

Faculty won't reconsider resolution



RAISED HANDS OF FACULTY MEMBERS... defeat motion to reconsider grading change at faculty senate meeting Thursday.

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Faculty Senate members voted Thursday against reconsidering a resolution passed shortly before spring vacation which changed the University grading system from the 4.0 basis to include "plus" grades with each letter grade.

The original resolution introducing the change will go into effect for grades given in courses this semester. Chancellor Clifford Hardin, presiding chairman of the meeting, said the motion to reconsider was voted down in approximately a 130 against to a 120 for vote.

The Senate did pass a resolution introduced by Paul Byerly, faculty adviser to ASUN, on behalf of Craig Dreeszen, ASUN president. The resolution instructs the Senate Committee on Committees to establish a permanent student-faculty committee to undertake a continuing evaluation of the grading system and to recommend any needed changes.

The special Faculty Senate meeting was called for by a group of faculty who petitioned the body to reconsider its previously passed resolution.

Only one faculty member voiced an opinion to the motion to reconsider, saying he thought students should be included in the process of grade system changes, but disagreed that the motion should be rescinded, arguing that the new system had not yet been tested.

Byerly read a letter by Dreeszen which stated that the "students were surprised and disappointed to find that a major change in the grading system was made without student consultation."

"It should be made clear that the students' objection is one of procedure, not of the substance of the change," Dreeszen wrote in clarifying student reaction to the change.

"Student groups who have been working with educational issues at the University this year could

have made a significant contribution in the preparation of the proposal," Dreeszen wrote.

The newly elected student body president said after the meeting the action taken by Senate was at least significant in that the group was responding to the students.

He said efforts by students would be channeled through the newly-established committee. He did not know when its members would be selected. He also doubted that the committee could produce any recommendations in time for the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Royce Knapp, chairman of the investigating committee which recommended the change in the grading system, pointed out after the meeting that of nearly 700 faculty who could have come, the decision on the matter was made by about 250.

He also said that not all of the professors present at the meeting took a stand on the motion to reconsider.



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McCaslin: Greeks must welcome Negroes

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Members who feel their fraternities should desegregate and who are in houses that refuse to desegregate should quit their houses, Father John McCaslin told members of a University fraternity Wednesday night.

McCaslin, pastor of Holy Family Church in Omaha, is attempting to organize the surrounding, predominantly Negro community. He talked to an audience of about 30 at Beta Theta Pi fraternity and told them what they could do to urge integration.

"Your fraternities and sororities are segregated," he said, "and that's racism. If you can bring Negroes off the street to play football with you, you can ask them to join your fraternity or sorority. You should let them know that they are welcome."

McCaslin, who addressed himself mainly to the situation in Omaha, said that the cause of racism is mostly ignorance because the whites have segregated the Negroes and both groups have grown up ignorant of each other.

What the white man knows about the Negro is what he reads in the newspaper, and when one Negro or a small group creates a disturbance, the white man says, "They're at it again."

"Until the stereotype is bumped off, there will continue to be racial problems. And the way to bump it is for the whites to get acquainted with the Negro," he said.

McCaslin added that those in the ghetto are so segregated that their confidence in the outside world is almost nil.

"In a given group of 100 kids at Fontenelle Home, maybe 20 of that 100 have ever been in downtown Omaha. The whole horizon, vision and expansion of their view is limited," he explained.

Why do these conditions exist? Quoting a friend from Lincoln, McCaslin said the Negro feels that the white man "cannot break both my legs and then give me hell for limping."

"We have been breaking the legs of the Negro for 350 years, and we cannot expect him to be responsible. It's a cycle of dehumanization, and we have to break the cycle," he said.

McCaslin said that if the white people do not accept this responsibility, then our cities are going to be burned to the ground. He added that riots do not solve anything, but that riots have been the only things that have evoked a response from the United States.

The middle-aged Catholic priest, greying a little bit and speaking

with only a slight Irish tinge on his rhetoric, said that he is all for some kind of guaranteed annual wage for low income groups.

"That means that your dads will have to sponsor and support it if it comes into being. If we are responsible for a situation as it exists, then we must pay for it," he said.

Another solution lies in the strengthening of the character of public offices, McCaslin said that the pure political expedients must go and men of conscience must be elected to discuss gutsy, meaty issues that involve the future of our country.

"Of the 42,000 Negroes in Omaha, 18,000 are voters and if we can organize them, then those running for public office will have to address themselves to this voting block."

He added that public officials and the under-privileged alike must organize around issues that mean something and stop worrying about poor lighting fixtures and holes in the street.

What McCaslin described as a massive voter registration drive has begun on Omaha's North Side. But he said that the Negroes are very paranoid and are having trouble pulling themselves together because they have grown to distrust each other after being

"kicked around generation after generation."

His involvement in the North Omaha Ministerial Union has begun to excite the Negro ministers of that area toward leading the voter registration.

"If they will begin to play a role and stop worrying about the other world," McCaslin said, "they will be able to get at the people."

He added that unless the Negro knows the worth of his own value and dignity, he will not organize. But once the Negroes are organized, they will have power and influence, he said.

McCaslin asserted that the people who now hold the power will not relinquish it easily.

"The city council will not listen to the poor (Specifically regarding the administration of the poverty programs), and all the Negroes want is some say in their own destiny."

"There has to be the smell and feel of poverty before a real understanding can be reached... and I don't know if the white middle class will ever understand," said Father McCaslin.

He added that there is a current move to get white people to make friends with the Negro, especially at Christmas when many whites want to give the Negro families welfare baskets.

We don't say "give," we say "share": first befriend the family and then give them your welfare basket, he said.

McCaslin explained how he thought the Negro views Nebraska law.

"If you can sell me a house," he said, "but if you can prohibit my moving into your neighborhood, then you're calling me a second-class citizen -- and I'm going to hate you."

Legislation removes this stigma of being a second-class citizen, and I couldn't care less what you would think of me personally, he said.

Omaha is a fiercely segregated city, Father McCaslin noted, and it had been so much so that its residents had never been confronted with the racial prejudice and hatred until George Wallace came to Omaha in March.

"The Wallace thing would have stopped there except that stupid cop shot that kid outside a hock shop -- and no \$16 T.V. set is worth a kid's life," he said.

The police used mace (a chemical to disperse rioting crowds) at the Wallace convention, Father McCaslin added, and then they used clubs to beat those kids who were only trying to get out the back doors into the fresh air.



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Lone coed crosses 14th Street, which has been closed to all through automobile traffic.

No physical hazing... IFC adopts a pledge education contract

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The Interfraternity Council (IFC) has adopted a pledge education contract through which signatory houses will agree not to use physical hazing and will guarantee their pledges quiet hours and uninterrupted study time five nights a week.

Included along with a paragraph definition of physical hazing is a clause which will permit members of the IFC Executive or Pledge Education Committee to visit a house at any time and to question its pledges about

their pledgship. Violation of the contract would prevent a fraternity chapter from displaying an IFC certificate endorsing its pledgship as well as preventing the house from renewing its contract.

Six main points

IFC President Sid Logemann outlined each of the six main points and the contract-breaking clause on the proposed contract at the IFC meeting Wednesday.

"I think the contract is a very positive statement, rather than a negative one, which proves that we mean what we have said in the past," Logemann said.

Commenting on the contract's definition of physical hazing, Logemann declared that it constituted the best definition the IFC Executive had been able to find.

Hazing clause

Logemann also explained that the inclusion of all forms of calisthenics in the hazing definition was necessary because of the often indistinct separation line between calisthenics and physical hazing.

"The contract-breaking clause is mandatory if the document is to mean anything," Logemann stated.

During discussion of the motion for adoption, Logemann explained that the study clause and the anti-hazing clause are open to common sense interpretation.

"A ceremonial paddling of the pledge by his pledge father during initiation would not be construed as physical hazing," he said.

Monday night no conflict

Logemann pointed out that conflicts on Monday nights between study hall and meetings could not be viewed in the same light as other encroachments on study time.

The visiting clause is not designed to give IFC powers, Logemann commented. "All houses will be treated equally unless IFC receives a complaint or a complaint is released by someone," he said.

Only in such a case would IFC representatives visit only one house, according to Logemann.

No further action

Violations treated under the contract would not bring any action on the part of IFC beyond the cancellation of the contract and the withdrawal of the certificate, Logemann said.

Only a formal complaint, he added, can bring IFC action according to the procedures established in the by-laws.

With regard to the possibility of IFC executives abusing the visiting clause, Logemann pointed out that any action taken against a house comes from the IFC as a whole and not solely from the Executive.

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This is Benjamin...



He's worried about Gene McCarthy's future

Dustin Hoffman, star of "The Graduate", will appear at a canvassing kickoff Sunday at 7:30 in the Nebraska Union sponsored by Students for McCarthy.

Hoffman is scheduled to show a film, "All the Way to Jerusalem," describing student involvement in Sen. McCarthy's campaign in the recent Wisconsin presidential primary.

He will answer questions and discuss the film, produced by the husband and wife team that produced the movie "David and Lisa."

On Campus Today

A reception will be held in honor of Granville "Mac" McKeen, who has been a University and Union employee for 40 years, at the Union on Friday from 2-4 p.m.

The Cross Winds Coffeehouse at 1233 "F" Street will be open Friday evening from 8-12 p.m.

Pat Paulsen and the Sandpipers will appear at the Greek Week '68 Concert at 8 p.m. Friday in Pershing Auditorium.

"A Patch of Blue" with Sidney Poitier will be shown at the Union on Friday at 7 & 9 p.m. and on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is 50 cents and I.D.

Hillel Sabbath Services will be held Friday at the Nebraska School of Religion at 4:45 p.m.

As a part of the A.S.R.A. - H.S.S. Spring Weekend, H.S.S. will present the melodrama, "Pure as the Driven Snow, or the Working Girl's Secret" in the Commons building of the H.S.S. complex on Saturday at 6 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Abel-Sandoz will also sponsor a folk-jazz concert Sunday evening on the Sandoz lawn. The concert will include "The Three Day Ryders," "Candi Wise Quartet," and various groups and individuals.

Nebraska returns to Daylight Savings Time Sunday at 2 a.m.

This is the state's second season. Clocks should be moved forward one hour.