

Election redistricting . . . Disagreement develops among student senators

by John Dvorak
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Student senators disagree concerning the method of electing student representatives.

A committee appointed by ASUN President Dick Schulze last semester is studying various methods of electing senators. The committee is expected to report to the senate in March.

The senators currently appear to be divided into three groups of opinion:

—Senators who favor district representation. Under this plan, campus living units would be apportioned into sections with 450-500 students per district. Each district would elect one senator.

—Senators who either want to modify the present system of electing representatives through colleges or leave the present plan unchanged.

—Senators who are undecided or are against both district and college representation. Senators in the latter category did not indicate a possible alternative.

"Election of senators from living units would get students more acquainted with their representatives," said Andy Rasmussen.

Not closely represented

Susie Phelps reports that some students feel they are not being represented closely enough. The district system has definite possibilities, she feels.

"It's difficult to represent my constituents under the present system. I favor some form of the Missouri Plan,"

said Albert Feiber. At the University of Missouri, districts are set up by living units.

Instigation of district representation has been shrouded by the possibilities of a Greek-Independent split over the issue.

"Certain groups would have unequal representation under a district plan," Mike Jess said. "Everyone knows there are more Independent students than Greek students."

Voting in blocks

Under house by house representation Greek and Independent students would be in separate voting blocks according to Roger Lott.

The present system of electing senators is all right, according to Kathy Kuester. "Regardless of the system, you're not going to reach all students," she said. "You will always be able to reach the students who are really interested."

Academic areas, not living units, are the most important competing interests, according to Bob Weaver.

Possible alterations

Various senators, who want to keep the present system, recommended the alterations to correct some of the flaws in college representation:

—Senators should be required to report back to houses and dormitories.

—Senators should set up office hours when they would be available to talk to students.

—Students themselves

should take the initiative in improving senator-constituent relationships.

Lack of interest

A majority of students show little interest in senate proceedings, several senators charged. This is the major problem and cannot be blamed on the system of representation they said.

Students could care less about what goes on in the Senate, stated Tom Greer.

Many students say that the system is not reaching them, according to Mark Schreiber. But many times the students are not reaching the system, he said.

Students who feel their interests are not being represented must "take the initiative" and get the attention of their representative, according to Weaver.

Different plans

Several of the senators are hoping the Redistricting Committee will propose a different plan altogether.

"I favor a system half way between district and college representation—a happy medium," said Loren Schulze.

Following the Redistricting Committee's report, most senators expect that a number of proposed changes in election procedures will be introduced in the Senate.

The general feeling in the Senate is that something should be done. It appears that if any action is taken, it will probably be something towards a living unit type of representation.



This adornment on the wall of the Nebraska Union was contributed by a University student at the paint-in last week.

World Affairs program plan

The World Affairs Conference committee is currently formulating a definite program schedule for the Mar. 14 and 15 conference, according to Ron Alexander, committee chairman.

The committee has been contacting faculty members for help in scheduling student group discussions with conference speakers. Alexander emphasized the importance of faculty help in planning student participation in the conference.

Although the group discussion periods are still tentative, the committee has planned a definite schedule for conference speakers.

The conference's opening topic will be presented by

Nevitt Sanford, member of the Stanford Institute for Human Problems. He will speak on "Changes and Reform in Education" at 11:30 in the Coliseum.

Paul Miller, Under Secretary of Education will speak on "The Role of Federal Government in Higher Education" March 15.

Urbanization problems will be the afternoon's general topic. U.S. Senator Abraham

Ribocoff, former secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will discuss the role of federal government in urbanization.

The Detroit riots will be used as a case study for Representative John Coyer's speech on the crisis in the cities at the 3 p.m. program.

A panel discussion including the day's speakers joined Mayor A. V. Sorensen of Omaha will conclude the conference.

Final vote of Senate to decide P/F issue

Final voting on the pass-fail grading resolution will be conducted in Wednesday's Student Senate meeting. Gene Pokorny, first vice-president of ASUN, said Tuesday.

The Senate will also consider a resolution to make next week Peace Corps Week. The Peace Corps will be at the

University recruiting volunteers throughout next week.

A resolution which transfers authority of the Model United Nations from ASUN to the Nebraska Union will be considered. If the resolution is passed, the Model UN will become a permanent part of the University.

Opinions vary on place of IDA in NU politics

by Mark Gordon
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Inter-Dormitory Association (IDA) leaders contend the lack of opposition for the organization's top two offices does not necessarily indicate that dorm residents consider IDA weak or incompetent.

Problems in the timing of executive election and student assistant interviews have brought about no contest elections for both of the Inter-Dormitory Association's (IDA) top two offices, they said.

The IDA officials said they did not feel that the unopposed presidential and vice-presidential candidates indicate a lack of faith in the IDA's ability to deal with residence hall problems.

Brian Ridenour, current IDA president, said financial necessity has caused many capable candidates to forego campaigning for IDA positions and apply for student assistant positions in the dormitories.

Compensation

Full student assistants receive room and board compensation while IDA officers receive no financial remuneration.

Ridenour said open house problems have preoccupied the majority of the IDA's business since September and has caused a shortage of accomplishments in social and education fields. "But," he added, "the IDA is not a weak organization."

Ridenour called Grace Bailey, the lone IDA presidential candidate and Mike Eyster, the only vice-presidential executive elections, likely successors to the top positions.

Individual dorms

Ridenour said another possibility for the lack of opposition candidates revolves around certain persons spending more time with their individual dormitories rather than the Association as a whole.

Dave Shonka, IDA vice-president, cited apathy and lack of progress in the open house issue as key factors in the uncontested elections.

"But in the area of accomplishment and effectiveness I would say IDA is as efficient, if not more so, than any organization on this campus, including ASUN," he said.

Shonka called the IDA executive positions in the upcoming months "political battles as neither the students nor the administration are satis-

fied with the current open house policy."

Lack of interest

While the elections have not been harmed by a lack of interest, the IDA constitution prohibits many qualified candidates from running. Bailey said.

He referred to an IDA constitutional provision prohibiting student assistants from holding either of the IDA's two executive positions.

"IDA can't go any place until we set down the objectives of IDA. And what's the use of getting involved with IDA until it has goals," Bailey questioned.

Length of term

Richard Page, Abel-Sandor IDA member, said the IDA election date permitting candidates to serve one year terms beginning in the middle of the academic year, eliminate qualified persons who desire to join other activities next September.

"There is a problem that some persons aren't taking the organization seriously enough, but I don't think it's weak," he said.

In direct contrast with most IDA officers, was Tom Briggs, who resigned his chairmanship of the IDA administration coordinating committee last week.

"The students have given up on IDA because it's not serving their interests," he said.

Image projection

He said the group is not established yet and has not had a strong president who can

project his image and personality across the campus.



photo by Dan Ladeby

Dave Shonka, IDA vice-president states that, "IDA is as efficient, if not more so than any other organization."

Spring term enrollment record set

Second semester enrollment at the University has reached a new spring term record totalling 17,191 students.

This marks the ninth straight spring term that University enrollments have increased and represents a gain of 9,222 since the spring of 1960. Spring enrollment in 1967 was 15,856.

The College of Medicine campus in Omaha has 623 students with the remainder on the Lincoln campuses. There are 11,269 men and 5,922 women enrolled.

The enrollment breakdown by components: agriculture, 1,140; business administration, 1,722; engineering and architecture, 1,890; home economics, 693; arts and sciences, 3,695.

Teachers, 3,617; students-at-large, 143; dentistry, 197; law, 282; pharmacy, 220; graduate, 2,011; teachers/advanced professional, 607; medicine and nursing, 502; junior division undeclared, 442.

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McCarthyites plan policies for primary

The University Students For McCarthy (SFM) will decide the formal policy that it will adopt in preparation for the Nebraska primary at a meeting Thursday night, according to Jennifer Marshall, president of the group.

She said that the duties of SFM before the primary will center mainly on doing the "leg-running" for the Nebraska For McCarthy when their Lincoln office is opened in the near future.

Miss Marshall's statement came after a pep talk delivered by Mark Acuff, executive director of the Nebraska For McCarthy campaign, at a Nebraska Concerned Democrat meeting last Thursday night.

Not "low key" campaign

Acuff, who had just returned from Washington where he was appointed by McCarthy to head the campaign in Nebraska, said he talked to political correspondents and newsmen about what many term a "low key" campaign regarding McCarthy's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"They seem to agree that the campaign is not low key at all, especially after observing the response we have received in New Hampshire," he said.

He added that the McCarthy campaign is attracting a lot of political novices around the nation who are not normally active in politics.

McCarthy to appear here?

Most of these people come from the academic world and from universities, and feel something is very wrong in their country today. Acuff said.

McCarthy will probably

make his first appearance in Nebraska on Feb. 22, but the date has not yet been confirmed, according to Acuff.

Miss Marshall said Monday that SFM plans to set up a booth in the Union and try to get McCarthy to appear on the campus when he comes as part of that organization's campaign effort.

She indicated that SFM groups from Missouri and Iowa have expressed interest in working with the University chapter here in preparation for the primary.

Good response predicted

"I think we will have very good response from the students on this campus. They have shown interest already and will continue to do so especially because of their concern about the war in Vietnam," she said.

Union flight: destination is Europe

The Union Trips and Tours Committee is sponsoring a European flight June 12 to August 26, according to chairman Kris Swanson.

The trip, which is two weeks longer than last year's, will cost \$405. A Pan-American jet will fly travelers round trip to Europe.

The trip is open to all students, faculty and staff of the University. Miss Swanson said. A meeting for all interested persons will be held Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. A representative from Pan-American Airlines will be on hand to answer any questions.

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