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COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES . . . of student governments in Nebraska work on four resolutions during sessions this weekend.

Conference Promotes Three Education Plans

The Student Leadership Conference on State Government, held at the University Friday and Saturday, passed resolutions supporting a lower voting age and a State Higher Education Commission and opposing higher tuition in state schools.

"political, social and economic necessity," the tuition resolution reads, increased tuition rates "keep students from lower income families out of institutions of higher education."

ported keeping tuition "as low as possible," and urged the establishment of low interest loans for college students.

Parents Wait Word On Abbott And Draft

By DAVE BUNTAIN Senior Staff Writer Steve Abbott's parents have not received word yet about their son's Army induction, scheduled for last Thursday in Atlanta, Georgia.

following a hearing on his application at the Lancaster County Board, he was denied his request to be a C.O. and re-classified 1-A, his father said.

A resolution supporting the lowered voting age stated that "the nineteen year-old group is better educated today than it was when the precedent of the 21-year-old voting age was established."

Abbott, a former University student leader in a letter to Rev. Hudson B. Phillips of United Ministry for Higher Education indicated that he would refuse induction because of his desire to attain a Conscientious Objector classification.

When Abbott appealed to the state board, they refused to rule on his C.O. bid and instead classified him 2-S because he was teaching. By the time this classification expired in June, Congress had passed a new Selective Service law, altering the C.O. application procedure.

The Conference also voted approval for a resolution supporting the income tax. DISCRIMINATION

His father, Eugene Abbott, said Sunday that he and his wife had received no information whether Steve followed through with his planned refusal.

Under the new law the state board could only review the evidence given in the local hearing. The state group ruled 4-0 against Abbott's request and set the stage for his induction call, his father explained.

Finally, the Conference favored a resolution against discrimination, urging that "each student leader in every college and high school throughout Nebraska establish a Human Relations committee . . . in order that any discrimination may effectively be rooted out."

Abbott's induction call followed a year-long effort to gain draft exemption as a C.O. By refusing to be inducted, he would commit a felony under Georgia law and could receive a jail sentence of up to five years upon conviction.

The state draft office has been receiving letters from across the nation in Abbott's behalf. The office suggested that he write a letter to Gen. William Hershey, national director of the Selective Service for C.O. standing.

Delegates from Nebraska's four state colleges and Omaha University attended the Conference, sponsored by ASUN.

His father defended his right to be a C.O., saying, "I am not a C.O. myself, as I had 28 years of military experience, I am fully convinced that Steve has a right to be a C.O. Every man has a right to make a decision on his own."

The Nebraska boards are reading the law to the letter, in preventing all except members of traditional peace churches from receiving C.O. exemptions, his father said.

The overall purpose of the conference was "to initiate public participation of college students in issues of state government."

The recent fighting in Vietnam has "clouded the issue of who is a draft-dodger and who is a C.O.," Abbott's father said. The Lancaster Board sees of the C.O. Clause as "the only way to keep draft dodgers out."

The Catholic Church does not force its members to be pacifists, he said, but rather makes participation in war a matter of personal conscience. Nebraska draft boards seem to be ruling that moral objections to war don't count, he added.

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Abbott, a graduate English student at Emory University, began his campaign for C.O. status as a Clarfield, Ia., school-teacher.

Be it hereby enacted by the Inter-Dormitory Association that:

1. Discrimination based on race, creed, national origin, or sex by the Inter-Dormitory Association, the member dormitories, or any organized group of dormitory residents is forbidden.
 - a. This Act shall extend to social functions as well as general activities.
 2. In the event that one of the bodies listed in Provision 1 of this Act be found guilty before the Inter-Dormitory Association Court of violating any Provision of this Act, no penalty less severe than instruction to the Office of Student Activities of the University of Nebraska to stop all funds for fifteen (15) days, nor more than ninety (90) days shall be assessed.
 3. This Act shall take effect at 12:00 noon on November 1, 1967.
 - a. Provision 2 of this Act shall take effect subject to its approval by the Office of Student Affairs of the University of Nebraska.
- CONCERNING THE POLICY-MAKING PROCESS OF THE INTER-DORMITORY ASSOCIATION
- Whereas, the Inter-Dormitory Association is composed of University of Nebraska dormitories and the residents therein, and seeks to represent said dormitories and residents in a thoroughly democratic manner; and Whereas, the Inter-Dormitory Association derives its authority and power from, and is accountable to, its constituents;
- Be it therefore resolved by the Inter-Dormitory Association Council on October 19, 1967, that:
1. The residents of the several member dormitories are urged to seek contact with and demand considered representation from their Council representatives; and
 2. The Council invites interested residents, and-or groups of residents, to present any legitimate concerns which may arise to the Council or to the Inter-Dormitory Association executives; and
 3. The Inter-Dormitory Association legislative and executive branches reaffirm their intention to forgo the Inter-Dormitory Association into a meaningful body which may positively benefit the University of Nebraska dormitories and their residents.

IDA Initiates Proposal To Bar Discrimination Within Dormitory Units

By JAN PARKS Junior Staff Writer An act to prohibit discrimination was proposed at the Inter-Dormitory Association Council meeting last week.

what the residents want." President Brian Ridenour urged the dorm representatives to consult those they represent.

Jim Cavender announced that there will be a joint meeting of all dorm scholastic chairmen Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Cather Hall.

The proposed act forbids discrimination "based on creed, national origin, or sex by IDA, the member dormitories or any organized dormitory groups."

A co-ed visiting report by Paul Camarsky, committee chairman, indicated that a modified report would be resubmitted to the Administration for approval. "The general format has been set," he said.

"Scholastic chairmen now do very little to help the independent student study," said Cavender, "and we'd like to activate the scholarship programs in the dorms."

The act, proposed by Tom Briggs, would prohibit discrimination for social functions as well as activities involving dorm funds.

Ridenour appointed Dana Bennett as assistant chairman of the co-ed visiting hours committee. The IDA president also made appointments to the General Administrative Coordinating Committee.

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The penalty for violation of this act must first be approved by the Office of Student Affairs, according to section 3-a of the act.

Jim Cavender (Cather Hall) questioned IDA's authority to pass such an act by saying that IDA is a coordinating body, not a governing body."

The Constitution provides that IDA deal with matters of common interest," replied Vice-President Dave Shonka.

The act was tabled to allow further investigation. The discussion will be resumed at the next meeting.

The Council approved a resolution concerning the policy-making process of IDA. "The resolution invites discussion from the individual dorm residents," said Tom Briggs, and puts the purpose of IDA down in black and white."

Briggs felt that a communication problem exists between the dormitories and the IDA Council.

"This problem exists," he said, "because the 5000 members are dispersed over such a large area as the University."

Briggs felt that circulating the Council minutes to the dormitories would increase member interest.

Shonka said that the resolution would help the Council to find ideas. "There may be gripes," he said, "but at least we'll know

Six Men Study Student Rights

The newly-appointed committee on student rights will hold its first meeting Monday, according to student representative Richard Schulze, ASUN President.

professor of Educational Psychology. The group was created following the overwhelming approval of the student Bill of Rights in last spring's elections. Senate leaders have been working to bring about the implementation of the Bill of Rights since the elections.

Schulze, ASUN Vice President Gene Pokorney, two faculty members and two administrators were picked by Chancellor Clifford Hardin to study the proposed student Bill of Rights and the area of student right in general.

The committee will be "flexible" in seeking the "best statement of student rights," according to Dr. Orton, the only administrative-faculty member available for comment.

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He said he hoped that the committee will consider the "whole problem" and that the rights of all groups involved can be "considered simultaneously."

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