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Candidates Near End Of Primary Campaign

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The end of a long, dusty state primary campaign trail comes May 10 when political party faithfuls go to the polls to select party candidates for local, state and national offices.



CONSCIENTIOUS CITIZENS . . . file applications for absentee ballots for the May 10 primary election with the Lancaster County election commissioner. University students who are eligible to vote are urged to do the same.

Ross Pledges Support Of Rights Clarification

The ASUN has been assured of the support of G. Robert Ross, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, in attempting to clarify the students' responsibility to this University and the University's responsibility to the students.

"I will help in every way I know how," said Ross Tuesday.

ASUN president-elect Terry Schaeaf had outlined in his campaign a three-step process of defining and clarifying the University code and stating students' rights.

The process included finding out from Administration exactly what the rights and responsibilities were at present, discussing the points on the Senate floor and finally submitting to Administration objections and recommendations.

"The process seems quite reasonable," Ross noted. "These areas (rights and responsibilities) have been talked about for some time and will, no doubt, be talked about more."

He said that since discussion is already carried on by students, faculty and administrators separately, "it would be good to discuss them together."

"In procedural issues like this the three groups should draw together and not try to decide them in isolation," he added.

Ross continued, "Students as well as faculty and staff should feel free to discuss, evaluate and modify if they can offer improvements to procedures which concern them."

The timing of such a project, he said, is "related to the scope and detail involved. Ten items go through quicker than 30 and it also depends on where the involvement centers."

"As an underlying philosophy of the University," he added, "anyone materially affected should get involved with a discussion of the merits and ramifications" of procedures.

The question, Ross interjected, is who has the final say.

"The strength of a statement," he stressed, "depends on the number of organized bodies willing to endorse it."

Whether ASUN objections over a specific item would be considered important, he said, would also be related to the point.

When asked about the pro-

Registered Republicans and Democrats across the state will be voting for candidates for the U.S. Senate, governor, lieutenant governor, Congress, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer and attorney general. Voters will also be choosing dele-

gates to county party conventions and candidates for county offices.

Importance of the primary election is often underestimated, according to Bob Hawes, vice president of the campus Young Democrats. Hawes said in an interview,

that election returns "have shown that voters don't take full advantage" of primary elections. The primary election, he said, is the time when party members "have the chance to choose" who party leaders will be.

Importance Not Realized
"I don't think students realize the importance of the state primary," Cathie Shattuck, Young Republican president said. The primary, she stressed, "is when you really get to pick and choose your candidates and your party leadership." Delegates to the Republican county conventions, Miss Shattuck said, are those who choose delegates to the state convention which lays down the party platform and becomes the official mouthpiece of the party in the state.

According to the office of the registrar, there are 5,000 to 6,000 eligible Nebraska voters enrolled as full-time students at the University. The spokesman said the figure would be "a conservative estimate."

Miss Shattuck emphasized that the importance of University students as a voting bloc cannot be underestimated.

"You'll notice the candidates are more than willing to speak at the University," she said.

Student Closer

"The student voter is perhaps more likely to be closer to the problems of his state than older people because he is not hampered with a full-time job or other duties," Miss Shattuck said. "Politicians will turn to students for ideas; they have a fresh approach. People in government are always interested in what students have to say," Miss Shattuck commented.

The major races in this primary election include U.S. senator, governor, lieutenant governor and all three congressional seats.

Ten Democrats and 18 Republicans are candidates for their party's nominations in

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vision in the Campus Handbook which can be interpreted to say that off-campus students over 21 could not serve or consume alcoholic beverages in their homes, he replied. "The rule says no, but in practice it is never practiced."

The University does not get involved unless some problem arises," he continued. "If

an incident involving University students arises out of drinking, the incident is the initial factor and the drinking is only incidental."

Concerning the University stand on drinking, Ross added, "When of age it is one's own decision. We can only hope one is mature. We do not either encourage or discourage drinking if one is of

age."

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Jordan: 'God May Die Twice In Nearly Everyone's Life'

By Randy Irey
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"God as we know him, died at least once, but he is alive again and we can know him through knowing Jesus Christ."

This was the opinion expressed by Pat Jordan Monday afternoon. Jordan spoke in the Nebraska Union ballroom, on "How Many Times Did God Die?"

Jordan is a graduate of San Diego State College and is also a graduate of theological school. He is presently working with the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

Jordan explained some of the reasons why people justify the fact that God is dead. "Some people say that God refers to nothing tangible, and since nothing is meaningless, God is dead."

"Others say that since scientists can explain everything, there is no use in using a God to explain things."

Aithizer's Theory

One of the leading exponents of the "God is Dead" theory is Thomas Aithizer.

"Aithizer says that Jesus was God in the flesh," explained Jordan. "And since Jesus died, historically, God died. Aithizer also says that people of the Old Testament experienced God but, since he (Aithizer) hasn't experienced God, God is dead."

Jordan said that one of the greatest problems in finding God is the problem of Him revealing Himself to humans. "God made the universe, but He is not in it. Therefore by studying the universe, you aren't going to learn about God."

According to Jordan, God sometimes dies twice in everyone's lives. Our personal concept of him must die.

"Faith alone can't carry man through. Faith is only as

valid as the object. Faith doesn't create truth. This means, in other words, that wishing doesn't bring something about."

Lack Of Faith

"But, on the other hand, lack of faith doesn't destroy truth. Sincerity in faith is not enough; it can be invalid if it isn't directed towards truth."

Jordan said that there were three factors on which faith is built. They are knowledge, ascent of knowledge, and commitment.

"The second time that God died," explained Jordan, "is when God came to man in Christ. God became human. He focused himself into mankind. It is believed that Christ lived a perfect life; He claimed to be sinless."

"Therefore, only things free from sin can have a relationship with God. Man can't enter into his relationship because he is not a holy, righteous individual."

Heinous Sin

Jordan said that the most heinous sin that man can commit is not to love God with one's whole being. Thanklessness is another sin.

"Jesus Christ is acceptable to God. Christ voluntarily died as a substitute for other people. His death separated Him from God. He took our place as being one separated from God."

"But, Jesus rose from the dead," emphasized Jordan. "He was too big for death to hold. He lives now to be our guide and helper."

In order to know God, we have to recognize that we need Him. We have to realize that we need Him. And we have to say to ourselves 'If I were God, I wouldn't have anything to do with me.'"

Jordan stated that believing in God doesn't make a Christian. Rather, the individual must make a personal commitment to have Him take one's life over in order to become a Christian.

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Lack Of Faith

In the second part of the article, Jordan discusses the lack of faith in God and how it affects one's life.

Jordan states that the lack of faith in God leads to a lack of personal commitment to one's beliefs.

He cited two main reasons for the lack of faith:

1. Disagreements between different religious groups.

2. Personal experiences with God.

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