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Hardin Names Rights Committee

Senate Leaders Seek Statement ... On Rights

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Chancellor Clifford Hardin's committee on student rights was announced at Wednesday's Senate meeting.

ASUN executives Richard Schulze and Gene Pokorny will represent the student body and join two administrators and two faculty members in discussing implementation of the Student Bill of Rights into University policy.

Administration representatives will be Vice-Chancellors Mark Hobson and G. Robert Ross. Faculty representatives will be Campbell McConnell, professor of Economics, and Kenneth Orton, associate professor of Educational Psychology.

Presentation by Schulze, ASUN president, of the committee selection sparked discussion on the status of the Bill of Rights, a defeated proposal to confront the Board of Regents with the Bill and a resolution by the Senate concerning the Chancellor's committee.

'CONDITIONS WHICH OUGHT TO EXIST'

"This committee," said Pokorny, ASUN first vice-president, "should accomplish a statement about those conditions which ought to exist on the University campus."

For the first time, Pokorny indicated, all three factions of the University community (students, administrators and faculty) will be discussing and working on the problems of rights.

"I am very positive about this committee," the vice-president said, "because this goes beyond the expression of student interest in their rights."

Commenting on the committee, which will have its first meeting Monday, Senator Phil Bowen said that he would object to any fundamental changes in the Bill of Rights.

The Bill was passed overwhelmingly in an ASUN student election last spring in the form of 17 amendments to the Senate constitution.

Pokorny explained to the senators that this committee was needed to take the amendments beyond formal additions to the Constitution into University policy which requires Regents' approval.

MAKE IDEAS ACCEPTABLE TO REGENTS

The committee, according to the ASUN executives, should make the ideas contained in the amendments—perhaps in altered form—acceptable to the Regents.

Senator Bowen proposed that the ASUN executives go before the Regents in a November meeting and present them with the Bill of Rights in their present form. The proposal was defeated by a voice vote.

Bowen said that he had proposed the legislation because there exists a "fear that the Bill of Rights is not going to play an important enough part in the work of the committee."

He said that as the committee stands, its results would depend on the "frame of mind of the student representatives."

Senator Al Spangler said that he was backing, not restricting, the executives when he proposed a resolution that was approved by the Senate.

SPANGLER'S RESOLUTION

"Whereas the recently voted-on amendments to the ASUN Constitution represent, in the main, the opinions of the ASUN regarding changes in University policy.

"Be it resolved that the ASUN Senate urges its executives to fully support all of the amendments to the ASUN Constitution passed by the student body in last spring's election."

Pokorny agreed that the resolution may be helpful in representing the students on the committee. Should the occasion arise, Pokorny said, the resolution may be used to back the representatives' opinions on the committee.

It corresponds with the way we have been approaching this whole matter, he said.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the Senate voted to table approval of three student nominees to the University Publications Board pending an investigation of the Board.

Jane Ross and Margo McMasters were nominated by Schulze to retain their present membership on the Board and Terry Dougherty was selected to the sophomore vacancy.

Before the Senate could vote on approval of the nominees, a motion was made to re-evaluate the "goals, activities and powers of the Publications Board."

The proposal, made by Senator Bob Weaver, was necessitated by the obscurity of the Publication Board's power, according to Senator Susie Phelps, who argued for the tabling motion.

"The Senate does not know enough about the Pub Board," Miss Phelps said after the meeting.

The Board, she said, has indirect censorship over the Daily Nebraskan and the Cornhusker, in that it can remove the editor, at any time.

"Maybe the Pub Board should be elected by the student body," she suggested, adding that popular election of the editors, however, would be impractical and undesirable.

Another suggestion would be to enlarge the Board, thus making students more aware of their voice in operating University publications, Miss Phelps said.

In addition to tabling the vote on the nominees, the Senate also established an Ad Hoc Committee on investigating the Publications Board.

Appointed to the committee to investigate and report on the Board were Tom Greer, Phil Bowen, Susie Phelps, Bob Weaver and Bob Peterson.

ABBOTT RESOLUTION

"Whereas Steve Abbott, a recent graduate of the University of Nebraska, has attempted to get a 1-0 Selective Service classification in the prescribed manner, and

"Whereas the 1-0 classification has been given by SS boards in several of the states to members of the

"Be it resolved that ASUN Senate supports Mr. Abbott in his continuing effort to receive a 1-0 classification, including his refusal of induction in the Armed Services, and that we strongly urge the State Selective system to discontinue its practice of denying conscientious objector status to applicants who do not belong to historically 'peace churches.'"

"Be it further resolved that the above resolution shall be immediately sent by telegram to the State Selective Board of Nebraska."

What To Do . . .



. . . On a beautiful fall day with mid-terms approaching.

Rev. Stephen - Denying CO Status 'Violation Of Religious Freedom'

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The denial of Conscientious Objector status to Steve Abbott is "a flagrant violation of his freedom of religion," according to Lincoln minister Charles S. Stephen.

Abbott, a former University student leader, plans to refuse to be inducted into the Army Friday in Atlanta, Georgia. Claiming to be a C.O., he tried for a year to gain deferment from the draft on these grounds.

"I am convinced that Steve is a conscientious objector," said Stephen, a member of the American Civil Liberties Union. "I am not a pacifist personally, but I think the law allows for C.O.'s. I am convinced that Steve is one."

SUPREME COURT

Stephen charged that the Nebraska draft boards are ignoring the 1965 Supreme court decision in United States vs. Seeger.

The Seeger decision says, "Men may believe what they cannot prove. They may not be put to the proof of their religious doctrine or belief. Religious experiences which are as real as life to some

may be incomprehensible to others.

"Local Boards and Courts in this sense are not free to reject beliefs because they consider them 'incomprehensible.' Their task is to decide whether the beliefs professed by the registrant are sincerely held, and whether they are, in his own scheme of things, religious."

Conscience

Father Donald Imming, Newman Center Chaplain and a close friend of Abbott's, called his decision to avoid induction "a matter of conscience." Abbott must either compromise his conscience or face trial, Imming said.

"Steve believes that war is uncontrolled violence," he explained. "This is his way of standing up and being counted as opposing war."

Abbott regards his position as "prophetic" in the sense that he is "taking a stand according to his convictions," Imming added.

PEACE CHURCHES

A close friend of Abbott's since his high school days, the priest pointed out he had turned down several deferments in order to get the C.O. designation.

The Nebraska boards gen-

erally recognize only members of "historic peace churches" for C.O. deferments, although several Roman Catholics received them in Lincoln this last year, Imming said.

The Catholic church does not "impose a position of pacifism" on its members, he said. The church does urge members to make their own decision on whether or not to go to war.

DEFERMENT TROUBLE

This "narrower and narrower" interpretation of the C.O. clause probably means that members of many Protestant churches will have trouble getting such deferments in Nebraska, Imming said.

Stephen also attacked Nebraska's insistence that C.O.'s be from traditional peace churches, saying "this is poppycock." Citing the Seeger case, he said this should not be sufficient grounds to deny Abbott's application.

This is a direct contradiction of the first amendment of

the Constitution which guarantees religious freedom, he said.

INVESTIGATION

He said the local office of the American Civil Liberties Union was contacted by its southern regional office and



asked to investigate Abbott's case. The Emory college student asked the southern office to help him when he learned his C.O. application had been denied.

Stephen and three other clergymen, including Imming, visited with the directors of

the Lincoln and state draft offices. Guy Henninger, head of the state board, suggested Abbott write a personal letter to Gen. William Hershey, national director of the Selective Service, Stephen said.

Because Abbott will be tried in Atlanta, the local ACLU office can do little but investigate. Stephen expects the southern office to furnish counsel for him during the trial.

GOOD CHANCE

The Lincoln ACLU attorney feels Abbott stands a good chance of winning his case, Stephen said.

In a telephone interview with the Daily Nebraskan Wednesday, Healy said that the Lincoln board rejected Abbott's request for C.O. status "while agreeing that Abbott is a conscientious objector."

Healy said that because of the Seeger case, refusal to grant C.O. status because Abbott does not belong to a peace church is probably unconstitutional.

Woman's Creativity, Morality Featured At 'Focus On Coeds'

The American Woman, 1967, her art and craft, her style, her creativity, and her morality will be featured topics during Focus on Coeds, Oct. 24-Nov. 3 according to AWS.

The "How to Do" workshop will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 2-4 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Karen Wendt, workshop chairman, announced that women will show displays in plastics, millinery, knitting, candle-making, and feathered flowers.

She also said that hints will be given on decorating dorm rooms, and decorative accents for the home. Each speaker will give a 5-10 minute talk about her display and then questions will be answered.

Robert Hillstad from the Department of Home Eco-

nomics will speak before House mothers, resident directors, AWS board members and workers, and advisers at a dessert Tuesday evening on "what a woman wears affects her outlook on life."

Following the dessert, AWS will sponsor a style show where the top ten best-dressed coeds on the University campus will be announced.

Nancy Eaton, chairman of the style show, announced that Mrs. Terry Kugrens, a buyer for Hovland Swanson will serve as commentator.

Each of the finalists will be individually notified and they will not know who the other finalists are until the style show. The woman selected as the best-dressed coed will enter the national contest sponsored by Glamour Magazine.

Challenge for Creativity will be presented by AWS Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the Westbrook Music Building. Dr. A. Robin Bowers from the University's English Department will be master of ceremonies.

Entertainment will be presented by Orchestis, from the Department of Physical Education, the Three Day Ryders, the Uni-mimes from the Speech Department and the University Lab Band under the direction of Dennis Schneider.

An AWS "Teach-In" on morality and drugs will be held Monday, Oct. 30. Two sessions will be held, according to Neshia Neumeister, chairman of the teach-in.

Speakers with opposing viewpoints on each of the subjects will team up to present both sides of the discussion.

Work On Recital Hall To Begin In December

Work on the new Willard Kimble Recital Hall is expected to begin some time in December, according to George Miller, University administrator.

The architect's final drawings of the building are now in Kansas City for federal approval.

"After the drawings are returned to us, in about four weeks, the project will be opened for bids," Miller said. The federal government will share one-third of the total construction ex-

pense under the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963.

The building will be completed in about a year and will seat about 850 persons, Miller commented.

The \$900,000 structure will be located just east of the music building. It will occupy the space of the old music building which was torn down last spring.

The recital hall will be completed in conjunction with the construction of the new music building project begun last year.