ASUN committee, and Neumeister interpreted the committee's purpose as one of action in addition to ideas. Because \$200 was allotted in the ASUN budget for the committee it seems evident that indeed the committee was set up to complete a project.

Perhaps justification for a project of informing the students about the purpose of the University of Nebraska Foundation can be made. This was to be the purpose of the ASUN committee. As Neumeister pointed out in the discussion—he is the only University student on campus who has contributed to the Foundation. He was cognizant of the Foundation and its projects as a freshman.

This fact is not impressive. Nor is an effort to convince University students to contribute to the Foundation while they are students practical. To make students aware of the Nebraska Foundation and thus increase the probability that they will make contributions after graduation is admirable.

Such projects are being planned by the Builders' committee, according to Jackie Alber, president. The ASUN committee would be repeating Builders' plans.

There are enough worthy causes on this campus to keep everyone working separately. There is no reason for duplication.

What is needed is a realistic approach to the power situation by the campus leaders of ASUN and the various University organizations.

ASUN cannot expect to assume immediate control or even partial control of the long-standing campus organizations.

The organizations must realize what an asset a strong ASUN can be in helping to implement the projects needed at this University.

May intelligent, realistic thinking and the right decisions be a part of the Student Senate meeting next Wednesday.

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By Frank Partsch

My good and honorable friend Larry Anderson and myself have been arguing for two years now about the advisability of an executive body to oversee dormitory governments.

When Larry finally got his contentions into print (in Thursday's Daily Nebraskan) I decided it was time to put forth the negative. I was present at the meeting (April, 1963) that decided to abandon the project, and I say proudly that I was instrumental in the sabotage of the IDC at that time.

Residence hall government is a product of the ed psych lab, which classifies and analyzes and concludes that "all students should have a voice in the decisions that affect them." The buck is then passed to the Division of Student Affairs and the Housing Office, where the crucial decisions are stripped off and the anemic are passed along for the students to have a voice in.

In a few scattered houses, the local government accidentally manages to help the residents get to know each other. On the hall level, the government provides an excellent clearing house for

information and announcements coming into the hall.

Aside from these minimal advantages, dormitory government is a complete and utter waste of time. Meetings and behind the scenes decision-making are dominated by the advisers.

I can think of nothing more repulsive than a union of groups with no common bond, no similar ideology—with not even the situation that renders IFC and PanHel necessary (the need of each house to protect itself from the rushing practices of its competitors.)

There are two reasons for an inter-dorm government. One, which is usually given to the public, is coordination. There is nothing to coordinate. The days of

the all-University function are gone.

The other reason is political strength, regimentation of votes. ASUN is already in trouble, and pin-voting will do little to bail it out. Massive education about all of the candidates and not a party will allow each dormie and Greek to find the mechanics of making a good decision.

In addition to students and rules, there is one other thing that this University has too much of, and that is people who believe in projects for projects' sake alone. We can see this in IFC, Builders, Corn Cobs and even in the hallowed but tarnished sanctums of the ASUN.

We don't need any more.

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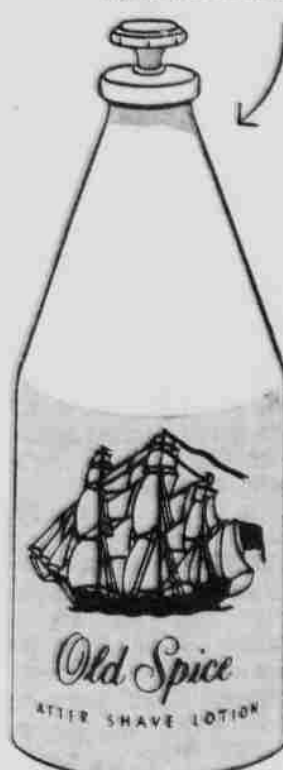
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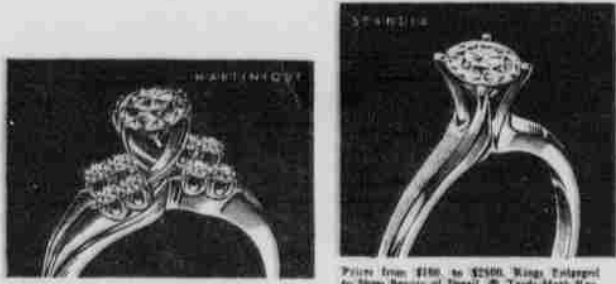


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