

Five Against Progress

So the University's AWS last year finally made some progressive moves and what do the sororities do about it—five of them say wait a year.

How can the five sororities who could take part in the senior key system, but refuse to do so expect the system to succeed if all the houses don't support it.

Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Delta and Pi Beta Phi will not have keys for their seniors this year. The Daily Nebraskan wonders if these sororities made their actives' or alumnae's unprogressive attitudes known during rush.

Most of these sororities who have ignored the hard work of some of AWS's first progressive leaders in many years say little in public about their decision not to have keys.

In public when asked about their house's decision, many of the women belonging to these houses seem to bite their lips and try to change the conversation in utter embarrassment of their house.

In private the situation is quite different. A few of the members say they honestly agree with the decision, but others explain that their uninformed alumnae have taken a ridiculous attitude toward the keys or that a few women in their house who apparently don't trust themselves on a date—have disregarded the rights of the other members.

Many people might recall the decision of the Panhellenic alumnae advisory board last year when they ruled against the keys. Most of the members of that board later said they did not understand the key system and were sorry for their action.

Apparently some of the alumnae and possibly national sororities still don't understand the key system or the issues involved.

It is this kind of alumni, these kind of national Greek organizations and these "Greek type" members who are afraid to accept progress and new changes that give the Greek System the bad image it has today.

It is this type of decision by a few Greeks and old members who know little about today's universities, that make the Greek System guilty of being the most conservative, unprogressive, outdated part of a university campus.

The Greek System as a whole contributes little enough to today's world without working against the progressive improvements that are made.

The Daily Nebraskan can only sympathize with the women in these houses who are being controlled by old-fashioned stupidity. We encourage every woman in one of these houses who is embarrassed by her sorority's stand to speak out and fight the issue.

The whole future of the Greek System and its value to educational institutions depends on decisions such as this that Greeks have to make.

If the alumni can't understand how universities have changed and how the Greek System also has to change, then the active members today who want to be alumni themselves of an existing organization will have to explain the facts of life to the older members.

The senior keys have been approved and have given a few women on this campus a more adult role. Now instead of hesitating about the keys, all women should be working for yet more liberal AWS policies that will give all coeds the chance to live and act like adults.

Wayne Kreuscher

Let's Assume Our Role

The Daily Nebraskan and CFDP have announced their support of some type of specific Student Bill of Rights agreed to by the students which will specify rules in many areas at this University.

The Nebraskan feels that such a code drawn up by students periodically would make student government meaningful and stimulate the whole University in a first step toward "total education".

In ASUN President Terry Schaaf's letter to the editor today, he says he is not opposed to a student bill of rights, but cautions students on how they go about getting this conduct code.

Schaaf warns that especially in a Legislative year when the University is asking for a big increase in its budget, the students need to work with administration in a responsible manner to achieve the best ends.

In Dean Ross' letter to Senate, which is printed below in full, he says that his office is willing to discuss policy initiation or change at any time with students or their representatives.

Furthermore Dean Ross almost requests ASUN and the students to make suggestions and "assume a major role in the changes or initiation of new rules or policies affecting student life."

Thus as the Daily Nebraskan sees it—there is no problem. If the new student conduct committee finds that a majority or even a large percent of the students feel a Student Bill of Rights is needed, it can be worked out easily as Schaaf calls for in a responsible way.

In addition to this, some type of Student Bill of Rights when presented to

Dean Ross' office will show that students are ready to take the responsibility and assume the major role that Dean Ross' office is there to help the students accomplish.

Perhaps the phrase "Student Bill of Rights" has caused trouble because of its radical sound. But in truth the bill of rights would not be radical, it would only clarify or make more workable channels which already exist between administration and the students.

As Dean Ross states, his office is always ready to change rules or make them more specific when the students request these changes. A Student Bill of Rights considered carefully and changed each year by ASUN actions and a student vote would only make these requests more regular and more specific.

According to law, it is likely that the University would never have to accept these student policies unless the students wanted to present these requests to a vote of every citizen in Nebraska. But a yearly Student Bill of Rights would present the students' requests in an organized, responsible way that in actuality the University could not reject.

A Student Bill of Rights would not give students complete control of the school by any means—but only make them have to consider what kind of atmosphere we have and what kind we should have, what kind of rules we have and how they should be changed.

A bill of rights would provide a practical thinking process where students could feel they are responsible in a realistic way for at least part of this institution.

Wayne Kreuscher

Dean Ross' Full Letter To Senate

I feel the record needs clarification regarding the reprinting of the Campus Handbook and revision of the section on "Expectations of University Students." The revision of this section stemmed from comments by officers of ASUN both in the fall of 1965 and spring of 1966 expressing the need for reorganization and clarification of policies affecting student life.

One of the frequently stated reasons for this repeated request was that the policies affecting student life appear in different publications and that procedures of such groups as the Student Tribunal were not clearly understood. Therefore, the reorganization of the material in the Handbook was in direct response to a request of student government.

To my knowledge, no changes in these policies were proposed by student members of the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs, nor by the Student Senate or the Student Conduct Committee of ASUN. The policies were not changed but regrouped and, in some instances, operational procedures relating to these policies were explained.

A recent speech presented to members of the Student Senate implied that ASUN was not consulted and that staff in Student Affairs did not care what ASUN felt about existing policies. These implications are not true. We have worked and will continue to work closely with ASUN on student policy matters because we respect your judgment and think you

should be actively involved in such matters.

A specific example of this is that, prior to the reprinting of the Campus Handbook, a rough draft of the Handbook Section in question was presented to the officers of ASUN during the summer. For you to be left with the impression that this was not the case adds to problems of communication, understanding and confidence in one another.

Existing student-life policies are the result of (1) action of the Board of Regents whose members are elected by Nebraska voters to govern the University under the direction of the Legislature, and (2) by processes which involved students, student government or student representation.

It is the intent of our office to help students assume a major role in the changes or initiation of new rules or policies affecting student life. Actually, we have few rules for student life which are campus-wide in application and I would hope we could maintain this position since mature people seem to develop best in such a climate.

At any time that ASUN officers or the Student Senate or their committees wish to discuss policy initiation or change, the Committee on Student Affairs, as well as the staff in Student Affairs, will be happy to discuss and study such matters.

G. Robert Ross



Our Man Hoppe

Equality For Jackasses

Arthur Hoppe

The Benevolent & Protective Order of Unimproved Jackasses, a fraternal group, views with grave alarm the recent racial unrest in Milwaukee.

There, as you know, civil demonstrators picketed the home of a Milwaukee judge because he wouldn't resign from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, whose motto is, "Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality." For, of course, Eagles.

The demonstrators were sore because they've never seen a Negro Eagle. Nor do they hope to see one. They just told everyone here and now they don't want their judge to be one.

"The radical attitude of these pickets in not demanding membership in the Eagles casts discredit on all fraternal groups," said Mr. Homer T. Pettibone, Present Past Impotentate of Stall 1407 of the Jackasses.

"It smacks of intolerance." "Worse," said Mr. Pettibone, who was garbed in his order's colorful costume of pink silk pantaloon, sky blue mohair serape and milk pail helmet, "it's ruining our image."

Mr. Pettibone pointed out that for years Negroes had been fighting to get into lunch counters, bus depots and virtually all facets of American life.

"How do you think it makes us feel," he demanded, hanging the butt of his purple hair fork on the floor, "when not a single Negro has picketed for his inalienable right to be a Jackass?"

Mr. Pettibone said he felt this was part of a "growing prejudice" against fraternal orders. He said local Jackasses were forming a Brotherhood Committee to assure equality not

only for Eagles but Moose, Elks, Odd Fellows, Red Men and, of course, all other Jackasses.

"Already," he said, "one hears bigoted remarks at cocktail parties, such as 'Moose are all right, but would you want your sister to marry one?'"

"To counter this trend we're publishing studies showing, for example, that Elks do not ruin property values—provided of course that neighbors don't panic on seeing a family of Elks moving in next door."

"We're also pointing out that Odd Fellows make wonderful tenants and that The Improved Order of Red Men has improved so much that it doesn't accept for membership any American Indian."

"But above all we want to appeal to our fellow citizens of African descent to cast aside their prejudices. In a spirit of tolerance and fair play let every Negro apply to join the fraternal order of his choice today."

"I know I speak for my fellow Jackasses when I say nothing would make us happier than to have a Negro, any Negro, seek equality and brotherhood in our order."

The very thought of such a moment brought a marked change in Mr. Pettibone's demeanor. He squared his stooped shoulders, thrust forth his jaw and his whole face lit up. "Boy," he said, rubbing his hands in gleeful anticipation, "would we ever give him the old heave-ho."

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Campus Opinion

ASUN President Writes:

Dear Editor, In light of the recent articles and editorial in the Daily Nebraskan concerning my philosophy of student government and the bill of rights proposed by the CFDP, I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion on several matters concerning student government and the student body here at the University.

First, I feel that the most important issue at hand is the budget request and the quality of education that will result, depending on the action taken by the state legislature.

What will the results be if this budget is cut drastically? Tuition increases, enrollment limitations, curtailment of graduate programs or a refusal to admit out of state students?

No one can predict exactly what the outcome would be since this would depend on the size of the cut. In any event because of the seriousness of the possibilities and the impact this could have on the general quality of education at the university, I feel it is the responsibility of every student and of every student senator as elected representatives to become interested, informed and concerned on this matter. We have created a special Legislative Liaison and Research committee for the expressed purpose of informing the state and the state legislature of the merits of a strong state university and to inform them that the University of Nebraska students are concerned and do want a high quality of education which can only be achieved through the procurement of the necessary funds.

I am now in hopes that we as students are concerned with our education and will do what ever we can as individuals, or as a student government acting for the student body, to assist the administration in 'selling' this need to the state legislature.

Second, in regard to a bill of rights I would like to make it very clear that I am not opposed to a bill of rights but I am concerned rather with the approach taken in the development and presentation of such a bill. I would hope that this matter would be approached in a responsible and intellectual manner representative of the academic community of which we are a part.

I also would hope that all aspects of responsibility, legality and practicality would be carefully examined and that we would keep seriously in mind that our goal will be a better academic community offering a type of "total education" and that this, and not simply the means of achieving it, will be our major objective.

In conclusion, declaring ourselves independent from the control of the administration and Board of Regents and the idea of mutual cooperation with these segments on matters concerning our educational quality and the budget request, do not go hand in hand. In fact they are in direct opposition and this could carry serious implications as to the legislature's acceptance or rejection of the budget request. I believe that we must seriously consider this possibility in determining our action on any bill of rights declaring autonomy proposed in the near future.

Terry Schaaf President ASUN

A Great Tradition?

Dear Editor: I am writing in response to your editorial "A Great Tradition." Although I was not a member of the group who withdrew sponsorship of the Homecoming displays, I see absolutely nothing mysterious or suspenseful about this action.

As you may remember, each house was allowed more than \$100 to finance display construction; each pair of living units could spend up to \$300. I suppose most students will agree that the All University Fund is a lousy tradition and so does not deserve financial support on this grand scale.

I would not suggest that these generous limits were ever exceeded, or that the 1964-65 Innocents were justified in disqualifying one house for spending considerably more than that amount.

Since the AUF business is a once-a-year thing, the rest of the Innocents mystery might seem more seasonal. Or do you not think that the average student, traditions or not, is plagued with demands on his time throughout the year?

It strikes me as the height of irresponsibility that leaders of Greek houses, not to mention the Innocents Society and the campus newspaper, would condone this use of time and money when there are opportunities for meaningful tradition costing a great deal less.

For your information, there will always be a Homecoming game, queen, house party, alumni gathering . . . And neither players nor alumni need feel slighted by the omission of one night of noise and lights that becomes junk within twelve hours.

Dave Kittams

Black Power Needs Discussion

Dear Editor: Carl Davidson's statement on Black Power in the Daily Nebraskan of Sept. 19 fails to point out what about Black Power makes it such an explosive issue among Negroes.

There is nothing new about the attempt of Negroes to gain political and economic power—SNCC and other organizations worked with voter registration, boycotts and strikes long before the Black Power controversy.

Nor will many disagree that people—all people need self-respect to gain the respect of others and need pride in their individuality.

So let us get into the real issue, Mr. Davidson. What is the connection between Black Power and the departure of SNCC and CORE from non-violence? Doesn't Black Power really imply a new reverse segregation which will hinder whatever communication and progress have been made?

Why not admit that "Black Power" is used for its emotional appeal, even to incite to riot? What makes Black nationalism theoretically more justifiable than U.S. nationalism in Viet Nam? Or, practically, more workable? We desperately need honest discussion of these questions.

Jane Bredenberg

Texas Christian?? University

Dear Editor: Congratulations to the Nebraska football team on a fine win last Saturday. We did look a little ragged toward the end, but I'm sure this will easily be ironed out.

Texas Christian?? University certainly has a good team. The only odd thing I noticed about it was that it was all "white" (not just the uniforms) (Caucasian, I guess is the real word). Perhaps there just aren't any darker skinned people in Texas who want to go to a Texas Christian?? University.

Anyway I'm glad we won.

A Football Fan