

# Legal Structure Reconsidered

The judicial structure within the University was reviewed Friday afternoon by G. Robert Ross, dean of student affairs; Helen Snyder, associate dean of student affairs; Terry Schaaf, president of ASUN; and Dick Newton, a member of the Student Tribunal.

The first topic considered was what happens to a student who is involved in trouble off-campus. Ross stated that the student would be called into the student affairs office where the staff would discuss the trouble with him.

"If the student requested it or if it was determined by the staff to be to his benefit, the student would go before the Student Tribunal," Ross explained.

The tribunal makes a recommendation to the affairs office concerning any action to be taken in regard to the student.

The final decision is made by the student affairs office. Ross said that the decision can be appealed to Faculty Senate Suspension Appeals committee or to Faculty Senate committee on Student Affairs if the student questions the judgement of an administrative member.

Miss Snyder said that the AWS court handles only cases involving infractions of AWS rules. "If the woman violates University rules, she would appear before the Student Tribunal."

Ross said the AWS court parallels the functioning of local groups within residence halls or fraternities.

If the student is charged shoplifting, Ross explained that the affairs office acts in a counseling manner, since the student will have already been punished for his actions.

Schaaf pointed out certain areas within the court system which he feels to be inadequate.

"One problem is that conflicts between two student organizations has a final appeal to a Faculty committee," Schaaf pointed out. "The size of this committee makes it difficult to make decisions."

He recommended that the judicial structure could be improved by the use of joint student, administrative and faculty committees.

Ross pointed out one problem is that the faculty feels that it has the right to say who graduates from the University, or is admitted or "kicked out."



ICE AGAIN . . . instead of water at the Abel-Sandoz rink. Enjoying the skating are Nancy Henrikson (left), and Pat Layman.

# Sen. Gerdes Tips Alpha Zetas On Ways To Lobby Legates

By Chris Carlson  
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The best way to influence your state senator is to sit down and talk to him or write a personal letter, according to state Senator George Gerdes, vice chairman of the budget committee.

"Newspaper articles don't affect the senator. I'm pretty sure of what they are going to say", Gerdes said.

Gerdes spoke and entertained questions at the agriculture honorary, Alpha Zeta meeting Thursday.

"The tuition at the University is only around \$5 higher than at state colleges, but out of state tuition is very high, in fact too high", Senator Gerdes said.

"The University budget will not be cut so it limits enrollment", he added.

On another comment, Gerdes said that the University can't afford to keep graduate students in all colleges. The state colleges should just offer those graduates in the teaching professions.

Gerdes said that the University shouldn't merge with Omaha University for two or three years.

"In Omaha, the University will have to keep improving the Medical College. It needs more buildings and facilities", he said.

The budget committee met with the major departments of the University last Thursday and with the East Campus departments Friday.

"Sciences and math areas come first in the budget and agricultural research will play an important part in the budget committee", Senator Gerdes added.

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"The budget committee acts as a buffer between the legislature and the people. Some budgets submitted to us are padded, other's aren't; but this is our job".

When asked what are the critical areas in the University budget, Senator Gerdes listed three areas.

"An increase in salary is one, and some salaries will be increased."

"But one of the more important concerns is proper equipment, especially in the sciences. We need research equipment", he said.

"The third area of concern is facilities such as buildings".

"The budget on libraries is important and it will be one of the first things we'll look at for accreditation",

# Students Want Numerical Grades . . . 'Satisfactory' Not Satisfactory With Yale

Students for a Democratic Society voted at its weekly meeting Thursday to hold a teach-in on the draft.

Tentatively scheduled for April 30, the teach-in is the

third of its kind in as many semesters.

Advocates of widely-varying views will be invited by SDS to attend the panel discussion.

Spokesmen from the Nebraska Selective Service, the John Birch Society, Young Americans for Freedom, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, SDS, and National Review magazine will receive invitations.

Several well-known political figures, including former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and William F. Buckley, editor of National Review magazine and a conservative candidate for the mayor of New York will also be invited.

In other business conducted at the Thursday meeting, SDS passed a resolution declaring "their intent to establish an Ad Hoc committee for the purpose of rendering financial aid to William Steen, proprietor of the Heroic Book Store."

Funds raised by the committee will be given to Steen to pay "any legal fees" which may result in the lawsuit brought against him by Lancaster County for the sale of alleged pornographic literature.

George Olivari was elected president for second semester. He is a graduate student in French. Jerry Hutchens, a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences was elected vice president, and Linda Kierstead was elected secretary-treasurer.

(CPS) —The students in Professor Robert Cook's "Sociology 20" seminar at Yale will all receive grades of "satisfactory" this term, but they aren't satisfied at all. Neither is Cook.

Early in the semester Cook has asked the class to vote on whether or not they wanted grades. The students voted not to be graded, and asked Cook to inform Yale registrar Grant Robley of their decision.

Robley advised Cook that university regulations required a numerical grade be given at the end of the year-long seminar although grades of "satisfactory"

or "unsatisfactory" could be recorded at the end of the first half of the course.

Following Robley's declaration, Cook's students voted again—to give themselves numerical grades of 100. This action was too much for the Yale Daily News, which editorialized:

"Because of their decision to send in an absurd and unfair bath of grades rather than no grades at all, the meaningfulness of an originally positive gesture has turned sour."

The campus paper suggested the seminar students were "sabotaging both the Yale College average and the integrity of their own stand. Their move is the ultimate example of having their cake and eating it too."

Soon after this action, Cook met with Yale College dean, Georges May, to discuss the school's entire grading system. May recommended that Cook take the matter before Yale's Course of Study Committee, which has control of the school's grading system.

Following the meeting, Cook announced his agreement to turn in grades of "satisfactory" for the first semester's work.

While May stated, "I think we have reached an understanding," Cook commented, "I do not intend to teach for a long time under a system where I cannot teach the way I want."

Cook mentioned several changes he would suggest to the Course of Study committee. Included in the changes are "the option of taking a certain number of courses on a pass or fail basis," the elimination of grades in certain introductory courses and the organization of a special college within the university around "freer choices of courses of study."

# In Loco Parentis Suffers Setbacks In Middlewest

When a Wheaton College student, expelled from school for joining a fraternity, petitioned an Illinois court in 1966 to force his readmission, the judges waived jurisdiction in the case, explaining the problem involved only "domestic discipline."

The court's reasoning reflected the ancient English common law doctrine of in loco parentis which has dominated the thinking of college administrators until recently.

Now, following strong endorsement of student rights by several national academic organizations prompted by student demands for policy-making power, college authorities are beginning to re-examine the doctrine.

The faculties of Michigan State University and the University of Kentucky recently approved recommendations for sweeping liberalization of regulations of student activity.

Proposal Approved  
Although many of the schools' plans are still in the investigatory state, a proposal to revamp the University of Kentucky's disciplinary system was approved last week by the school's Faculty Senate.

The plan was prepared to replace the school's informal system of investigating and handling of allegations of student misconduct.

Under the proposed plan, committee chairman W. Garrett Flickinger said, "disciplinary punishments

would be enforceable only within the proposed judicial systems."

The report would empower the existing student judicial board with final authority over student discipline decisions.

The plan would prevent the Deans from contacting the parents of any student who is being disciplined.

Michigan, Too  
Approval of the Kentucky proposals came at the same time as the Michigan State University faculty was endorsing a plan to liberalize student rules and judicial procedure.

The report recommended the establishment of a student-faculty Supreme Court to have ultimate authority over student judicial decisions.

The report also suggested the appointment of a campus ombudsman to receive and investigate general student complaints.

The plan has sparked debate between the members of the faculty committee and some students who say that the committee "watered down" its original proposals for student academic freedom as too vague.

The Court Action  
The year-long study was prompted by a controversy at the University last year when a graduate student, Paul Shiff, was refused readmission to the school. Shiff was rejected because he had discredited the Uni-

versity by his conduct and had violated campus rules. Shiff had been involved in disputes with MSU administrators and city officials over on-campus distribution of literature and over racial discrimination in East Lansing.

After Shiff filed suit against the University to force his re-admission, school officials reinstated him in an out-of-court settlement. At the same time, University President John A. Hannah recommended a comprehensive review of the school's judicial procedures and of student rights.

Faculty members at Yale University are reviewing the school's responsibility for a student accused of violating a local or state law. The issue has arisen in cases where the University has also taken actions against students who have been disciplined by the courts.

Concerna Theory  
"On the one hand there is the theory that the University should be concerned about the actions of undergraduates," said John A. Wilkinson, assistant dean of Yale College.

But Wilkinson noted that "on the other hand, the theory says that the University should be concerned but should not take any formal action — it should let the law take care of itself."

# Bookstore Owner To Be Arraigned

Bill Steen, owner of the Heroic Book Store, will be arraigned in District Court Tuesday on six counts of advertising and selling obscene literature.

Steen said Sunday that he will plead "not guilty" to the obscenity charge brought against him by County Attorney Paul Douglas.

Steen's lawyers, James and John McArthur, are contending that the Nebraska obscenity laws, under which Steen is being indicted, are unconstitutional and that the material Steen sells is not obscene.

# Ambassadors To Mock UN Chosen

Interviews for Model United Nations' Representatives from the University to Nebraska Wesleyan University were held Tuesday. Eight delegates and three alternates were selected.

They are: David Rasmussen, Tom Hoegemeyer, Tom Briggs, Linda Weiss, John Schrekinger, Kelley Baker, Harold Bordy and Lee Schorer.

The alternates are: Charlie Baxter, Carol Madson and JoAnn Paul.

The delegates will be attending the Model United Nations at Wesleyan on March 16, 17 and 18.

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