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Senate to investigate discrimination

Moves to investigate campus Greek system



Mary Miller, a member of Cardinal Key from Nebraska Wesleyan University, explains the senior women's honorary and Blue Key, the senior men's honorary to ASUN senate.

Student Senate moved Wednesday to consider alleged discrimination in the University Greek system and in University housing approval practices.

Senator Tom Greer presented two resolutions to be acted on at the Senate meeting next week. They are: that Senate direct Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic to set up procedures to investigate discrimination in selection of members; and that the University Housing Office set down and enforce specific rules concerning discrimination by landlords of approved University housing.

'Housing already has rules'

In presenting the second resolution, Greer said that the housing office presently has rules that do not permit approval of discriminatory housing.

"The Office will take those discriminatory landlords off the approved housing list," Greer said. But when another student — a white student — moves into that housing, and the housing meets approved standards, the University puts the residence back on the approved list," Greer said.

In other action, the Senate did not act on a resolution introduced that would have directed the Electoral Commission (through President Dick Schulze) to reconsider its stand against allowing Choice '68 to be held on April 10.

Election Commissioner Ed Hilt told Senate that the Commission has the jurisdiction to rule on Choice '68, since anyone sponsoring the election would be classified as a University student, as specified in the ASUN constitution.

'Dangerous precedent'

ASUN President Dick Schulze pointed out to the senator that inclusion of Choice '68 in the general election would set a dangerous precedent which could allow any

campus organization to request such inclusion.

Senator Phil Bowen, chairman for the coordinating committee for Choice '68, said that the committee asked only for the right to conduct the poll on the same day as the general election, not to have it at the same time and place.

'Tromped on'

Senator Phil Boardman expressed concern that the ASUN elections would "get tromped on" should the two elections be held on the same day. Boardman further stated that students could not be expected to vote on two ballotings on the same day.

"This would detract from the ASUN elections, and I am concerned for these elections," he said. Senator Bob Weaver presented a resolution to Senate that would allow the national senior honoraries Blue Key and Cardinal Key to colonize on the University campus.

Weaver said that his purpose stemmed from the increased number of students at the University of Nebraska, and the subsequent need to recognize more students for campus leadership.

Fewer gunners

"Additional senior honoraries would reduce emphasis on 'gunners' in campus activities vying for the present honoraries (Mortar Boards and Innocents)," Weaver said.

The resolution, jointly sponsored by Weaver, Ron Alexander, Roger Lott, Bill Mobley, and Al Spangler, would suggest methods of selection for the honoraries.

The two men's organizations, as well as the women's groups, would alternate in choosing qualified members on a one-to-one basis. First choice would be decided by the flip of a coin, and individual

membership would be held to just one of the groups.

The bill further suggests that candidates who do not accept membership in one group would not be eligible for membership in the opposing group.

Trying to wipe out Innocents

Senator Susie Phelps charged that the purpose of the legislation was to "wipeout Mortar Boards and Innocents."

"I would agree that perpetuating 'gunners' is bad, but Senate can't set up membership qualifications for honoraries," Miss Phelps said.

Weaver noted that no one was able to question his motives, and further stated that the Senate had power to such regulation from the constitutional power to "control gatherings and demonstrations."

Senator Boardman noted that University honoraries now have much less power than in previous years.

"Let Innocents and Mortar Boards wend their weary way down," he said.

Further action will be taken next week at the senate meeting.

In further action, Senate approved a resolution from Senator Greer that Senate urge that qualifying graduate assisted stipends not be subject to federal income tax.

Resolution changes suggested Structure change in advising system

Senate Wednesday passed a resolution that recommends basic changes in the structure of the University advising system.

The resolution, presented by Senator Tom Greer, contained five main points for change. They are:

—Each department should consider establishing a student advising system to supplement the faculty advisors;

—Juniors and Seniors should not be required to have an advisor's signature on registration worksheets;

—The Counseling Service should continue to expand its services to the student;

—the Summer Orientation Program should review its format to insure each student of individual counseling about the curriculum and opportunities in his field;

—the New Student Week Program should be reviewed to insure that incoming students who have not participated in Summer Orientation shall obtain individual counseling in their fields.

An evaluation accompanying the resolution stressed that a large percentage of students believed they needed more advising before entering school. The report further stated that students felt a need for more competent advising during college and for post-graduation problems.

Sandpipers to appear April 26

Pat Paulson, comedian on the Smothers Brothers television show, will appear with the Sandpipers April 26 to begin the annual Greek Week sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic.

The concert will be followed by the Greek games to be held on Saturday morning, and a social service project scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

The project will involve a stamp drive to collect three thousand books of stamps which will purchase a bus for Lincoln senior citizens.

Sunday afternoon a conference will be held to discuss the problems facing the Greek system.

The four-day Greek Week will end Monday with a Housemother's Bridge party in the afternoon, and exchange dinners among the fraternities and sororities in the evening.

Views on keys, expansion of jurisdiction given by AWS congressional candidates

University coeds who will vie for AWS sorority congressional positions differed Wednesday on their views of two election issues — sophomore keys and expansion of AWS jurisdiction.

Sorority congressmen, Lincoln congressmen, and sorority court members will be elected March 27 in Love Library, according to Susie Sitorius, AWS elections chairman. Dormitory congressional elections will be conducted on the same day in each dormitory, she said.

Sally Stauffer endorsed legislation for sophomore keys. "I hope we can have sophomore keys by next fall," she said.

Miss Stauffer felt that the key system for juniors and seniors was effective and that "no other hours system at this point is needed."

'AWS reflects administration'

"AWS reflects the administration," she said, as she expressed her disapproval of expanding AWS in areas such as dormitory housing.

"The administration makes the rules on housing," she said, "and we would just be fighting against ourselves."

Sherri Housewright said, "I think that right now I oppose sophomore keys. The system needs re-evaluation before we start giving keys to sophomores."

She stipulated, however, that AWS should "definitely start considering sophomore keys." Maybe legislation will be possible in a year, she explained.

"Maybe a different hours system should be looked into," Miss Housewright commented, "such as a magnetic card system."

Check other campuses

Kathy Kuethe noted that sophomore keys "are worth looking into." "We should check other campuses," she said. "I'm not sure that Nebraska is ready for sophomore keys now."

Miss Kuethe felt that a no hours system was not needed because "the keys do the same thing."

Asked about the possibility of expanding the jurisdiction of AWS in other areas, Miss Kuethe said, "I don't think it's necessary now."

AWS is growing and is important on campus, she said, but it would be better for AWS to concentrate on some of the present problems—such as implementing a program for Lincoln girls.

Favors soph keys

Debbie Cushman was in favor of sophomore keys and said, "Sophomore keys should be looked into this spring if possible."

"We should check other Universities," she contended. "Iowa State has a key card system for sophomores that we should research."

Speaking of AWS jurisdiction, Miss Cushman said, "The way the new constitution is set up, committees in Congress could be involved in things like housing policy that University women are involved in."

Peggy Fagan felt that sophomore keys "should be considered and looked into. But, we should be careful and check out the situation," she said.

"I think that sophomores are responsible enough to have keys," Miss Fagan explained, "because they are responsible enough to come to college."

'Must voice opinions'

Miss Fagan said that AWS jurisdiction should not be expanded beyond its present jurisdiction, although she said "It is important that we voice our opinions."

Expanding AWS into areas of housing and dorm policy would get too involved, Miss Fagan said. "I think what we are doing with women's hours and rules is important and sufficient for now," she continued.

"I am in favor of sophomore

keys," Paula Rosen stated. "Junior and senior women have proven themselves responsible and the program is a success."

"I have always thought that when a girl is 19 or 20 she is old enough to set her own hours," Miss Rosen added.

AWS must take stands

Miss Rosen also favored expanding AWS jurisdiction. "I think AWS is responsible for the welfare of university women," she said.

On Campus Today

The Zoology department will hold a seminar Thursday at 3:30 in Bessey Hall Auditorium. Roger S. Sharpe, of the University department of zoology, will speak on "Aspects of Prairie Chicken Behavior." There will be a brief coffee and social time before the seminar.

The Turnau Opera Players will present the "Barber of Seville" at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Nebraska Theater. The opera is sponsored by the Nebraska Union.

A New York attorney, Moe Levine, will address students and faculty in the University of Nebraska "Role of the Tort Advocate in Society." Levine will speak at 10:30 a.m. in Sheldon Art Gallery auditorium. He is the co-author of a new book entitled "Vox Dire or the Selection of a Jury."

Quiz Bowl matches will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday. Moderators will be Dr. Charles Gruner and Dr. John Thurber. Thursday's matches will involve only Freshmen teams

and will be the first round of the single elimination competition.

Bonnie Miller said she is "definitely in favor of sophomore keys." "Any coed who has attended the University for one year is mature enough to regulate her own hours, she contended.

Miss Miller, however, acknowledges that "freshman should not be given keys. Many freshmen are from small high schools and are accustomed to having someone look out for them," she explained.

Miss Kauffman felt that a proposal for sophomore keys would not meet with much opposition.

Solve present problems

"Instead of trying to expand our duties in AWS we should first solve the problems we have now," Miss Kauffman said. She pointed out that work was needed in revising the AWS handbook and in the program area.

Jane Critchlow said that sophomore keys are "feasible in the future. We have a lot to do first," she explained, "such as re-evaluating the present junior-senior key system."

"Ideally sophomore key privileges should be given," she continued, "hopefully within the next two years."

Congress should make sure that sophomore keys are the right thing before legislation is passed, Miss Critchlow noted.

"AWS should also investigate the hours policies on other campuses," Miss Critchlow explained, "Maybe they have a better system than ours."

She felt that AWS should continue in the realm of jurisdiction that it has always had. "There are many things to be accomplished in hours policies and program are now," she said, which should be greatly facilitated by the new structure provided by the revised constitution.

Students for McCarthy will meet at 7:30 Thursday in the Nebraska Union Ballroom to organize for the McCarthy Campaign in Nebraska.

Young Republicans will meet in the Union Ballroom at 8 p.m. The Richard Nixon campaign committee film will be shown.

It is the first showing of film outside of New Hampshire, where it was used during the primary.