

# University Students Aid Voter Registration Drive

**EDITORS NOTE:** The following article was written by a student participating in a voter registration drive conducted in Charlottesville, Va.

By Marvin McNeel

Wanted: 527 voters who would agree to pay \$4.99 for the privilege of voting in the state and local elections of Virginia.

During the recent spring vacation, nine students and their advisor from the University were confronted with the job of finding and persuading 527 citizens of Charlottesville, Va., to pay the Virginia capitation tax (state poll tax) and vote in the Virginia elections upcoming in July and November.

All the 527 had voted in the Federal elections of 1964, and one purpose of the voter registration and education drive was to convince the 527 that they should pay the capitation tax and vote in the state elections, as the direct way to improve their own conditions.

The University group included Bob Bogott, Mrs. Jan Funk, Tony Bryan, Peggy Trumble, Collins Foxall, Gale Muller, Sharon Mundell, JoEllen Williams, Marvin McNeel and Betty Gabehart from the University YWCA.

Besides contacting around 1200 Federal only or non-registered voters during the week, several members of the group said they thought the other major achievement was the arousal of concern and that hopefully such aroused concern would continue to be influential upon their return to the campus.

Conducted in conjunction with the Charlottesville chapter of the NAACP, the voter registration and education drive also had participating students or faculty members from New Rochelle College, in New York state, University of Illinois, St. Augustine's College

in Raleigh, N.C. and the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, plus three high school students from Charlottesville.

At an end-of-week critique for the 18 member group, local leaders for the drive listed two other tangible accomplishments which they felt the drive had achieved beyond the actual registration.

They noted that the group had worked as Negro-white teams door-to-door and demonstrated to the entire Charlottesville community (many of whom had not seen mixed groups in Charlottesville before) that the two groups could work constructively together.

The group had also encouraged members of the local Negro community to continue their voter registration efforts and reassure the Negro community at large that others were concerned with the problems of civil rights and discrimination.

A prominent fact of life in Virginia which is lacking in Nebraska is the historical orientation of the people. The people generally seem to have an unhealthy reverence for the "Golden Age" of Ante-Bellum 19th century Virginia and the traditions of Mr. Jefferson, whose home, Monticello, is located just outside Charlottesville.

Further indications of the "historical blinders" of the Virginians may be noted after a visit to Farmville, county seat of Prince Edward County, which the Nebraska group visited mid-way during the week.

As the Rev. L. Francis Griffin, one of the local leaders for equal rights pointed out, people in the aristocratic south side of Virginia have never really believed in public education dating back to pre-Revolutionary war times.

Thus integration attempts in the early 1950's provided a legitimate excuse to close the public schools of Prince Edward County and they remained closed until 1964, because the county board of supervisors refused to levy taxes to support them.

During the four year period schools were closed, "private" schools were set up for white children, and the state of Virginia provided tuition grants to white parents so the children could be enrolled. The private schools are still operating.

No public schools meant that many Negroes, who did not have relatives in other areas or the money to go away to school, had no education at all.

Tests conducted recently by a University of Michigan professor for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) showed

that the IQ's of some students had been damaged from one to 30 points, as a result of having no school. Three of the students tested had IQ's in excess of 150.

Since children who have missed four years of public school need an immediate total remedial program, the American Friends Service Committee and other agencies will operate such a program in Prince Edward County this summer.

An example of the problems which the program will attempt to help correct are eighth and ninth graders, with average ages of 17 and 18, who are able to read only at the third grade level.

The principal of one of the schools of the county estimated that seventy-five per cent of such students will drop out of school, since the Virginia compulsory education law was repealed in 1959 to allow the counties to quit supporting public education.

University of Nebraska students who would like to work in the summer remedial program, which will concentrate on improving reading skills, are urged to apply.

A technique developed by Dr. Myron Woolman, of the Institute of Educational Research in Washington, D.C. will be used. One teacher will spend six hours a day with no more than ten students for five days a week.

University students should apply to Mrs. Pat Knight, Virginia Council of Human Relations, 17 East Corey Street, Richmond, Va. The YWCA office at the Nebraska Union will also have information.

All living expenses during the summer project will be covered by the local sponsoring organization.

## Lutheran Convention Honors Rev. Petersen

Rev. Alvin Petersen of the University Lutheran Student Foundation, has received the annual award of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church for "having done the most for Christian higher education within the Central District during the year."

Rev. Petersen has served at the University since 1946 and was cited for being one of the pioneers of the Lutheran campus ministry councils.

Mrs. Petersen was also cited for her activities including alumni contact and discussion groups.

The award presented before some 400 Lutherans attending the fifth annual convention here, preceded a report by four University students and the Rev. Mr. Petersen about the work and activity in higher education by the church during the past year.

## Campus Calendar

### TODAY

**E-WEEK CONVOCATION**, 10:30 a.m., Auditorium, Nebraska Union.

**SEMINARY, ELKHORN, NEBR.**, 11:30 a.m., Pan American room, Nebraska Union.

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**, noon, Pawnee room, Nebraska Union.

**OAKLAND, NEBR., SCHOOL**, 12:30 p.m., 240 Nebraska Union.

**Y.W.C.A. INTERVIEWS**, 2:30 p.m., 332 Nebraska Union.

**STUDENT COUNCIL — MASTER'S COMMITTEE**, 3 p.m., 232 Nebraska Union.

**SIGMA ALPHA IOTA**, 4 p.m., 334 Nebraska Union.

**NEBRASKA UNION BOARD**, 4 p.m., 241 Nebraska Union.

**S.N.C.C. — GULFPORT PROJECT**, 4:30 p.m., 235 Nebraska Union.

**J.U.D.O.**, 7 p.m., Conference rooms, Nebraska Union.

**PALLADIAN LITERARY SOCIETY**, 7:30 p.m., 332 Nebraska Union.

**N.I.A.**, 7:30 p.m., Pawnee room, Nebraska Union.

**MOVIE — "NORTH BY NORTHWEST"**, 7 p.m., Auditorium Nebraska Union.

## Debate

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platform by saying that his projects were not "a lot of wild ideas" as someone had suggested early in the debate. He said he had discussed them with professors and found them to be important projects that need to be put into operation.

Poppert ended by saying that Neumeister had brought ideas merely for ideas and that he made no mention of the by laws or other things that will be important in first making the new government work.

Besides the two presidential candidates, the three vice presidential candidates, Andy Taube, Rich Meier and Larry Frolick, also debated.

Due to an extreme space problem, the opinions, comments and questions concerning the vice presidential candidates' part of the debate will be in Monday's Daily Nebraskan.

# Weekend 'High' Spot To Light Staging Of Annual Bitter Battle

### TODAY

**DAILY NEBRASKAN ALL STARS — CORNHUSKER CLUBFEET** football game, 5, Pioneer Park. Game to be followed by Rag Victory party in mystery spot.

**DELTA DELTA DELTA** Formal, 5:30 midnight, East Hills, Omaha.

**DELTA SIGMA PHI** Street Dance, 8-midnight, S street in front of Union.

**ENGINEER'S EXECUTIVE BOARD** E-Week Banquet 7-midnight, Lincoln Hotel.

**KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA, PI BETA PHI, KAPPA ALPHA THETA** Triad, 9-midnight, Pla-Mor.

**PENN HOUSE (CATHER)**

Hayrack Ride, 8-midnight, Denton.

### TOMORROW

**ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA** Parking lot dance, 7:30-midnight.

**DELTA UPSILON** Weekend party, May 1 & 2, house, Pioneers, and Town & Country.

**INTER-CO-OP COUNCIL** Picnic, 2 p.m.-11 p.m., Antelope Park.

**KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA** Date dinner, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

**SIGMA ALPHA MU** house Party, 9-midnight.

**SIGMA KAPPA** Subway party, 9-midnight.

**SIGMA PHI EPSILON** Sweetheart Formal, 6:30-11:30, Knolls.

**THOREAU HOUSE (CATHER)** Hayrack ride, 8-midnight, Denton.

### SUNDAY

**ALPHA CHI OMEGA** Date dinner, 5:30-7:30, Dr. C. B. Schultz home.

**ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA** Date dinner, 5:30-7:30.



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### DANCE

FIRST STREET DANCE—Friday April 30. 8' Street—North of Union. 8:00-11:00—featuring the Jags—Kappa Delta, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Gamma, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Delta Pi, Zeta Tau Alpha. In case of rain will be held in Union Ballroom.

### ELECTIONS

Any organization desiring Rich Meier Vice-Presidential candidate, to speak should call 432-6435 or leave a message at Cather Hall switch board.



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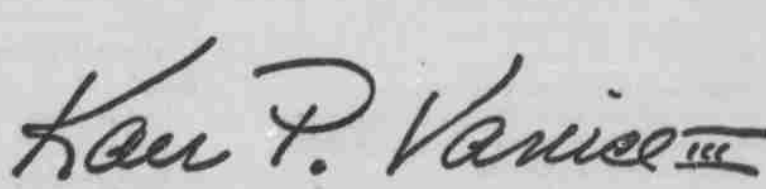
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