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Hart students organize UNL as Nebraska campaign starts

By Brad Kuhn

Five minutes before Wednesday night's Students with Hart meeting, a campaign worker taped a hand-lettered sign on the front wall of the upstairs suite at the Nebraska Union.

The sign, and another on the door, were the only things resembling buttons, banners and bumper stickers normally identified with political campaigns.

Students with Hart, the student wing of the Gary Hart presidential campaign in Lincoln, had the meeting to mobilize fund-raising and vote canvassing efforts.

Students were encouraged to read notes, articles and pamphlets placed on the front table.

Deb Carlson, student coordinator for the group, asked people not to take literature.

"We don't even have materials to distribute in our booth," she said.

Carlson turned the meeting over to former state Sen. Steve Fowler, now director of Gov. Bob Kerrey's policy research office. Fowler is one of many local Democrats mobilizing the Hart campaign under state coordinator John Cavanaugh.

Fowler invited each of the 40 people in the room to introduce themselves and tell the others what he or she liked about Hart.

About half the students said they did not want to vote for Reagan or Walter Mondale. Others spoke of better military policy, environmental concerns and a new idealism.

Fowler said the group has a lot of talent, but not a lot of coordination. He

asked for creativity, but said it must be "low-budget creativity."

The group has scheduled two fund-raising events. On March 29, it plans to have a wine and cheese party at Commonplace, 333 N. 14th St. It has reserved the Drumstick, 547 N. 48th St., for a benefit April 2, featuring three bands. The bands will be announced as soon as they can be confirmed.

Jason Becker, president of Lincoln High School Young Democrats, said, "at least Hart won't hurt the nation any more than Reagan has."

Allan Busch, a UNL freshman and former Republican, said he likes Hart because, "I think he understands the problems of today."

Chaunce MacLean, a member of the Nebraska Water Conservation Council and a UNL graduate, was more specific.

"Hart has a defense policy based on usability," MacLean said. "Why should we spend billions of dollars on weapons we're not going to use?" he asked.

MacLean added that he liked Hart's environmental policy. He said Hart wants to reconcile business interests with environmental protection. He said he thinks Hart will be able to stop what MacLean calls "\$1 billion giveaways" like the Norden Dam project.

Joe Nigro, an attorney in Lincoln, is helping coordinate the effort to contact voters. Nigro, a graduate of the UNL Law College, said what a lot of students hinted at.

"There aren't any guarantees. But, sooner or later, Americans are going to have to decide it's time for a change. I think Gary Hart is the man who will make those changes."

Scholars discuss pluralism as approach to knowledge

UNL's Center for Continuing Education is the site this weekend for the first national conference on critical pluralism.

Dr. James Ford, conference chairman and assistant professor of English at UNL, said critical pluralism is an alternative way to approach knowledge.

This new method is a systematic use of several approaches, all of which are grounded in the nature of the object and of the inquiring mind, he said.

He defined the method as an "approach to literary knowledge grounded in a philosophical stance."

The new field challenges the two traditional schools of dogmatism and relationism, which hold that facts can be independent of the observation process, and that opinion is dependent on individual experience.

Seventy-two teachers and students of the humanities have registered for the conference, which started Thursday and runs through Saturday.

Ten internationally-known scholars of philosophy, literature, history and speech communications will present training sessions on the pluralist approach to the humanities.

Major presenters will include Kenneth Burke, literary theorist and author of more than 200 articles and 20 books, and Andrew Reck, the foremost American historian of philosophy. Richard McKeon, the founder of one of the two main-streams of critical pluralism, also will speak.

Ford, who organized the conference, said the purpose of the event is to bring pluralists and their critics together to test the principles of the method.

The conference is sponsored by a grant from the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities and the UNL departments of English, philosophy, and speech communications, and the College of Arts and Sciences. The journal *Critical Inquiry* is co-sponsoring the event and publishing conference papers.

Hopple named summer editor

The UNL Publications Board announced Tuesday night that Lauri Hopple will be editor-in-chief of the *Daily Nebraskan* for the summer session.

Hopple, a sophomore news-editorial major, is a graduate of Bellevue West High School. Her mother and stepfather, Col. Donald and LuAnn Harris, live in Panama. Her father, Jim Hopple,

is a corporate lawyer in Columbus, Ohio.

A member of Pi Beta Phi sorority, Hopple has worked at the *Daily Nebraskan* for three semesters as a general assignment reporter, police reporter and currently as associate news editor.

She also was sports editor of her high school newspaper, *The West Wind*, and activities section of her high school yearbook.

"The summer paper will be more feature-oriented," Hopple said. "It will look more like a magazine with more in-depth stories and photos."

In the summer session, the *Daily Nebraskan* is published twice a week. Publication begins at pre-session and ends after the second summer session.

Hiring will begin after spring break. To be staff members, students must have taken spring courses or be enrolled in summer or fall sessions.

Nebraskans go south for peace vigil

By John Meissner

Like many others, UNL Spanish instructor Suzy Prenger is heading south during spring break. But instead of relaxing in sun-splashed South Padre Island, Texas, Prenger will journey farther south — to war-torn Nicaragua.

Prenger, also a graduate student in education, and 17 members of the Nebraska Witness for Peace delegation will spend a week distributing medical and school supplies in Leon and Ocotal, two Nicaraguan border towns.

In the process, Prenger said, they hope to provide Nicaraguan citizens with evidence of North American concern.

The trip is part of a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the

Ecumenical Development Agency, a branch of Church World Service. The first goodwill dispatch occurred last year, Prenger said.

"A national Witness for Peace group of 150 people went to the Nicaragua-Honduras border last July," she said. "They conducted prayer vigils and peace vigils and, for a while, the fighting subsided."

Since then, delegations from individual states have taken turns visiting the area.

During the week, Prenger said, the delegation will stay in schools and churches. Private homes also have been offered, she said.

"Here are people who have very little, monetary-wise, offering us their homes," Prenger said. "It's heartening to know they treat us as individuals."

Prenger said she does not deny the possibility of danger, especially in light of recent attacks on Ocotal by CIA-supported counter forces.

"We can't guarantee safety, but we will be as cognizant of risk as we possibly can," she said.

No one from earlier delegations has been hurt, Prenger said, although one group saw a bus traveling in front of them hit a land mine. Prenger called the event "a very sobering experience" and said the Nebraska team will not travel on the same road.

Prenger said an increasing sense of urgency for peaceful negotiations was the group's motivation for making the trip.

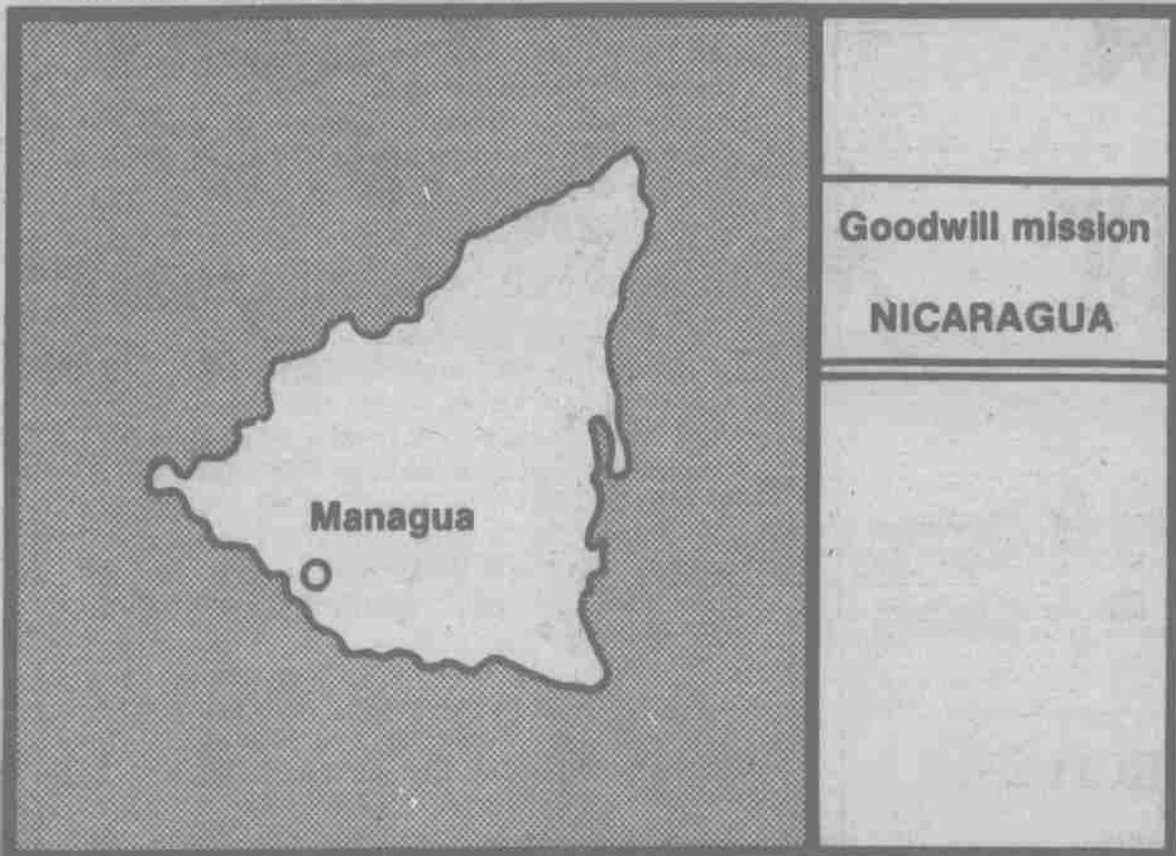
"We would like to see a change in the direction of U.S. policy," Prenger said, "because the two countries have so much in common and present U.S. actions are misdirected."

If the United States doesn't attempt to change policy, its relationship with Nicaragua will further polarize, she said. The Nicaraguan government now has to divert money from educational development and health care to fund the fight against U.S.-backed troops, she said.

Prenger said claims that the United States is protecting Nicaragua from a Communist threat are ill-founded and ironic.

"In the first place, Nicaragua is a sovereign nation and has the right to develop as it desires," Prenger said. "Secondly, if you look at the U.S. government's long history of aligning with petty dictators who encourage unrest, you can see why the alternative becomes attractive."

"I think if the U.S. government left Nicaragua alone, the influence of communism would be very weak," Prenger said.



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