

NU now boasts first draft counselor

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The University may not have everything, but it now has its first draft counselor.

He is philosophy Prof. Charles G. Marxer, a lean and youthful-looking professor with a neatly-trimmed beard, who has been counselling students for about three weeks on ways to avoid the draft.

"Strictly speaking, I am a draft resister, although I have never refused induction," said the bespectacled counselor.

He added that he sent a letter some time ago to the Selective Service. The letter said in effect that he had "disposed" of his draft card, that he would refuse any and all cooperation with the Selective Service system in the future and that he would make plans to coun-

sel those interested in avoiding the draft.

Marxer said that his basic motive for taking such action arose from his opposition to the war in Vietnam. He added that he is a self-made counselor with no formal or legal qualifications.

"I haven't heard anything from the Selective Service since I sent the letter," he said, "but I could be re-classified for being delinquent if they asked me to fill out some forms or something and I refused."

Marxer currently has a 3-A classification which defers him because of his dependents. He has never served in the armed forces nor has he ever been classified I-A.

The draft counselor said that the questions most students ask him concern the draft laws, for instance what physical standards are estab-

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lished for a 4-F classification or the meaning of the recent draft policy to affect graduate students this fall.

"I have talked to several people who were thinking along the lines of escaping to Canada. I can give them the name of a Canadian group who can help them as well as information about immigration rules.

"But I advise them to think it

over carefully before they make their decisions because it (escaping to Canada) involves renouncing American citizenship," he said.

He added that there are also legal complications involved in such a move in that a person can be prosecuted if he is ever caught in the U.S. after violating a Selective Service law.

Marxer said that he has talked

to 12 or 15 students in the last three weeks adding that he did not know of anyone making a decision on the basis of what information and counselling he had given them.

"I haven't had any feedback in that sense. These students are probably waiting until their present deferments run out. Most of them figure that now is just a good time to start thinking about it," he said.

A 1963 graduate of Rockhurst College, in Kansas City, who received his Master of Philosophy degree from the University of Toronto in November, Marxer said that he is only a visiting professor and will not be here next year.

He said that his ambitions as a draft counselor may have some weight in his decision about where to teach next. He added that "a

lot depends on how much heat I get from the government."

SDS has asked him to be their official advisor, according to Marxer. He said that he will make such an affiliation official if he can qualify with the permission of the administration.

Until then, he said he is working with a group of students toward establishing a draft resistance union at the University. He dispelled questions regarding student interest in such a union, saying that as deferments decrease, market interest grows in Selective Service laws and induction into the military service.

"Every senior and every graduate student faces reclassification this year and most of those boys face induction," he said. "You might be surprised at the interest that will be shown."



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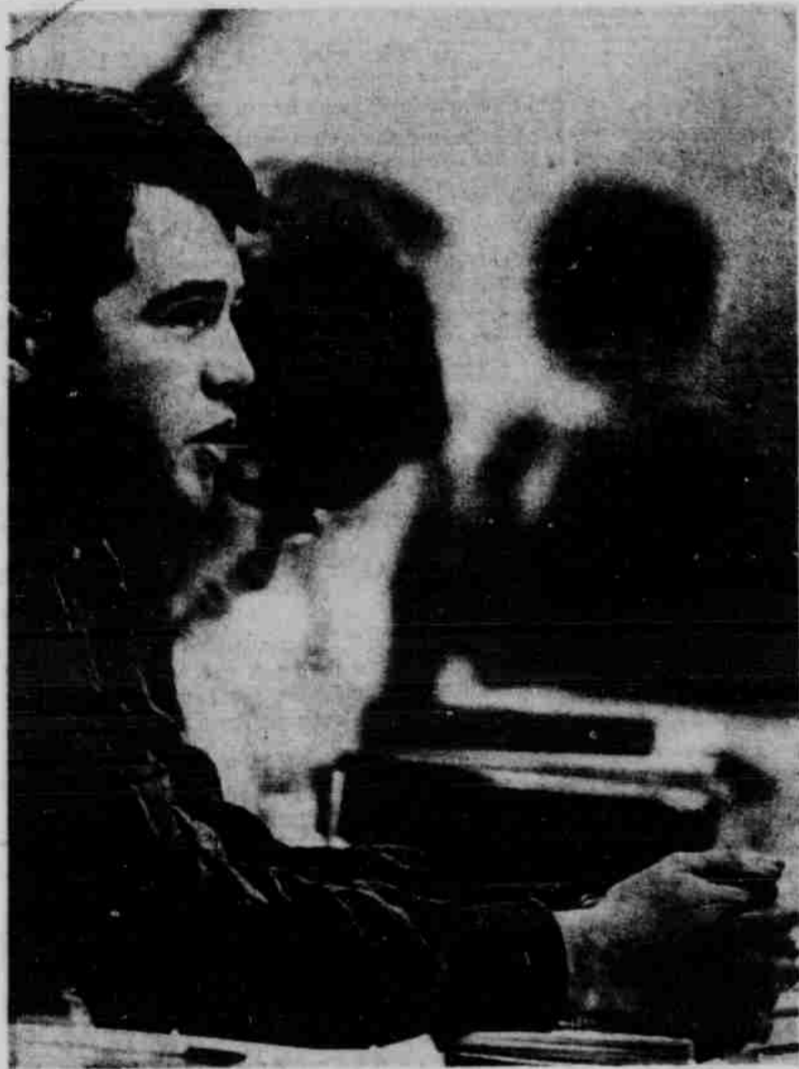
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—Cople disagrees—

Pub Board hears recommendation



Student Senator Craig Dreezen moves to table Government Bill 17 proposing the office of Curricular Evaluation. He suggested waiting to endorse the Centennial Committee's Council on instruction.

The chairman of the University Publications Board said Wednesday that he disagrees with several changes in the Board structure suggested by a Student Senate committee.

The Board, chaired by Neale A. Cople, director of the School of Journalism, was presented the recommendations for changes compiled by the Student Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Student Publications.

Cople explained that the Board did not reach a consensus at Tuesday's meeting.

"We have no power to act on these recommendations" he said.

although Board members will individually comment on the proposed changes.

The recommendations of the Board will accompany the committee's suggestions, which will be presented to Faculty Senate for review and action in several weeks, Susie Phelps, chairman of the Senate committee, said.

One of the main purposes of the committee's recommendations is to try to make the structure of Publications Board concur with the proposed Student Bill of Rights, the chairman said.

She explained that the Bill of Rights contains the following two major points:

—Faculty and students should have equal representation in policy making decisions.

—There should be no censorship

of student publications.

Miss Phelps emphasized that the committee had not felt that censorship of student publications is a problem, but that the committee felt that a formal statement of a Publications Board was needed.

1968 evaluation book changed Interviews scheduled Sunday, March 10

by Susie Jenkins
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Interviews for staff positions for the 1968 Faculty Evaluation Book will be held Sunday, March 10, according to Bob Zucker, newly-appointed editor of the book.

Zucker plans to re-evaluate the present format of the book. He has made plans with the ASUN executive committee to divide the publication of the book into two areas, working with the questionnaire and writing the evaluations.

"Our plan is to appoint area editors through interviews," Zucker said. "These people will be responsible for editing material in each area. This has been placed fully on the editor in the past, which was one of the book's main problems."

Outside help

Zucker hopes to obtain help in the book's publication, both from University and outside sources.

"We can't assume that the students are fully capable of organizing a questionnaire by themselves, so we hope to use 'professional' people in deciding what questions to ask," he said. "People in educational psychology, sociology, and psychology will be able to organize questions. Often length and repetition is the rule in questionnaires, and triviality results."

Zucker also plans to have graduate students in each department

write subjective evaluations of professors to get more insight into the comments students make.

Correct evaluations

"This approach will help us to print more correct evaluations than we could do with straight student comment," he said.

Our goal of the staff this semester will be to establish a new attitude on the part of the faculty and students concerning the book, Zucker said.

"Faculty must realize that the book is a definite part of the University," he said. "We hope to increase participation from the faculty and impress on students that rating professors is not a five-minute job."

"Also, each staff member must have an idea of what teaching is, and what a responsible rating entails."

Editing policy

On the question of editing and censorship, Zucker noted that no general policy is set down on deleting specific comments.

"The point of the book is to tell students how a professor performs in the classroom and in his office. An isolated comment is not proof of classroom conduct, but we would think that a number of similar comments would have value," he said.

On Campus . . .

Today

A zoology seminar will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Bessey Hall Auditorium. Dr. Earl B. Barnawell, Department of Zoology, will speak. There will be coffee and a social time before the program.

The NU Speaker-Artist Series will present a concert by classical pianist Leonard Pennario at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Nebraska Theater.

Quiz Bowl matches will be held Thursday night beginning at 7 p.m. Moderators will be Dr. Charles Gruner and Dr. Fred Luthans. Af-

ter Thursday's matches, any team with two losses for the season will be eliminated and the remainder of the matches will be single-elimination.

A panel on "Conscientious Objection — What It Is; What It Is Not" will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church in Lincoln.

Panel participants will be Col. Loe Liggett of the Nebraska Selective Service and Dayton L. Olson, Director of the College Program, American Friends Service Committee.



On her fifth birthday . . . University student Betty Miller inhales for a clean sweep of the candles on her sparsely populated birthday cake — she will not have another opportunity until February 29, 1972.

Three NU students mature to age of 5

by Steve Leger
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Baffling as it may be to the comptroller and admissions supervisors, three University sophomores are celebrating their fifth birthdays Thursday.

Betty Miller, Robert Dalrymple, and Marcia Martins are among 129,000 other persons in the United States celebrating their leap-birthdays, with 16,000 baby expected to join their ranks by midnight Thursday night. The three University students were born on Feb. 29, 1948 (leap-day).

Being born on Feb. 29 presents some special problems, namely deciding when to celebrate one's birthday the three years between leap years. Betty Miller solved this problem by celebrating her birthday on March 1 — Nebraska's birthday.

"The typical reply after telling someone your birthday in on Feb. 29 is 'Oh, you're one of those,'" according to Betty. But the leap year problem is beyond control, or any one's for that matter.

What makes leap year leap? It's all a matter of the heaven's versus man's arithmetic, and man is always the looser.

The bissextile year (leap year) was determined by some of Julius Caesar's astronomers in 46 B.C. They divided the year into 365 days, 5 hours, 18 minutes, and 48.75 seconds. The extra five hours and 18

minutes make an extra day every four years — causing a day to "leap-over."

However, since 5 hours, 48 3/4 minutes added for each of four years does not total quite a whole day—the extra 24 hours that are added each leap year are a little too much — and something must be done to correct this.

As a result, leap year is eliminated three times every 400 years. The trouble, however, is that only 18 hours 43 minutes should be eliminated each century. No matter how far you carry it there is always a remainder.

Custom sets aside leap year for women to woo rather than to be wooed, but there is no satisfactory explanation for it.

The custom probably began in Scotland when a law was enacted in 1285 which said that "it is statut and ordaint that during the rein of hir maist blisist Megeste, for ilk yeare knowne as lepe yeare, ilk mayden lakye of bothe highe and lowe estait shall hae liberte to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to talk hir to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum ane pundis or less, as his estait may be; except and awis gif he can make it appear that he is betrothit ane ither woman he then shall be free." That means that any Cornhusker "lass" can shake her scarlet petticoat at an eligible man this year and get away with it.

NU may participate in student primary 'Choice 68' to slate major candidates

ASUN President Dick Schulze announced Wednesday that the University will participate in Choice 68, a nationwide mock presidential primary, if balloting could coincide with the ASUN general election Apr. 10.

Schulze made the announcement at the Student Senate meeting, in which business was light.

He added the balloting would be more worthwhile if national presidential candidates were to speak at the University before the balloting.

Schulze also announced the appointment of Bob Zucker as editor of the Faculty Evaluation Booklet Committee.

Ed Hilt, election commissioner, was present for the final discussion of the proposed procedures for the spring election which were unanimously accepted by Senate.

Little discussion was held on two government bills regarding affiliation with the National Student Association (NSA). Schulze announced an NSA representative will appear before Senate next Wednesday to answer questions regarding the organization. Senate votes next week whether or not to affiliate.

Discussion was held on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Disciplinary Procedures headed by Sen. Robert Weaver.

The recommendations are necessary because the "present procedure is inadequate and ill-defined," Weaver said.

He answered questions regarding the place AWS would have in the proposed revised court structure. Weaver said AWS would control and determine its own court structure,

as stated in the proposed AWS constitution, following the minimum requirements for courts as stated in the committee recommendations.

He explained the procedures deal with procedural rules and regulations, as opposed to ones of a substantive nature.

Action on Government Bill 17 was tabled for a week. Sen. Craig Dreezen said there was a conflict in the purpose of the bill, to establish a Curricular Evaluation Committee, and the way in which its structured. He said the bill in its present form will not achieve its intended purpose.

Richard Page of the ASUN Housing Committee reported on the committee's work this past year. He said its attention has been focused on solving problems in the residence halls.

Page said the committee has pushed for better recreational facilities and has served as an appeals board for those wishing to live off campus.

Asked about rumors indicating junior men would be required to live on campus next fall, Page said he was not at liberty to talk about a change in policy because no definite rules had been finalized.

He and Schulze doubted the policy would revert to last year's rules which stated junior men had to reside on campus. Page indicated the policy was related to enrollment predictions for next fall which have not yet been completed.

In other Senate business, action was deferred a week on the consideration of ten constitutions before Senate for review.