



New University lost in bureaucracy

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The New University, the child of last May's unrest, is still alive, but it is currently hibernating in University bureaucracy.

Last May 11 an all-University townhall meeting, desiring to make the University more relevant to the world's problems, passed a resolution requesting the NU faculty to "work for the creation of a New University of Nebraska."

What has happened to the idea of the New University since May?

"It's hard to conduct business at the University during the summer," explained J. M. Daly, chairman of the

Academic Planning Committee, which is now coordinating the drive for educational reform started by the idea of the New University. "We'll have to wait a month or longer to see any progress."

Daly's Committee has compiled all the suggestions and comments it received since May into a comprehensive 41 page report. Some of the suggestions include an all-University Senate, more flexible grading, registration changes to allow students to drop and add courses anytime, increased independent study, and more residential colleges.

The Committee this summer referred the report to

University staff and committees to see if the numerous suggestions are feasible. Conclusions of the committees are due November 1. Suggestions considered feasible will then be submitted to the Faculty Senate for approval.

"We (the Academic Planning Committee) will be concerned with academic planning that affects the entire University," said Daly, a professor of biochemistry and nutrition.

"The whole process of academic planning and reform is a continuous one," he continued. "Too often people forget what changes have been made."

Another group, the ASUN Educational Committee, will also work on education reform

this year. The student committee will present its own report with specific proposals in the near future, according to ASUN President Steve Tiwald.

Besides the work of the Academic Planning Committee, the Summer Conference on the University and Society attempted to keep ideas of the New University alive over the summer.

The major concern of the Conference was reforms and innovations within the University that would help bridge the gap between the University and other institutions and communities of the state.

"Our limited success in this area has convinced me," said

Stephen Hilliard, one of the Conference's coordinators, "that the University is elitist in its attitude towards the general populace. Also, the general populace is unnecessarily awed and fearful of the University."

Hilliard, an assistant professor of English, believes the subject of the University and society is so important that it should be made the subject of a full fledged summer institute in 1971.

"We have a ways to go for a New University here," added Hilliard. "One of the things students should have learned from last spring is that the enemies of the New University are not in the administration, but in the faculty."

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