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Resident College Idea Considered Concepts of Student Life Examined at Conference

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An experimental residential college may be a part of the University in the near future. Professor Robert Knoll, associate chairman of the department of English predicted Thursday.

Knoll, who attended a four-day meeting on experimental residential colleges this week, said the current "concept of classes is under attack."

"The residential college," Knoll explained, "is an opportunity to reconsider courses, student relations and teaching subject matter at the same time."

The concept of the college is to provide one place for students and faculty to study, learn and work while living together.

NATIONAL MEETING

This topic was the object of the meeting of 150 faculty members and students from across the nation. Gene Pokorny, ASUN first vice-president, and Merk Hobson, vice-chancellor and dean of faculty, attended the conference with Knoll.

"There are experimental colleges around the country," Knoll said, "mainly at larger institutions like our own."

The University of Nebraska is not trailing any of the experimental programs, either, Knoll said, pointing out the current honors program here.

The success of new approaches to education has varied, the professor said. In the case of the University honors program, Knoll felt that it had not proved very successful.

"We're not likely to run into any heavy static," he said of new proposals that should be made. "Everyone wants to try something; it's just the question of what to try."

"This was the purpose of the conference, sponsored by the Danforth Foundation," Knoll said. "We were all to go home and try something."

The University is currently organizing the Centennial College Committee to consider and propose experiments in education.

Although it is too early to tell what new ideas may be tried, the professor said he is "terribly optimistic" that changes will be made at the University.

"And it will be soon," he said. "Maybe not next semester, but soon."

Those changes may not only be in creating a residential college but in methods of presentation of subjects and the courses themselves.

ONE OR TWO COURSES

"Perhaps students could have only one or two courses per semester," he said, "and they would concentrate on those."

Knoll emphasized the significance of student involvement in any new program.

"Students will be participating from the beginning," he said. "This is the latest wrinkle, tapping student intelligence."

"The students may help in deciding what order to take courses and which courses are most important," he said.

Behind The Bars ...



Workmen Bind Up Union

Bel Kaufman: Schools Failing Education Is Sponge Soaking Up Water

By GARY GILLEN
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Bel Kaufman, author of the book, "Up The Down Staircase," told University students Thursday night that impersonal school systems in

this country are not reaching the student.

She said that education today is "much like a sponge soaking up water and squeezing it out again at exam time."

"The essence of good education is face to face contact," she told the capacity audience at the Nebraska Union ballroom.

She said that since she is teaching in college she finds that she is able to come in closer contact with her students.

DON'T NEED AS MUCH

"College students don't need me as much as high school students," she said. She noted that college students are able to take ideas and expand upon them without anyone pointing out the way.

Something that is growing in popularity in this country is the hiring of teachers on their scholarship ability rather than teaching ability, she said.

"Dead earnest effort on the part of the teacher is the subject of greatest importance," Miss Kaufman said.

Addressing herself to the young teachers-to-be in the audience, she said that when they the teachers go to their classes they should expect the unexpected.

GOOD TEACHER

"You won't find situations that you studied in psychology or of the adolescent, if there is such a thing," she said. The good teacher must be able to feel the students' needs, she added.

"Children seem to say a great deal even when quiet and a good teacher must be able to sense this," the author said.

She said that the problem of a discrepancy between a student and teacher may lie in the gap between the record and real life.

Miss Kaufman said that by the time children reach the high school level they have been conditioned to the point of losing the excitement of learning.

"There is a great burden on the youth of today, even more than my day," she said.

Fraternities To Discuss Role; Goals

The Council of Professional Fraternities will sponsor a panel discussion on the role of professional fraternities on campus Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Russ Brown, associate dean of student affairs, and Ron Gierhan, assistant in student affairs, will take part in the discussion.

Interested students should bring a list of goals for their own fraternities and goals they feel the Council should attain.

The Council, which was formed last year, is also planning to televise six programs on the National Educational Television (ETV) about professional fraternities and their fields.

Happy Days Scheduled Next Week

Two Act Play
Has Cast Of Two

"Happy Days," by Samuel Becket will be presented Sunday and Monday at 8 p.m. in room 201 of the Temple Building.

The two act laboratory play is being directed by William Turek as a part of the Laboratory Theater program.

According to Turek, the play is based upon the dialogue of Winnie, played by Kathy Baines, who is imbedded in the center of a mound. Jan Johnson, as Willie, is the other member of the cast.

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AWS Judicial Committee Opposes Continued Expansion Of Court

By ANDY CORRIGAN
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The AWS Constitutional Judicial Committee voted seven to two Thursday to propose a decentralized court system based on women's living units to the entire convention assembly next month.

The decentralized court system, if approved by the Constitutional Convention and AWS, would divide the court's duties among seven or eight courts.

The present AWS court, which handles all infractions of AWS rules would become a Court of Appeals under the proposed system.

SEPARATE COURTS

Each city campus dorm would have a separate court; East Campus would have one court; and an AWS-Panhellenic Court would be established for the sororities.

The AWS-Panhellenic Court would be composed of one Standards Board member from each of the seventeen Greek houses. Justices would be rotated periodically to allow each court member to hold the position during the year.

The Judicial Committee has yet to decide the rotation plan. The committee is also undecided as to the membership on the dormitory courts and as to the status of WRH.

WRH COURT

Barb Doerr, chairman of the committee, suggested that since WRH was composed of freshmen that the Court of

Appeals should function as the WRH Court.

However this proposal was met by opposition from a WRH committee member who stated that her constituents were opposed to having their cases heard before the Court of Appeals and desired a joint court with Pound Hall. A decision on the situation will be made at the next committee meeting.

The committee also vetoed a proposal to have the Student Tribunal as the appeals court for AWS infractions.

The judiciary was also the concern of the Constitutional Executive Committee, according to Linda Parker, committee chairman.

STRICT DIVISION

For the present the committee has tentatively proposed that a strict division between the programs and judicial areas of AWS be maintained.

If the Board is not abolished it will be subdivided between programs and judicial, forming a bridge of communication between the two main AWS structures, Miss Parker said.

A system of committee chairmen in the programs area has been suggested as an alternative to the Board. Interested students would be interviewed for positions and would be appointed by the three executives.

If this plan was implemented the Chief Justices of the individual courts would form the cabinet of the vice-president in charge of the

judiciary, according to Miss Parker.

COMBINE

"There is also a possibility of combining these two proposals and utilizing both Board members and appointed committee heads," she said.

The committee has also proposed that all legislative power be in the hands of the House of Representatives and that if the Board remains it would only be concerned with the programs and judicial divisions of AWS.

The Legislative Committee and Powers Committee both met Thursday but their chairmen were unavailable for comment.

SECOND SESSION

The second general session of the convention will convene Nov. 16, according to Nancy Coufal, convention chairman.

At this time the four committees will present their proposed amendments and alterations of the constitution to the other convention delegates for consideration. All committee proposals accepted by the convention will be incorporated into the constitution and presented to University women for ratification.

According to Miss Coufal the convention was called to update the constitution. AWS was originally only composed of the Board members and consequently the present constitution is built around them.

Miss Coufal stated that she was pleased with the conven-

tion proceedings adding that her official role in the convention has been as an organizer and presiding officer of the convention.

Vietnam Week . . .

Former HHH Aid Is Final Speaker

Vietnam Week's final speaker, Allard Lowenstein, is expected to support the "dump President Johnson movement" Friday evening, according to Al Spangler, chairman of Vietnam.

"I expect that he will say that the realistic way to do something about the war in Vietnam is to get rid of Johnson," Spangler predicted Thursday.

Lowenstein, vice-chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action, will speak at the final Vietnam seminar Friday in the Union at 7:30 p.m.

The week of discussion sessions has been sponsored by ASUN in conjunction with Union Talks and Topics Committee which arranged for some speakers.

Lowenstein, who has aided Hubert Humphrey in political campaigns and is a former

in forecasting possible convention decisions Miss Coufal feels that the decentralization of the AWS courts and legislative powers are probable.

Panhel Revises Old Constitution

A Panhellenic committee is revising the Panhellenic Constitution, according to Shari Mueller, president of the organization.

Miss Mueller said that last year a faculty-student committee on student affairs pointed out several deficiencies in the constitution.

Some parts of the constitution are outdated, such as a section which states that each sorority can only have one publicity article a year printed in a Lincoln paper.

The rotation system for Panhellenic president will also be revised, said Miss Mueller. She explained that under the present system the Panhellenic presidents are named in the order that the sororities they represent were established on campus.

Miss Mueller explained that this section needed to be clarified because five sororities went off campus during the depression years and there are discrepancies.

When these sororities were re-established some were placed in successive order according to their original founding date and some to their second founding date,

she said. Relations between Panhellenic and the Alumni Advisory Board need revision, Miss Mueller said, because the present constitution gives the board legislative power, but it is never exercised.

Another deficiency of the constitution is that it requires council attendance but does not state why it is required or the penalties for absences.

Panhellenic has councils for each sorority office, such as a Presidents Council and a Rush Chairmen Council. The revised constitution will make provisions for the organization of these councils.

The constitution will follow the resolution made by the Panhellenic to raise the required average for pledge activation from 2.0 to 2.2, she said.

It will also provide for a Panhellenic Council treasurer and for a combined rush book, the president stated.

Jan Binger is the chairman of the revised constitution committee. Miss Mueller said that Panhellenic Council must approve the amendments before they are incorporated into the constitution.