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Student Senate . . .

Jurisdiction Motion OK'd

Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday which was supposed to clarify the constitution and explain what student government's powers will be in connection with campus organizations.

The resolution or policy statement, which was introduced by Sen. Bill Coufal, president pro tempore of the Senate, said:

"The Student Senate or executive branch will not interfere with the constitutional function of any existing campus organization or activity. Because it is representative of the student body, however, the Assn. of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) can examine and study any area that affects the general interests of the student body.

Student Interests

"If this examination demonstrates that the best interests of the student body are not being served, Student Senate has the power to take appropriate action which may include making suggestions to any activity or organization or to reassign a function to another activity or organization.

"If no existing campus organization or activity is involved in an area that affects the interests of the student body, ASUN can initiate a function in this area."

Coufal explained that the policy statement was needed because of the misunderstanding and controversy that has resulted over the student work with the Nebraska Foundation between ASUN and Builders.

Unfounded Fears

"Builders," he said, "for some reason feared that ASUN wanted to take away every organization's rights."

As the policy statement says, Coufal pointed out, we don't want to take over Builders or any other activity. "We just want to represent the students and put forth the opinions of the students."

He stressed that none of the ASUN committees want to take over an established organization or committee, but that they want to "examine and study areas that affect the students."

Senate Action

If an examination shows that the best interests of the student body are not being served, he said, then Student Senate has the power to take appropriate action which will include making suggestions to any activity or organization which already, according to its constitution, has interest in this field.

"If the activity which is already interested in this field doesn't want to take our suggestions or if there is no existing activity involved in this area," he said, "ASUN can

initiate a function in this area by itself."

Dick Newton, chairman of the ASUN alumni-foundation committee, said his committee would not overlap Builders, but that it would mainly be an investigation and study committee.

Senior Contributions

He said that things his committee wants to investigate include the possibility of taking pledges or asking for contributions from the University seniors for the foundation.

Another area he said his committee wants to investigate is the relations between the students and the foundation. He said he wanted to find out just how much the students know about the foundation.

Sen. Cuz Guenzel, who is also a member of the Builders executive board, said that there had been a complete misunderstanding and that she was sure she could speak for Builders in strongly supporting "this type of policy statement."

"This is the type of government the framers of the new constitution had in mind."

ASUN With Activity

Larry Frolik, ASUN vice president and president of the Senate, said the ASUN will never act suddenly in deciding that an activity isn't doing its job for the students but that it will work with the activity as much as possible in helping it to solve its problems.

In other business at the meeting, Bill Harding, Nebraska Union board president, read a proposal to Student Senate which gave union's full recognition of ASUN as the "supreme government" and welcomed its comments and suggestions about union activities.

"It is our feeling," Harding said, "that the ASUN offers students and organizations on this campus a fortunate and long sought after means of expression in many areas of student concern."

Nebraska Union is pleased to invite the ASUN to join with us, he explained, and further to review and examine any and all areas of our program function "with the sincere hope that ASUN may prove of assistance to the union in the implementation of its programs."

Frolik thanked Harding and said he was sure they could "work together in a spirit of cooperation."

The Senate also passed several motions which approved the ASUN committees and their members appointed by ASUN President Kent Neumeister.

Religion, Politics Stimulate Thought

Besides a few organized national groups on campus, there are many individual students or small groups of students who are concerned with contemporary problems.

One group of students who demonstrate a certain kind of searching youth are a dozen students who will go to the Ecumenical Institute in Chicago this weekend.

This institute was organized to experiment in church renewal and to try and find a form of church service and theology more relevant to the twentieth century man.

JoEllen Williams, who spent eight weeks at the institute this summer, explained that the weekend would consist of a 44 hour seminar in Chicago where students would study papers of leading theologians and worship in experimental worship services.

"Old myths about Christian theology are stripped down," she said, "and the institute challenges people to live their life and to be aware of the fact that they decide what they want to make of their own life and determine their own future and that of all mankind."

She said that the experimental worship service demands a great deal more of the individual and the whole corporate body worships more together.

She stressed that before going to this institute a college student might feel like rejecting religion and all its myths, but that with the modernized ideas and human emphasis put on religion by the institute, one's viewpoint changes completely.

Miss Williams said that after the group returns they would gather in groups called "cadres" to discuss the ideas expressed at the institute.

Another group of students at the University who represent student action and thinking is the Student Action for Government Effectiveness (SAGE).

The difference between this group of students and perhaps some others on campus is that they are organized because of University problems.

One project that SAGE has accomplished this year was their backing and help with the conference room petitions which prompted the Assn. of Students of the University of Nebraska to pass a motion suggesting the rooms to the administration.

Dick Sherman, one of the SAGE organizers, said, "Now we're waiting to see something done about making plans for these rooms. We don't want to see them end with a resolution."

Another project is the formation of a research committee which is looking into the matter of University concern. Sherman stressed that the keynote of SAGE's organization is "cooperation" with the present student government and University, but that "they won't hesitate to voice opinion."

"We are very concerned," he said, "with creating an atmosphere of learning which we feel has been lacking on this campus."

SAGE's present membership is estimated at 35 members.

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'Serious Student' Emerges



CARL DAVIDSON . . . President of SDS, takes over the "Hyde Park" platform.

SDS Plans Viet Nam Teach-In

Nebraska's newest student action group, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), is interested in not only civil rights but also many other contemporary social problems.

These problems range from international peace to free speech and University reform.

The president on this campus, Carl Davidson, describes SDS as being extremely anti-totalitarian, against both fascism and Communism.

The group, which includes about a dozen members, has been on campus only about four weeks, but it already has numerous projects and plans.

Sunday they will sponsor a Teach-in from 6 to 11 p.m. on the war in Viet Nam. The teach-in, coordinated with the International Protest Days against Viet Nam on Saturday and Sunday, will feature faculty members speaking on both the pros and cons of the war. One of SDS's national officers will also be here this weekend to welcome the new chapter and participate in the Teach-in.

Other projects considered by SDS include a study of rules and regulations on campus. One of its members has begun a study of these rules and recently reported that he could find no information on the University code which is vaguely mentioned in the campus handbook.

He explained to the group that the University's actual rules are vague. For instance, they prohibit any "bad behavior" or violation of the rules of "morality and decency."

Davidson has stressed that if there are rules to be made on campus, SDS believes students should make them and "not have rules just given to them."

He has also explained that students should have the privilege to bring whoever they want to campus to speak, to publish anything they want and to do research on any subject they choose.

Another project that has been investigated and considered by SDS is the unionization of all service-type University employees.

Davidson stressed that SDS's purpose is not riots and disobedience for he said "there is no reason for riots as long as the channels are open."

SDS nationally has more than 100 chapters and is described as a radical-leftist movement.

New Movements Encourage Trask

A call for more student action, a less apathetic administration and more education on contemporary problems.

All of these things were stressed by Dr. David Trask, associate professor of history, as he took an overall look at the present student action groups on this campus.

"We are not a first rate University," he said. "One of the first signs of a first class school is active student action."

He said that in the last two or three years there had been promising signs of a



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growing concern for great national and international problems by students at Nebraska, but that we were still far behind most schools in the nation.

Trask explained that at highly rated schools like Harvard, Columbia, the University of California and the University of Wisconsin, the students are far ahead of Nebraska in thinking about and understanding serious issues.

He applauded the students who are taking part in Friends of Students Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (FNCC), Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and other less organized "think action groups" on campus. He said these students were simply "more advanced in the recognition and understanding of education."

"The people who participate in FNCC are the brightest most sensitive students in the University," he said.

He explained that student action on Midwest campuses

Combos Set Tone For Homecoming

Three different combos will set the tone for the Homecoming dance Friday night beginning at 8:30 p.m. The Homecoming queen and her attendants will be announced at the event which is the Homecoming Week kickoff.

The Kops Kats from Hastings, the Starfires from Omaha and a campus group, the Nate Branch trio, will be playing on different areas of the floor in the Pershing Auditorium Arena. A huge 45 by 20 foot red and white backdrop across the stage will accent the dance's theme. "Salute to NU Sports."

Vicki Cline, last year's queen, will crown the new Homecoming Queen at 10 p.m. The honored guest at the dance will be Mrs. John Morrow of Lincoln, Homecoming Queen of 25 years ago.

By Wayne Kreuscher
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Editor's Note: This weekend college students all over the nation will be taking part in International Protest Days against U.S. participation in Viet Nam.

No Nebraska group on the University campus will be protesting primarily against participation in Viet Nam, but many will be thinking about serious issues along with the rest of the country.

Action on the University campus this week has already

included the first Hyde Park forum.

Today a national socialist leader, Norman Thomas, will speak in the Nebraska Union at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday evening Nebraska's first teach-in will be held in the Love Library auditorium where faculty members, students and Lincoln individuals will informally talk on both the pros and cons of the Viet Nam war.

The Daily Nebraskan today attempts to describe the small but growing student action and student thinking groups on the University campus.

Hyde Park . . . Students, Faculty Voice Opinions

By Steve Jordon
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The Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, the Students for Democratic Society, juvenile delinquency, American apathy and weakness and the "University code" were discussed yesterday afternoon by some 300 University students and faculty.

The occasion was the first of a series of events called "Hyde Park," held in the Nebraska Union Lounge.

The name was taken from a small park in England where passersby can express their opinions or listen to others whenever the impulse arises.

The audience traditionally participates by heckling, asking questions and occasionally removing the speaker from the platform.

The session is sponsored by the Nebraska Union Talks and Topics Committee headed by Liz Aitken. It is open to

any faculty member or student for a 20 minute speech, for active or passive listening or for a simple statement of an opinion.

The program lasted until 5:30 p.m., and during the two hours of discussion, the University's authority boundaries were questioned, the integrity of the American citizen was placed in doubt, the goals of the Students for Democratic Society were reviewed and criticized and jesting cheers were heard for juvenile delinquency.

The audience was as much a part of the event as the speaker. Some speakers ignored the interruptions and questions of the listeners, some answered questions when they arose, and some members of the audience made wisecracks that drew laughs and applause from the crowd.

Hyde Park will be held next week an hour earlier, again in the Union Lounge, according to Miss Aitken.

FSNCC Strives To Help Gulfport

Civil rights is the primary concern of the Friends of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (FSNCC) on the University campus.

Organized last year by six people, the group now has 40 members. It was the first civil rights group ever organized on the University campus.

Gene Pokorny, president of FSNCC, said that the group this year planned on continuing some of FSNCC's projects started last year such as the Gulfport Project.

He explained that the University is the only school in the North which is helping the Negroes organize for political, educational and economic liberty in Gulfport, Miss.

FSNCC collects money on this campus, he said, and tries to send about \$200 a month to Mississippi for the project which is now trying to organize and educate the Negroes into using their voting rights.

Of this money, \$40 goes to 1965 University graduate Peggy King who is the third University volunteer SNCC worker to spend time in Gulfport. Pokorny explained that this \$40 a month was all Miss King receives to live on while working for the project in Mississippi.

FSNCC sends the other \$160 to the Gulfport Project in general which is trying to help a Negro ghetto register all of its citizens above 21 to vote.

"People don't understand," Pokorny said, "that when a Negro has been stamped on for so long, it's hard for him to understand that all of sudden he has the right to vote. People have to explain his rights to him and why he should vote. They have to show him that this right will mean something."

He stressed that the \$40 Miss King gets each month means that she spends 20 cents for each of her meals and that for every dollar contributed, five meals are bought.

Four months ago, he said, the total project at Gulfport had \$50, thus "every penny really means something to these people."

The money for this project

is collected through FSNCC's Dollar Days where a card table is set up in the Nebraska Union lounge seeking contributions once a week and by some solicitation.

"Last year," Pokorny explained, "almost all of our money came from the faculty, because many students just weren't interested."

Other things FSNCC wants to do this year include student and faculty contact con-



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mittes. Pokorny said they wanted to go out and talk to living units and to the faculty about their organization and try to find more "badly needed" members.

"People at Berkeley, Harvard, Columbia and other places are ready to fight for what is right," he said, "but here people just don't seem to be interested."

"If we are ever going to solve the problems of this college generation, people are going to have to become more aware."

Other projects planned are an investigation into reported discrimination in some Lincoln taverns and a regular news letter which will be distributed around campus entitled "Called To Be Human."

Pokorny said the group has plans to co-sponsor a visit to the campus next April by freedom-singer Pete Seeger.

"I wish people just wouldn't dismiss us without hearing us. Often all they hear are a lot of rumors. If they would invite us into their houses and then after hearing us say no, I would respect them a lot more than the ones who won't even hear us," Pokorny said.