



INTERVIEW . . . with Daily Nebraskan Senior Staff Writer Jan Itkin, Tony Redman, and Tom Holeman.

Spirit, Leadership Needed In Dorms

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first article in a series about dorm government and independent organization, its problems and future at the University.

Three presidents of dormitory governments—whose decisions directly effect the 10 per cent of the University enrollment who live in Abel Cather and Selleck—indicated to the Daily Nebraskan that their organizations were facing similar problems and were attempting to find solutions for them.

Marv Amy, president of the Residence Association for Men (RAM); Tom Holeman, president of the Abel Hall executive council; and Tony Redman, president of Cather Hall executive council, cited problems such as developing organization, creating participation and building leadership.

"The feeling of participation can only come as people become better acquainted with the unit," Amy explained, whose "association for men" is two-thirds women. "Group activities, like Candy May's campaign for Homecoming Queen, helped build the feeling of belonging to a unit."

Creating a spirit of belonging to a unit was mentioned as a major problem by all three presidents.

"We can't really do much to stimulate the feeling if it isn't there," Amy said. "Part of the problem exists because of a lack of continuity—those students who will only be living here for one year, see no reason to really get involved."

Abel Hall has additional problems, according to Holeman. Approximately 80 per cent of its residents are freshmen "who don't know how the University is run and don't know what to look for yet."

"Also this semester is the first one we are organized," he added. "First semester was spent organizing, and nothing actually came from the hall itself in the way of programming and direction for the residents."

Programming and activities would seem to be the answer

to the participation-spirit problem.

"Our purpose as an independent hall is to provide a well-balanced program of social, intramural and cultural projects that can further the education of our residents," Holeman said. "The programs will be there in the individual wants to use them."

He listed plans for the semester, including a series of one-act plays, dances and monthly open houses, as well as an intramural program to increase participation.

RAM is the oldest dormitory government in operation and in some respects does not have the same problems as the other two.

"It's just that we're older and more established," Amy commented. "We also have a degree of tradition."

"We attempt to encourage participation on two levels," he continued, "both on the council level and the house level. On the council level we publish an intra-Selleck newspaper and the individual houses have functions, parties and intramurals."

All the presidents agreed that an inter-dormitory council would help them and suggested that one may be established within a year.

The degree of individual apathy was a point of disagreement.

Holeman said that dormitory spirit was present at the University, but that "it had not as yet reached Abel" because of its newness.

"Here at Abel though, we did have a good proportion of the residents at the polls

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European Trip Orientation Set

A meeting for people interested in the European flight being sponsored by ASUN this summer will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday in the Nebraska Union.

Carolyn Freeman, chairman of the flight committee, said that a travel film on Switzerland will be shown and representatives from Van Bloom Tour and Travel and Trans World Airlines will speak.

Pending Legal Counsel . . .

Sanction Request Postponed

Student Senate Wednesday voted to table a motion requesting the Board of Regents to sanction the publication of the ASUN Faculty-Evaluation book until ASUN receives legal counsel on the liability aspects of the book.

Kent Neumeister, president of ASUN, presented the motion which contained the following requests:

—that the Board of Regents sanction the publication of the book.

—that Faculty Senate suggest that the Regents sanction the book in view that the Committee on Student Affairs had approved it on Jan. 13.

—and that Chancellor Clifford Hardin and G. Robert Ross, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, write a letter to the Regents discussing the merits of the Faculty-Evaluation program.

The motion was tabled after questions arose concerning the legal liability in case of possible libel suits arising from the book.

Neumeister prefaced his resolution by reviewing the Tuesday meeting of the Committee on Student Affairs at which approval of the book was rescinded. He then presented the following possible courses of action:

—The project could be dropped.

—The project could be modified by publishing only the favorable ratings, by not publishing the evaluations but turning them in to the instructors, or by having professors give consent to be evaluated.

—The project could be continued without official sanction.

—The project could be undertaken on a commercial basis.

—Or the project could be taken to the Board of Regents.

Neumeister noted that "watering down the book still leaves the matter open to libel" and that publishing without sanction would leave ASUN open to having an injunction issued against the book or having their treasury frozen since it would be going directly against an administrative decision.

Having the Board of Regents approve the book, he explained, would allow the book to be published without fear of liability on the part of the group issuing approval as the Board of Regents is considered an arm of the state and the state cannot be sued without first issuing permission.

Sen. Kelley Baker asked, "If the Board of Regents sanctions the book, is the editorial staff and ASUN still liable?"

Ross, who was present at the meeting, answered that if ASUN approved the publication, then it, in effect could be considered liable.

Sen. Liz Aitken asked if the question of liability had arisen at the other schools contacted which had faculty-evaluation books.

Neumeister said that because of the difference of libel laws from state to state, as

far as he knew, the question had not arisen.

"We have been wanting student rights," Sen. Andy Taube said, "and now that we have some, we're trying to hide behind the Board of Regents cloak rather than face up to the responsibilities that rights bring. We should take our own responsibility for libel."

Larry Frolick, vice president of ASUN, that all the resolution does is shift responsibility from the Committee on Student Affairs (which could be sued) to the Board of Regents (which could not). "We are not hiding for we are still liable," he added.

Sen. Kathy Weber asked whether individuals were liable for suit as senators or members of the student body.

Frolick explained that it would depend on who was named.

Sen. Skip Sorief suggested that ASUN have a lawyer come talk to them to clarify such questions and moved to table the request until such a time. His motion carried.

Another motion proposed by Neumeister concerning the investigation of faculty committees relating to campus activity and of the criteria for the organization and continuation

of campus organizations was passed.

Neumeister explained that the ASUN Student Conduct committee was already investigating the question of student rights and responsibility and that faculty committees having jurisdiction over such matters as the faculty-evaluation book ("where members hold vested interests" is actually "a subtle infringement on student rights.")

Baker asked why the second part of the motion was necessary and why the conduct committee should take charge of the investigation.

"What we're trying to find out is what rights does an organization have to do something or publish?" Neumeister explained. "Does an organization always have to run and ask permission?"

He added that the committee could define the scope of liability toward faculty and eventually derive a solution to limit the liability toward faculty—such as incorporating student government.

"We can't divorce ourselves from the University," noted Sen. Terry Schaaf, "and so there must be an investigation to see just who is going to be liable."

ASUN also passed a series of five proposals presented by Schaaf concerning foreign student housing. They proposals were:

—that the ASUN ask the Foreign Student and Housing Offices to make use of the Public Issues Report, and the information obtained from other schools, in addition to any other information available, in drawing up an informative, realistic pamphlet on the availability of housing and conditions in general at the University (for Foreign students).

—that the ASUN ask the University Housing Office to reserve a predetermined number of rooms (in the dorms) for international students and that American students be given an opportunity to express an interest in living with these students.

—that the ASUN ask People-to-People or some other appropriate group of interested students to prepare a list of and make arrangements for temporary housing by Lincoln families for international students upon their arrival at the University.

—that the ASUN, in light of the deplorable housing conditions occupied by many University students, as the University for their active support in securing minimum housing standards for the city of Lincoln through contacting the City Council of the city of Lincoln by Chancellor Hardin of his representative.

—that the ASUN ask the City Council of the city of Lincoln to take immediate action toward the establishment of minimum standards for rental housing in the city.

The resolutions came as a result of a four-month study by the Public Issues committee, of which Schaaf is chairman. Schaaf presented the 15-page report illustrated with slides of existing foreign student housing which pointed out the need for improvements in the housing of foreign students.

He pointed out that foreign students often received a less-than-desirable view of American life because of the poor housing and discrimination they were unprepared to face.

SNCC To Support Gulfport Project

At a meeting Tuesday of the Friends of the Students Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the group stated that it will continue this semester its basic project of supporting Civil Rights work in Gulfport, Miss.

Gene Pokorny, president of Friends of SNCC, said that the major project of Peggy King, a University graduate, and other workers in Gulfport for the next two months will be to inform the Negro citizens about Medicare.

A continuing project of the Gulfport workers is voter registration. Since President Johnson's War on Poverty started, the workers have been explaining to the people about the numerous programs available to help them.

The workers are also participating in Operation Headstart, the national program to provide preschool education to children from needy areas.

Another project of the Gulfport workers is to form a credit union which will help the Negroes operate and work together to borrow money at the regular interest rates.

Friends of SNCC sends monthly allocations to the Harrison County Freedom Democratic Party in Gulfport. Funds are raised through student and faculty contributions.

Friends of SNCC dollar days, a monthly project to solicit contributions, will be held in the Nebraska Union, Feb. 16-18.

Union 'Surfers' Meet Thursday

An orientation for students interested in the Nebraska Union surfing trip will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Union.

The surfing trip will be a ten-day journey to Daytona Beach, Fla., during spring vacation, from Apr. 8 through 17.

Study Groups Planned

The University Council on Religion is sponsoring 21 different study groups concerning the modern world, theology and doctrine, the Bible and the Church.

The Council on Religion, which is a body composed of representatives from various religious groups on campus, began this series early in February, according to a Council publication which describes the discussions.

Discussions on problems in Southeast Asia, especially Viet Nam and China and "our relationship to them as Americans," will be held on Tuesdays beginning Feb. 22 in the Nebraska Union at 4:30 p.m.

Other discussions will include the "Art of Loving," concerning the nature of Christian compassion, the meaning of sexual responsibility and the means for a mature relationship; and "Nothing Succeeds Like Excess?" which will study the ethical trends of the "new morality" and consider attitudes toward alcohol, drugs, sexual relationship and marriage.

The "Art of Loving" discussion will be held on Wednesdays, starting March 2, at 4:30 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel and the "Nothing Succeeds Like Excess?" still has to be scheduled.

New possibilities for future forms of worship, key issues of the Second Vatican Council and the new character of Catholic moral thought are also topics of discussions which will be held.

It is open to all University students, faculty and staff and their immediate families.

Interfraternity Council Elects Gless, Kenagy To Executive Posts

By BRUCE GILES Senior Staff Writer

Darryl Gless, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and John Kenagy, Phi Gamma Delta, were elected secretary and treasurer of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) at the meeting Wednesday night.

Gless ran against Gail Burbridge, Phi Kappa Psi, and Jim Shreck, Beta Theta Pi in a highly contested race.

Gless, who is recording secretary of his fraternity, was also on the Junior IFC and is a member of the public relations committee.

He said that he would attempt to "push a better attitude toward scholarship and increase public relations activity" during his term as secretary and member of the IFC executive committee.

Stressing the need to get information about IFC back to individual houses, Gless said he would "work with the houses to build individual programs that we (IFC) can't do alone." He also urged the IFC to work with principals of Nebraska high schools in presenting the Greek system.

Kenagy was nominated at last week's meeting for vice president. Gail Burbridge and Andy Taube were nominated

from the floor during the meeting. Taube declined the nomination.

Kenagy is president of Phi Gamma Delta and current IFC rush chairman. He was also a member of the IFC Food Marketing Association (FMA) committee.

Kenagy, who will be in charge of the IFC rush program, said he would like to see IBM in the rush, because there is presently too much "busy work."

He said that he would also like to see Abel Hall be used to house rushees during rush week rather than Selleck Quadrangle "if it can be worked out."

The IFC also approved a report on deferred pledging as a policy statement.

The report states that the IFC rush committee found conditions that must exist within the fraternity system for the advantages of deferred rushing simply do not exist at the University of Nebraska.

While one of the cited advantages is that deferred pledging, offers fraternities and the individual rushees a better chance to judge each other, the report stated that through summer rush, "the fraternity system has an adequate chance to judge the

values of the individual rushee, and the rushee has a chance to assess the values of the individual fraternities."

Also, through the use of effective scholarship programs, the committee reported that the pledge is directed to achieve the highest academic goals.

The report also cited problems of deferred pledging including the financial burden for fraternities, more policy problems for the IFC to handle during the semester, and further cites the advantages of living in the cohesive unit of a fraternity over the "mass living in a dormitory."

Balance sheets from the Student Activities Office concerning the past year were given to members, but it was decided to defer action on the new budget until the next meeting in order to give members a chance to look over the expenditures and receipts from the past year.

A rush chairman and public relations chairman will be elected at the next meeting.

Mike Gottschalk, expansion committee chairman, reported that an expansion report will be presented at the IFC conference scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.



COL. BOWERS . . . welcomes Air ROTC girls to class, from left, Misses Quinnett, Jones and Brown.

G-Day For ROTC?

Mouths dropped open and every boy stared as the three girls walked into the classroom and sat down. "Uh, this is freshman ROTC," one helpful student ventured to say.

Another student politely asked, "Are you guests today?"

The girls were not in the wrong room nor the wrong building. They are the first coeds in the history of the University to enroll in the basic Air ROTC program.

Bonnie Brown, Donnie Jones and Lois Quinnett are the only females in the class and in the department.

The girls became interested in joining the basic program through Angel Flight, an auxiliary of the Arnold Air Society for men.

"We thought it would be interesting and a good way to learn more about the Air Force," Miss Quinnett said. They will take the same

classroom work as the boys in ROTC. They do not have to stand at attention, drill, or make salutations.

Colonel William H. Bowers, professor of aerospace studies, explained that should the girls wish to join the Air Force after completing the basic program requirements they will have the same advantages as the men who are usually given a stripe as Airman Third Class.