

Dorm Council . . .

Leaders List Goals, Problems

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles by Jan Itkin concerning Independent government which focuses on the Independent's difficulties in organization.

Organization both within and between individual dormitories raises many questions involving possible advantages and disadvantages of organizing and finding solutions to the problems involved in organization, according to three dormitory presidents.

Mary Almy, president of the Residence Association for Men (RAM); Tom Holeman, president of the Abel Hall executive council; and Tony Redman, president of the Cather Hall executive council, stressed the existence of organization within their individual units and the need for organization between their dormitories.

Almy pointed out that although all the dormitories are individually organized, no central organization exists at the present time.

Social Committee
"There have been attempts this year toward organization," he added. "Like the inter-dorm coordinating committee. A social committee has already been in operation for sometime and last year a report on co-educational dorms were presented which was a first attempt toward inter-dormitory organization."

Redman stressed that the work of the inter-dorm social committee whose primary purpose was to organize and coordinate functions between the dorms, was a start toward inter-dorm cooperation.

"With enough money to work with, large-scale projects can result," he continued. "Right now the social committee is planning a street dance to be held sometime in the spring, probably on S Street."

Holeman said that while the other dormitory governments were "very well organized, the problem at Abel is not in maintaining a government but in organizing it. What we do now will set a definite pattern for the future."

Unfortunately we won't be in office long enough to gain

a strong foothold," he continued. "One major objective is to form a solid organization which would carry over to next year. Abel's future lies with the presidential election on May 1."

Cather Government
Redman said that the organization in Cather was "currently very good." He explained that the council had recently passed a new constitution which created "more interest on the part of the individuals who are on the council."

"At Cather the general goal regarding an inter-dorm council is to eventually have a fairly strong organization," he continued, "but at first a closely knit organization might tend to give the council predominant control over the individual halls. That is why we favor, for the time being, a coordinating body fashioned after the existing social committee."

In 1964, he noted, attempts were made to create an inter-dorm body but failed because of Administration disapproval and a general apathy on the part of the students. Also there was a lack of intra-dorm organization that has now been remedied.

Problems involved in organizing the dormitories seemed to have involved special interests, finding leadership and communicating on such a large scale.

Apathy
Almy suggested that the greatest problem in an individual dormitory area was apathy.

"We must find people who are interested and capable," Almy said. "In Selleck this year, I'm pretty well satisfied with the people I have."

He added that if people are made to feel an organization is worthwhile, they would participate and the apathy would probably disappear.

"A centralized inter-dorm system would coordinate this and would help reduce the apathy," he noted. "Since Selleck is organized with a strong system of centralization, a centralized council is readily acceptable to us."

He continued that, as he proposes an inter-dorm system be set up, it would first include people who were interested and eventually help

combat the problem of apathy as it could perform services that would create greater interest.

Holeman said that making policy statements for groups with different interests might prove to be a major problem. He disagreed that apathy was a major issue.

"You only get out of a government what you put into it," he said. "Participation is never forced, but those who do participate derive much from taking part and they participate because they want to."

Officers
Redman said that a major problem in organizing was "finding qualified officers" and that many good officers "are only there for a year and so there's no continuity."

Other problems he mentioned included:
—Finding a fair way of nominating officers.

—Providing for a separation of powers between an inter-dorm council and the Administration regarding areas such as finance.

—Separating powers between the council and the dorms themselves as rulings beneficial to the majority might conflict with the minority.

The three presidents agreed that there were many advantages of a dormitory organization.

Almy stressed, "The Administration has become more and more centralized in dealing with the dorms. It is necessary for the dorms to become centralized too in order to have a voice where these policies are concerned."

"Also with a central organization there would be greater communication," he continued, "individual dorms could use each other's ideas of what can be done to promote student interest."

Disadvantages
Possible disadvantages involved with central organization include working with conflicting interests because of differences in the size of the individual dormitories and of finding qualified personnel to effectively direct such an organization.

Both Redman and Holeman stressed the problems of different-sized groups and the question of how much weight each unit should carry.

"For instance," Redman noted, "should voting rights and budgets be allocated equally or in proportion to the number of residents?"

Almy questioned the lack of qualified personnel available to maintain a working body.

"We could use officers from existing halls if that wouldn't put too much of a workload on those individuals," he explained, "or maybe we could utilize the student assistants, whose experience would be of benefit in advisory positions."

All three presidents noted that the problems and disadvantages would be examined through the inter-dormitory coordinating council that was created Wednesday before any definite action would take place toward creating an inter-dorm council.

The problem of developing leadership in the dormitories will be discussed in the next installment of the series.

Abel Floors To Sponsor Open House

The 10th and 13th floors of Abel Hall will hold open houses Sunday night—the first ones to be held in dormitories in the evening.

Last year was the first year open houses were held in dormitories, according to Bill Eddy, of the 13th floor of Abel.

He said the 13th floor open house will be held with Paper Hall from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Eddy said there would be pizzan folk-singing groups and dancing.

Meanwhile, down on the 10th, a Batman theme will highlight their open house, according to Tom Arndt. Held from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., it will include pizza and dancing.

Parking Board Hears Appeals Grants 13 Of 76

The ASUN Parking Appeals Board has reported they reviewed 76 appeals last semester.

Of these, 13 were granted, 57 denied, two dismissed and further recommendations were made on four of the appeals.

Dave Snyder, chairman of the ASUN parking committee, said the number of appeals granted by the board might have been higher except that the board automatically denies the appeals of students who don't appear for the scheduled hearing.

Snyder said there were a number of cases like this, and if all "legitimate complaints were heard," the appeals granted might be "closer to 40 per cent."

Increased Support Stressed

Nebraska business leaders were challenged Thursday to join the nation's top corporate executives in doubling contributions to higher education by 1970.

Holgar J. Johnson of New York City, who was speaking at the annual Nebraska Foundation trustee's meeting, called increased University support a prudent investment by business in new knowledge, educated manpower and expanding markets.

Business recognizes, Johnson said, that the increased costs of higher education are going to be paid for one way or another.

He pointed out that by voluntarily supporting colleges and universities, corporations can exercise judgment as to where they will obtain the best return on the funds invested in higher education.

"By 1970 we will face a serious national challenge because enrollments in higher education by that time are expected to reach eight million students," said Johnson, "and the cost of running these educational institutions will climb to \$14 billion annually."

Johnson said that if business is to accept its share of this challenge and to continue to provide, as it now is, one-fifth of all gift support of higher education, then corporate support of our colleges will need to climb to \$500 million annually by 1970.

He noted that federal and state governments would continue to increase the flow of funds to higher education, but nevertheless voluntary support of colleges and universities should be doubled from the \$1.25 billion it achieved in 1964 to the \$2.5 billion which will be needed by 1970.



MEMBERS OF THE 'BEL CANTOS' . . . Cindy Hunter, Ruth Bernhardt, and Sandy Hunter, perform for campus events ranging from football victory celebrations to the WRA formal.

Talented Trio Features Original Music

Missouri contributed not only a football victory this year, but three talented and lovely vocalists, to the University.

Two twin sisters, Cindy and Sandy Hunter, and Ruthie Bernhardt, began singing together at a 4-H hootenanny over three years ago during their high school days in Rockport, Mo.

This year, all three of the girls are freshmen and members of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Featuring their unique three-part harmony and the guitar playing of Ruthie, the Bel Cantos, as they call themselves, have performed be-

fore many campus and local groups including performances for the football coaches and their guests following the Homecoming victory over Colorado and entertaining at fashion show sponsored by their sorority and Miller and Paine's department store.

The trio has written four songs, "I've Got A Love", "This Lonely Way", "Loneliness Is" and "Although" and are currently in the process of having all of the tunes copyrighted.

The girls generally sing folk music but are trying to become more diversified through the use of pop songs in their routine.

"Pop songs are harder to arrange for our three part harmony", Cindy explained, "so we decided to write our own."

The girls plan to make a tape and send it to University alums and nationally known comedian Johnny Carson and band leader Mitch Miller. If the tapes are well received, future plans will include cutting records as a group during the summer.

The immediate future will see the trio entertaining at the WRA formal dance Friday night at the Hotel Cornhusker and also at Co-ed Follies later in the month.

Bureau To Help Students Find Tutors

The ASUN Tutorial Service Bureau is now ready to start recommending qualified tutors to students needing help in different courses, according to Erma Winterer, chairman.

The bureau's main purpose is to "assist students in finding tutors to help them in their troublesome courses by maintaining a complete list of department-chosen and faculty-approved personnel who have excelled in their respective fields," Miss Winterer said.

Miss Winterer indicated that there would be a nominal

charge for the service but declined to state a price. "I hate to quote a price that is up to the individual tutor!"

The bureau's records, which include extensive files on a number of paid teachers, are located in the ASUN office.

Miss Winterer pointed out that the files were quite complete with specific information about the prospective tutors including the classification of the tutor, his remaining length of time in school,

the complete list of courses he has taken, and his major.

The files, she said, cover such varied subjects as anthropology, German, chemistry, Spanish, biology, botany, the classics, English, French, sociology and zoology.

She urged all University students to take advantage of the files for the problems in their courses "which a little extra help or explanation could surmount."



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