

Urban League chief says basic issues neglected

By Barbara Lutz

The executive director of the National Urban League said Thursday presidential candidates are neglecting the basic issues of the nation.

Vernon Jordan Jr., keynote speaker at the Nebraska Fall Institute of Social Work and Human Services, spoke at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education on East Campus.

Jordan said the candidates have been "infected by the new minimalism, defeatist attitude that counsels appeasement and withdrawal rather than involvement and activism."

The civil rights movement is still intact, he said, but circumstances and issues dictate different methods of action.

The '60s called attention to discrimination, but the '70s is the time to start new programs, he said.

The most important things blacks can do is get a job and register to vote, Jordan said.

"The most important facet of the election, he said, is not who wins, but signs of participation.

"Any number of votes less than 76 per cent of the

registered voters says something about the credibility of government and disillusionment with the system," he said.

Murder

"The war on poverty did not die a natural death," Jordan said. "It was murdered by the same forces that tried to kill democracy in the Watergate adventure."

According to the new minimalism, Jordan said, less government is supposed to be better because of less spending, fewer federal employees, and fewer government regulations.

However, less government means less protection for persons without resources and fewer social programs and public services, he said.

Jordan said the National Urban League is "not going to give up on the programs just because of minimalism."

The league has drawn up two policies to guarantee jobs for anyone capable of working and a national plan replacing the welfare system that would give a minimum income to each family.

Pro-human proposals

"Our proposals are pro-work, pro-human," Jordan said.

"They would increase national productivity, stimulate the economy, end unemployment and lessen poverty. And they would go a long way toward removing the economic causes of racial antagonism."

Jordan said the league is not proposing a spending program, but a program "investing in the productive capacity of our people," that will pay for itself in tax receipts and a brighter future.

Leadership must come from the people themselves, he said, because there is "no Martin Luther King on the horizon."

"It is a mistake for the country to expect a repeat of leadership of the '60s."

Commenting on U.S. leadership in foreign policy, Jordan said the U.S. should no longer treat South Africa "as a ghetto in the neighborhood of nations."

He said he cautions the U.S. about taking sides or intervening in foreign government control.

Jordan said he opposes the withdrawal of American corporations in South Africa because of the loss of jobs it would cause. But, he said he does support a moratorium against future U.S. investments abroad.

California group comes to Lincoln to cheer Huskers

Would you believe, "Nebraska Here We Come"? Californians for Nebraska are coming to Lincoln this weekend for their annual migration to a Husker football game.

The organization of players' relatives, alumni and fans is one of the most active alumni groups outside the state, said Carole Reno, director of alumni relations.

Nearly 200 members of the group arrived Thursday morning. While in Lincoln, they will tour campus with the UNL Redcoats. A cocktail party also will be in the group's honor.

Players' families and Californians for Nebraska officers will have lunch together before the game, Reno said.

Each member of the organization pays for his own trip and makes his own room arrangements, she said.

Besides the trip to the game by chartered plane, the group also meets throughout the year.

Members sponsor scholarships and arrange for a California radio broadcast of Nebraska games, Reno said. She added that the group also are planning to attend the Nebraska-Hawaii football game, Dec. 4.



Photo courtesy of the Alumni Association

Some California Husker fans returned Thursday for their annual migration to a football game. This picture was taken of the same group several years ago.

UNO court dismisses Shover's trial; questions impeaching senators' status

The impeachment trial of Steven Shovers, University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Student Government Association president and student regent, was thrown out of the UNO Student Court Thursday on a technicality.

Two articles of impeachment had been brought against Shovers after a vote Sept. 30 by the UNO Student Government.

Both articles charged Shovers with malfeasance in office. Article one charged him with opening an administrative office file in the Secondary Education Dept. Article two charged him with making two student appointments without Senate approval to a committee appointed by UNO Chancellor Ronald Roskens.

According to Student Government speaker Nancy Norenberg, Shovers' case was thrown out because of "doubling up" during the senate vote on the impeachment articles.

She said about five senators had questionable status with the senate during the vote. The UNO constitution states that any senator with three or more absences shall be removed from the senate by a senate vote, and then must be notified of his or her removal.

The five senators in question had been notified, but no vote was taken in the senate, Norenberg said. In a couple

of cases, she said, new senators had been appointed, so it was possible both senators may have voted.

"No one knew about the voting thing in the constitution", she said, referring to the vote to remove senators, but added that the situation had been cleared up.

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