

News And Opinion . . .

The IDA Circus

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(This article expresses the authors opinion, and not necessarily that of the Daily Nebraskan.)

"The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglay."—Robert Burns

College students have long had a penchant, for one reason or another, for organizations, committees, study groups, ad hoc committees, senates, and coordinating councils, ad infinitum.

One of the newest, largest, and potentially most important student groups is the Inter-Dormitory Association. But in its organizational attempts IDA has made the Russian Revolution look like a tiddlywinks tournament in an Old Folks Home.

In a genuine attempt to form a democratic organization, IDA has had four elections, complete with campaign literature, plat-

forms, and ad hoc committees.

And IDA still has only one elected executive.

IDA has been plagued by nearly incredible problems from the start. An Inter-Dorm Coordinating Council drew up a tentative constitution for a governing body of all dorms about two years ago, according to John Fryar, former IDA president.

Before the Constitution was placed on the ballot for approval by dorm residents, an Ad Hoc Committee against the proposed Constitution was formed.

They managed to defeat the Constitution, even though a majority of students voted FOR the proposal. The election was decided, by and electoral college-type of tabulation considering dorms as units, rather than counting individual votes.

The IDCC went back to the drawing board, and

changed the Constitution as the Ad Hoc Committee desired. Then back to the ballot box — where the Constitution was defeated.

Every campus organization needs executives, so new organization scheduled elections for president and vice president. John Fryar and Nancy Martson won the election handily and IDA seemed to be rolling until someone discovered that Miss Martson was a transfer student from Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri.

The IDA constitution explicitly states that a member of the executive committee must have been a dorm resident for one year.

Miss Martson, unfortunately, was three months short. Trusting the vicissitudes of the ballot box to the risk of being "unconstitutional," another election was scheduled.

BUBLE BROKE

Brian Ridenour was elected vice president on April 6 and IDA settled down to work on projects like the coed visiting hours proposal and a link between the Inter Fraternity Council, Panhellenic, and the IDA.

Everything was going smoothly until first semester of this year when John Fryar announced his resignation from the organization. Brian Ridenour moved to president, and Dave Shonka was appointed vice president at last week's meeting.

Fryar resigned because he was a student assistant, and student assistants, like transfer students, are not eligible for executive committee positions.

The most extensive work done by IDA is the proposal for coed visiting hours within dorm rooms. The request was rejected by the Board of Regents last spring but IDA is not giving up, according to Shonka.

COED VISITS

They have prepared a report, requested by the Regents, concerning recreation facilities, potential new dorm structures, and another recommendation that coed visiting hours be accepted according to new Vice President Shonka.

Included in the report are suggestions for a branch library in Nebraska Hall for the convenience of dorm students who live blocks away from Love Library, and a proposal for a rotating cafeteria service, so students do not have to walk back to the dorm complex for lunch.

Instead, according to Shonka, he could go to the nearest dormitory food service cafeteria.

The coed visiting proposal uses the rationale that "the dormitory is your home, nine months of the year," Shonka stated.

The University allows stereos, popcorn poppers, TV sets and refrigerators in the dorm rooms, according to Shonka, so why not coeds during scheduled visiting hours on weekend afternoons?

Then too, observed both Shonka and Fryar, the University requires students to live in the dorms, so it would seem wise if the administration made them as desirable as possible.

FINANCIAL PROBLEM

"The University is really in no position to argue about financial matters right now," Fryar remarked.

"A student in an apartment pays less for his residence and does not face coed visitation regulations."

"IDA wants to help the University out of their financial problem, but there is a great deal that they can do to make the dorms a more pleasant place to live," Fryar cautioned.

"Last year," Fryar continued, "we tried to inform the administration what would happen if both the dorm rates and tuition increased. A poll in Cather showed that such an increase would be disastrous to many students."

"I don't know if the increase is the reason for the number of vacancies they have in the dorms this year, but it was certainly a determining factor," Fryar remarked.

IDA will continue, we are assured, to fight dorm rivalries, the transitory nature of dorm residents, and their own Constitution in an attempt to unite five thousand dorm residents on two campuses.

If they succeed, IDA could become, with the possible exception of ASUN, the most powerful campus organization. The year, the leaders, and the organization are young. IDA may be down, but, it is clear, it is not out.

Navy Team Visits Program Planned

An officer information team from the U.S. Navy will visit the University Oct. 3, 4 and 5.

It plans to discuss such programs as officer candidate school and aviation training to prospective male and female graduates.

At the present time, the Navy is seeking officer candidates from all undergraduate majors.

Any junior or senior may make arrangements with the team for taking the officer qualification test.

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY

(all events are in the Nebraska Union, unless otherwise indicated.)

INTER - VARSITY, 8:00 a.m.

SOCIOLOGY 53, 10:30 a.m.

INTER-VARSITY, 12:00

INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS, 12:00

SOCIOLOGY 53, 1:30 p.m.

BID OPENING — Swim Pool on Dorm Complex, 2:00 p.m.

JR. PANHELLENIC, 3:30 p.m.

NIA — People to People — Social Customs Round Table Discussion, 3:30 p.m.

AWS — House of Representatives, 3:30 p.m.

YMCA — Juvenile Court, 3:30 p.m.

YMCA — Girls Club, 3:30 p.m.

ASUN — Student Senate, 4:00 p.m.

AUF — Art Committee, 4:30 p.m.

BUILDERS — Campus Promotion, 4:30 p.m.

YMCA — Tutorial Committee, 4:30 p.m.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB, 5:30 p.m.

RED CROSS — 6:30 p.m.

UNICORNS—Social Committee, 7:00 p.m.

UNSEA, 7:00 p.m.

"N" CLUB, 7:00 p.m.

IFC, 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, 7:00 p.m.

BUILDERS BOARD, 7:00 p.m.

MORTAR BOARD — Activities Chairmen Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

ASUN — Model U.N. Committee, 7:00 p.m.

AG EXEC. BOARD, C.Y. Thompson Library, 7:00 p.m.

INTER Co-OP COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m.

MATH COUNSELORS, 7:30 p.m.

AWS — Coed Follies Skit Masters Mtg., 7:30 p.m.

CIRCLE K, 7:30 p.m.

GREEK LEAGUE BOWLING LEAGUE, 8:00 p.m.

SDS — 7 p.m., UMHE (formerly UCCF)

Lincoln Airbase Offers Married Student Homes

Low-cost housing for University married students is now available at the Lincoln Airbase, according to Mrs. Maxine Clark, Lincoln Housing Authority employee.

The residential area formerly housed airbase officers but is now open to low income families.

To be eligible to reside in this area a family's total monthly income must not exceed \$280.

Minimum rent for two-

bedroom duplexes is \$70. A resident of the area stated that the duplexes were clean and had a good floor plan.

Approximately 650 people now reside at the airbase of which 400 are University students. The remainder of the group consists of military people and low-income families.

At present the Lincoln Housing Authority is administering the property for the

military, but hopes to purchase the real estate if the minimum housing code passes, according to Mrs. Clark.

If the city of Lincoln buys the airbase residential district, the property will probably be incorporated with one of the federal housing projects, Mrs. Clark said.

She added if this should occur more houses could be made available to people in the low income bracket.

Progressive Rights Code Approved For Kentucky

CPS — University of Kentucky trustees have unanimously approved what has been called one of the most progressive student rights codes in the nation.

Kentucky Governor Edward Breathitt complimented students, faculty, administrators, and trustees on the code, calling it "a very responsible action."

The code clearly sets out offenses and punishment as well as devising a system of due process so that no student can be punished without a hearing for any offense he claims not to have committed.

It also defines the university's responsibilities to the student and states that the university has no right nor obligation to punish students for civil or criminal wrongs they commit in their capacity as citizens.

Interpreted as an important move away from the "in loco parentis" concept, the rights code defines a new university-student relationship in several areas.

Among the provisions of the code are:

A complete definition of actions meriting disciplinary punishment, including 10 disciplinary and two academic offenses;

A clear definition of university and student roles as landlord and tenant;

Establishment of a university judicial board and a university appeals board;

Concrete regulations prohibiting organizations to discriminate against any person because of color, race, sex or religious affiliation.

As defined by the report accompanying the code, the university's sole concern is "to provide protection of,

and facilities for those who seek knowledge."



ASUN'S FIRST FULL TIME SECRETARY . . . Mrs. Don Poulsen, tackles the day's paperwork.

ASUN Hires Secretary To Handle Office Work

For the convenience of University students, the ASUN office hired its first full time secretary, Mrs. Don Poulsen.

Mrs. Poulsen describes her job as that of "secretarial receptionist" for ASUN. She answers the phone, makes connections for senators and students, and does general typing.

ENJOYS WORK
Mrs. Poulsen began work on Sept. 6. She took the job because she enjoys working with ASUN and it allows her to work at a time when her three children are in school.

She was previously employed by Nationwide Paper Company. She is paid from ASUN funds — the organization was allotted \$1700 annually for secretarial expenses in 1967-68.

Although she does not consider it her job to be involved in ASUN affairs, she is "very interested in what students think."

ENLIGHTENING
"Even though I may not

agree all the time, I find it very enlightening," she added.

The office has never had a secretary, she continued, and part of her job is getting it set up on a regular office basis.

"This is the reason they hired somebody not connected with the University, in order to keep the office open all day during classes," she explained.

The ASUN office hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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