

# Proposal to ban parties defeated

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A proposal to ban all fraternity social functions during the first two weeks of the fall semester was narrowly voted down by the Interfraternity Council Wednesday.

The proposal failed 14-11. If passed, the "social moratorium" would have prohibited any organized functions involving alcohol with other fraternities, sororities or by individual fraternities between Aug. 23 and Sept. 3, 1987. During the first week, no social functions would have been allowed.

The resolution also proposed that internal activities and get-acquainted functions should help to take the place of the external alcohol-related functions.

"Just because IFC didn't vote for it didn't mean he didn't want to do something about it," said IFC president Rick Gestring.

The proposal was drawn up as part of "growing concern to assist incoming fraternity pledges with their adjustment to the academic requirements placed upon them as college students," the proposal states.

"The social moratorium is a step in the right direction, by teaching each

individual in the pledge class when to study and when not," said Jeff Hicklin, social chairman of Beta Sigma Psi fraternity.

But, Hicklin said, the early parties are needed to show the incoming freshmen "what college is like."

"The problem is carrying it out," Hicklin said. "It is up to each fraternity and sorority to teach when to study."

Other fraternities though the IFC was attempting to take too much control of the situation, said Bryan Valenchia, president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

With no parties during that period, parties would have to be pushed back to the third or fourth weekend of the semester, which would conflict with the first round of major tests, Valenchia said.

The importance of grades needs to be stressed during the summer recruiting or "rush", he said. Peer pressure to study instead of drink might make a big difference, he said.

Jeffrey Lentfer, IFC representative for Alpha Gamma Sigma, said his fraternity favored the moratorium. Parties can alienate the few who don't like to party, contradicting the idea of helping pledges feel part of the fraternity. It's

easier to get to know the pledges when they all participate in pledge projects, he said.

Tom Volk, president of FarmHouse fraternity, said his fraternity had nothing to lose by voting for the proposal. FarmHouse doesn't have social functions during the first two weeks, he said.

Theta Xi fraternity president Eric Wilson voted for the proposal and said his fraternity would impose an in-house moratorium despite the IFC decision.

"We'll instill an atmosphere of studying and reward the house after two weeks with our 'Driftwood' party," he said.

Wilson said he wasn't disappointed with IFC's decision and said other fraternities shouldn't be either, because the moratorium can be self-imposed.

"The intentions of it were good to show parents and administration alike," said Greg Dynek, president of Sigma Chi. "But I think the social moratorium would not have accomplished what it was supposed to."

If put into effect, fraternities would have been forced to have parties in their own houses, which is illegal, Dynek said.

# Protest song pleads, 'Just Say No!'

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*It's just not your idea of sport,  
Just say no!  
Intimidate and then invade  
We'll call it economic aid  
And hire the refugees as maids,  
Just say no!*

"Just say no," were the first lyrics Hardy wrote for his Nebraskan protest song. "It's a typical kind of lame-brained response to a complex issue," he said. Kind of like, "Whip Inflation Now!" — Gerald Ford's catch phrase. "Just say no" is Nancy Reagan's.

Hardy wrote the song, called "Contradiction? Just Say No!" in about four hours and quickly gave away 60 copies of the bluegrass tape.

He's not against the guards, "they're sort of pawns in this." He resents the complacent attitude Nebraskans have taken about the trip. Even the news coverage has seemed superficial: "These are Nebraskans and they're in a foreign country, WOW."

The only controversy seemed to center on whether it was dangerous to the guard at all, he said.

Few people are asking, "Why are we there? What are we really doing?" he said. It's no coincidence that the Air Guard went to train in this particular hot spot, he said.

"There's jungles all over the world. We're trying to flex our military muscle." *So if they want to send arms to Honduras, Just say no  
We'll tell them that they missed their bus, Just say no  
We'll have no part of Ronnies' scam*

*We've had too many Vietnams  
These exercises are just a sham,  
Just say no*

When the cargo planes landed in Panama City on its way to Honduras, the hatch opened and humid, hot air rushed in.

"It smells like Vietnam," one of the journalists said. Then there were briefings and debriefings and tours and schedules and lots of rules to remember for the pack of Nebraskan reporters. At the "temporary" base in Honduras, signs warned of the "use of deadly force." People who weren't recognized would be shot first.

Miller felt what it was like to be an "American" in another country.

"It was imperialism all over again." Just down the road from her hotel was Nicaragua.

"I looked down the road. That's the road to where they are fighting. It was... eerie."

Most of the guardsmen she interviewed felt good about what they were doing, she said. They seemed mostly unaffected by the poverty. They were isolated in the base's lump of Americana.

Dave Hardy started college at NU in the fall of 1973. The draft was winding down as "Vietnamization" continued. But he had a draft card.

He lived in Heppner Hall and took classes at Centennial College but he didn't protest much. He felt that what he thought and did couldn't really make much difference.

Twelve years and two degrees later, his attitude has changed.

"I think I'm getting more radical in my 'old age,'" said Hardy, 31. "When I was young, I think I was more of a bystander. Now I think small things can make a difference. I don't have to

set myself on fire on the Capitol steps to make some change happen." The trick is getting a lot of people involved in those "small things," he said.

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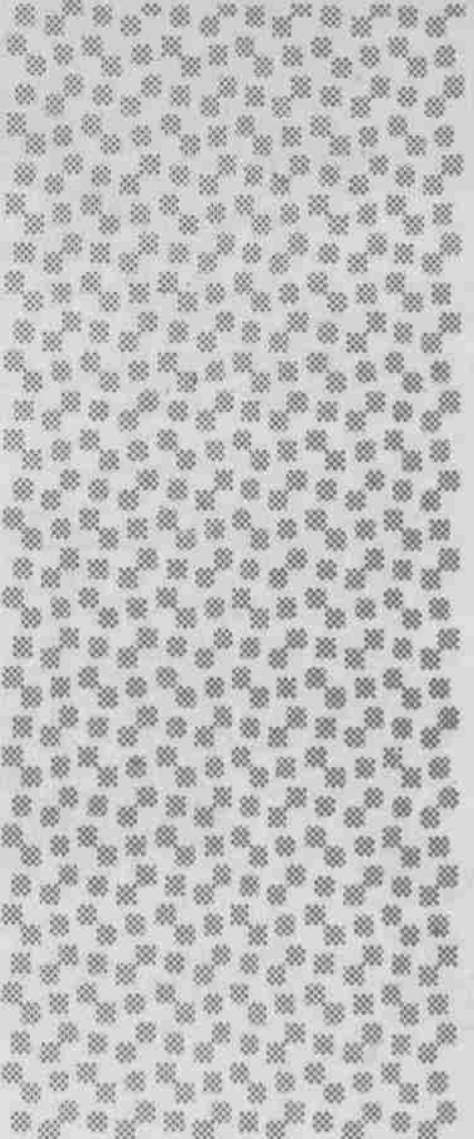
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