

# Schrekinger To Offer Vote Age Amendment

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A proposal favoring lowering the voting age to 18 in Nebraska will be presented Dec. 12 to the Nebraska Council on Children and Youth (NCCY).

John Schrekinger, University student, heads the NCCY study committee that will present the proposal for NCCY approval and support. The proposal is the result of a four-month study by the Committee of Minimum Voting Age.

Schrekinger will also present a form for a bill that was written up for the committee by the State Attorney General's Office. According to the bill, Article 6, Section

1 of the Constitution of Nebraska would be changed to allow 18, 19 and 20-year-olds in the state, who have met the other voting requirements, to become electors.

The bill, if formally drafted and approved by the Legislature, would then place the issue on the ballot in November of 1968, in the form of a constitutional amendment.

Schrekinger and his group have been in touch with both national and state officials concerning the lowering of the voting age. Organizations within the state have also been canvassed for support.

Governor-elect Norbert T. Tiemann went on record during his recent campaign as favoring a lowering of the

voting age in Nebraska. He stated that he would take steps to implement such a measure, because of the number of youths bearing arms at this age without the right to vote and because of the "high intellectual level" of youth today.

Nebraska delegate of the U.S. House of Representatives, from the Second Congressional District, Glenn Cunningham, has also stated his views that suffrage should be extended to 18-year-olds.

A recent poll of political figures across the nation concerning lowering the voting age was conducted by Moderator magazine. The results printed in the November issue showed that the great majority of officials responding, favored the proposal.

The poll also showed that not one running for national office since World War II has not endorsed an expansion of suffrage. This includes: President Lyndon B. Johnson, Sen. Barry Goldwater, late President John F. Kennedy, former vice president Richard Nixon, former President Dwight Eisenhower, late United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, former President Harry S. Truman, former New York Gov. Thomas Dewey and late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The Moderator poll of the U.S. House of Representatives found that 125 Congressmen are in favor of the 18-year-old vote, twelve Congressmen opposed, thirteen undecided — the rest not responding.

Forty-one U.S. Senators are in favor of the proposal, six are opposed, five are undecided — the rest not responding.

A national Gallup Poll taken in August 1965 asked, "Do you think that persons 18, 19 and 20 years old should be permitted to vote or not?"

The response showed that 57 per cent of adults polled said "yes" and 39 per cent said "no". Four per cent were undecided.

If the NCCY decides to support Schrekinger committee's position to lower the voting age, the NCCY would introduce a bill in the next session of the Legislature and call for support from political figures, and people of the state, according to Schrekinger.



DELEGATES . . . attending the Big Eight Student Government Association at the University were: (left to right) Bill Bird, Oklahoma State; Jim Geringer, Kansas State; Bill Thompson, Missouri; Terry Schaff, Nebraska; Jerry Dean, Kansas; Neil Stadlman, Iowa State; Chips Barlow, Colorado; Paul Peterson, Oklahoma.

# SEAN Fall Meeting Critical Of Courses

A little fresh air needs to blow into the teachers college curriculums across the state, according to delegates from 17 Nebraska colleges who met in Lincoln Saturday.

The delegates, attending the fall meeting of the Student Education Association of Nebraska (SEAN), informally agreed that the curriculums offered education majors are outdated in some aspects, pile "busy work" on students, lack flexibility and do not offer enough practical experience for the future teachers.

The students' criticism was directed most heavily at the lack of good practical experience offered as part of their educational process.

Many of the delegates said they have no opportunity even for classroom observation until they are well along in their course work. Most stated that their colleges delay the student teaching, the first real contact with the teaching experience, until the senior year when it may be too late to discover one is not suited for teaching.

Thirty-five University SEAN members were

among the 200 who attended the convention at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Susie Diefenderfer, University NSEA president, led the University delegation.

Carol Potter, state secretary and a University delegate, agreed that there is a lack of practical experience offered University education majors.

Miss Potter said most University education majors do not become involved with the educational environment they will be working in until they do their student teaching in their senior year. Even then, the experience lasts only one semester.

The convention delegates cite a system of teacher aids through which education students could assist teachers in directing extracurricular activities or in-the-classroom situation as one possible step toward better preparedness for teachers.

The delegates also noted that teaching experience in schools of different socioeconomic levels would be helpful to them in their future careers.

A teacher aid system at the University "is what we hope for," Miss Potter said.

Featured speaker at the convention was Walter Beggs, Dean of the University Teachers College.

Beggs told the delegates that education is the most powerfully stimulating area in a confused culture. He said teacher education must include "abundant and relevant lab experience" and that "classroom lectures are not enough."

Most of the convention delegates echoed the words of Wayne State SEA President Nancy Dohse, who said the main job of the Wayne delegation would be to "carry home the news," Miss Dohse said, "I think one of the first things we're going to do is go to see our administration."

"We're trying to get the students out of the classroom, get education courses more geared to reality than they are," Miss Potter said.

Miss Potter said Beggs has been working with the University SEA (UNSEA) to get curriculum changes but added, "We're the ones who have to present the demands first."

# State Senators To Visit: Budget To Be Discussed

Letting the state senators know the impact of an inadequate budget on the University is one of the most valuable things University students can accomplish when talking to state senators, according to Curt Bromm, chairman of the ASUN Legislative Liaison committee.

When the senators visit the living units, as they will be doing in the next few months, he continued, students should feel free to "discuss the problems, their feelings and complaints" concerning the University.

Bromm and co-chairman Marv Almy explained that

they hoped to accommodate every senator who wished to come visit the University. Their committee has sent invitations to the senators and have received "a generally favorable response."

The first two senators to participate in the program, Mrs. Calista Cooper Hughes and Terry Carpenter, spoke at campus living units Monday.

Almy suggested that the students "simply be themselves and talk with the senators."

He added that they should also try to "look into the total picture facing the senators" including the problem of taxes.

"We must be interested in what they are doing aside from having them interested in us," Bromm agreed.

He explained that all campus living units have been contacted about having a state senator for dinner and that "all the sororities, fraternities and dormitories said they wanted them."

The living units will be contacted on an individual basis as to when a senator would be available to attend, he added.

Aside from bringing the senators to campus, Bromm continued, the committee plans to reach the people in the state itself through the communications media and student speaking engagements.

"We have contacted 44 radio stations throughout the state and have cut tapes concerning the University budget and problems," he said.

Civic and service groups in the state will hear some of the 30 University students who are planning on canvassing the state on behalf of the budget request, he added.

The speaking engagements begin Dec. 8 at the Lincoln Lion's Club. From there the group plans to speak in Omaha and Lincoln until Christmas vacation and move "out-state after the first of the year."

Bromm said that the speakers will attempt to explain the budget and express student views of what we think the budget can do for the University and what the University does for the state.

# Universities May Offer Birth Pills

A Collegiate Press Service study released Tuesday reported that out of 315 college health services polled 55 per cent do not prescribe contraceptive pills.

According to Dr. Samuel Fuenning, director of the University Student Health Center, any person can obtain birth control pills at the Center's pharmacy, with a doctor's prescription.

Whether or not the doctors on Health's staff will prescribe birth control pills to unmarried women students is a matter left to the prerogative of the doctor involved.

Fuenning said that Student Health "makes no distinction between birth control pills and any other type of drug."

The study, released by Dr. Ralph M. Buttermore, president of the Pacific Coast College Health Association, reported that 26 per cent of the health services surveyed will prescribe only to married women students. Only 4 per cent will prescribe for single, unmarried, women.

Fuenning criticized the poll as "vague. I'd want to know more about how the poll was taken, what schools were involved, and how they ran their services."

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# SGA Acclaims Rights Bill, Cite ASUN As 'Outstanding'

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Praise for the Nebraska student Bill of Rights was expressed by most of the presidents of the Big Eight Student governments attending the Big Eight Student Government Association convention Friday and Saturday.

The ASUN is "one of the outstanding student governments in the Big Eight," according to Chips Barlow, vice-president of the Associated Students of the University of Colorado.

Paul Peterson, of the University of Oklahoma, said he agreed with Nebraska's Bill of Rights since it seemed to be necessary. He praised the leaders of the ASUN, especially Cheryl Adams, the Big Eight Student Government Coordinator who "did the best job anybody has done."

The University of Missouri is also working on a student Bill of Rights, according to Missouri Student Association president Bill Thompson.

He said that Nebraska and Missouri have basically the same policies and programs although the structures of the two governments are different.

Jim Geringer, president of Kansas State University Student Government Association, said KSU is considering a Student Bill of Rights similar to Nebraska's. He added that ASUN is "doing a very good job of making student government meaningful."

Opinions as to the organization and the functioning of the convention varied.

Bob Bird of the Oklahoma State Student Association said this convention laid the basis for improving the organization but that the convention itself was disorganized.

Peterson disagreed and said he thought the convention was extremely good. He praised the work of Bill Hansmire, the convention's chairman and termed Hansmire himself "tremendous". He added that he found the pres-

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