

PSA organizes for '68 election



Seven University students spearhead the Nebraskans for Young Adult Suffrage movement. From left: Tom Morgan, Jane Ross, John Schrekinger, Dave Piester, Margo McMaster, Mike Gottschalk and Bob Beckman.

Dreeszen to lead party bid

Party for Student Action (PSA) took the first steps Sunday in organizing candidates and campaigns for the 1968 ASUN student government elections. PSA support will go to Craig Dreeszen, candidate for ASUN president; Mike Naeve and Cheryl Adams, who are running for the first and second vice-president positions.

Dreeszen, an Agricultural College senator, has served as chairman of the Senate Education Committee. Naeve is a member of the Senate Executive Committee and serves on the executive staff. Miss Adams is a senator from Business Administration, and is a member of the Senate Executive Committee. She is chairman of the Senate World Affairs Committee.

Discussing prospective PSA Senatorial slate candidates, Dreeszen noted that the party does not plan to back full slates in all colleges, as was done last year.

Dennis Schulte, PSA party made a mistake in doing so last year, ultimately supporting senators who "shouldn't have been on there."

Dreeszen said that the present PSA-slanted executives have provided very good leadership, but that "most of the senators never woke up."

"New senatorial candidates will be running against incumbents, but the incumbents will have to run on their records," he said.

Naeve said that further slating under the PSA ticket will be decided by the PSA central committee, consisting of the executive slate, Diane Theisen, campaign manager for PSA, Bill Eddy and Phil Boardman, officers for the party.

Dreeszen said that his executive slate had decided to file under the PSA party because they "basically agreed with PSA party platform."

"The PSA executives have fulfilled their campaign promises with two or three exceptions," Dreeszen said. "We want to continue with these same kinds of goals, such as Bill of Rights implementation and Student Education Committee projects."

Schulte noted that this year Senate executives have shifted emphasis of senate projects from campus activities to work with the Administration and faculty. Because of this type of work, Schulte said, voters have not heard as much about Senate action "simply because the Senate was not free to discuss it."

Dreeszen added that many people do not get "wildly turned on about educational involvement and like subjects, and that these slower-moving, subtler topics are really the most exciting ones in which Senate is involved."

Noting that PSA held no party meetings during the 1967-68 school year, Dreeszen said that since PSA held the voting Senate majority, "Senate action was PSA action. It is sometimes difficult to get an active two-party system organized when a University's business is quite different from that of professional politics."

"We don't see that this is the most important function of a student political party," he said.

Dreeszen further stated that PSA would continue to follow previously set policies instituted by the present ASUN executives, thus giving continuity to the work begun by the year-old party.

Dreeszen ran as a PSA candidate last year winning the second highest number of votes from the College of Agriculture.

Miss Adams, candidate for second vice-president, was elected to Senate last spring with the largest plurality in Business Administration. She was at that time not a PSA candidate.

PSA candidates were elected to a two-thirds majority in Senate in 1967, sweeping the colleges of Engineering and Architecture, Arts and Sciences and Agriculture.

—Nebraskans For Young Adult Suffrage—

Council coordinates campaign to lower state voting age to 19

by Jim Evinger
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Out to show Nebraska citizens that the "proof is in the putting," leaders of Nebraskans for Young Adult Suffrage (NFYAS) began campaigning Friday for November passage of a constitutional amendment to reduce the state voting age to 19.

The NFYAS Coordinating Council includes seven University students and five advisers who believe if young adults direct and put on the campaign themselves, they can convince the state of the reasons for lowering the limit. This is to prove their maturity and responsibility as interested citizens.

The proposal will appear on the November general election ballot as Proposed Amendment No. 1. If passed, the amendment would add an estimated 35,000 potential voters to Nebraska's ranks.

Campaign plan

In a Friday press conference the Council members described their plan of campaigning, their

backers and reasons why citizens should vote for the amendment.

Law student Mike Gottschalk of Sidney said NFYAS will provide informed and qualified speakers for the amendment to any group and organization anywhere in the state.

Bob Beckman, a junior from Lincoln who is financial chairman, said he expects the campaign to cost between seven and twelve thousand dollars.

Sources of revenue

He listed five possible sources of revenue: contributions from individuals; the sale of memberships in NFYAS; contributions from state political parties; solicitation of state organizations and civic groups; and general solicitation through the news media.

Dave Piester, a junior from Minden in charge of public relations gave three basic principles guiding NFYAS:

—"Nebraskans 19 and 20 years of age will be capable voters. They are educationally qualified to vote,

are responsible and are interested in their state."

Active participation

—"Active participation in government by its citizens is an essential cornerstone in the preservation of our democratic heritage. Young adults have been unnecessarily limited in their participating politically, while asked to make contributions in other areas."

—"Young adults possess a wealth of ideas, talents and enthusiasm and will make significant contributions to the continuing development of our state."

Other Coordinating Council members include John Schrekinger, a Lincoln senior in charge of research; Margo McMaster, a Lincoln junior heading Local Coordination; Tom Morgan, a junior from David City who is treasurer; and Jane Ross, a senior from Omaha who is secretary.

Council advisers

Advisers include Robert Barnett,

counsel to the governor; Don Ferguson, instructor at Lincoln Southeast High School; Drs. Richard Randall and Robert Sittig of the University political science department; Dr. Richard Shugrue, political science department of Creighton University; and Dale Young, of the First National Bank of Lincoln.

Piester said the biggest problem to overcome is the lack of knowledge by most citizens on the issue. He explained the campaign was aimed at first creating an awareness of the issue, then disseminating the facts regarding lowering the vote.

He called it an educational campaign directed at selling an idea, as opposed to a political campaign which tries to sell a personality.

Channels of communication

Through brochures, pamphlets, community organizations, available speakers and active young people, NFYAS plans to carry out its educational campaign through a variety of channels.

NFYAS, Piester said, plans to utilize personal contact by young adult with the electorate throughout the state. These young adults are a chief resource in promoting the campaign, Piester said.

Others involved

Nearly 100 Nebraskans from all over the state are working in the organization's committees. NFYAS is also working with state youth councils in disseminating information and reasons to lower the vote.

Miss McMaster explained that the state will be divided into 15 areas. A young adult leader will coordinate the campaign in his respective area. On the local level, area members will work under the guidance of the area leader.

She said the Local Coordination Committee will function as a liaison between the area leaders and the other committees of NFYAS.

County fairs

She gave the example of a county fair at which the Speakers Committee could provide speakers to appear and the Finance Committee could sell memberships in NFYAS. All this could be accomplished through the Local Coordination Committee structure.

The proposed amendment has gained bipartisan endorsement from a large list of Nebraska's political leaders, including: Gov. Norbert Tiemann; former governors Val Peterson, Robert Crosby and Frank Morrison; all members of the state congressional delegation; Mrs. Lorraine Orr, Republican state chairman, and John Mitchell, Democratic state chairman.

The states of Georgia, Kentucky, Alaska and Hawaii currently have voting limits under 21. South Dakota also will consider lowering its limit next fall.

Those interested in participating in or contributing to the campaign may contact Margo McMaster at the Chi Omega house.

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Financial chairman, Bob Beckman innumerate several sources from which the Nebraskans for Young Adult Suffrage movement plans to obtain its revenue.

On Campus . . . Today

Registration for the Nebraska Free University will be held Monday in the Nebraska Union from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The United States Marine Corp film "Lieutenant of Marines" will be shown Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Students for a Democratic Society will meet Monday evening in the Union.

Dr. Alan Reed, assistant professor of political science at the University, has prepared a statement to a national collegiate organization concerning the recent "communist takeover" at John F. Kennedy College.

Reed, who along with six other University instructors said last week that the takeover was not an effective educational device, is planning to forward the statement this week.

JFK students had staged a mock communist regime over Wahoo, Neb., high school. For story and details, see page four.

Five candidates have filed for the presidency of AWS. Karen Wendt, Mimi Baker, Nancy Eaton, Neshia Neumeister and Kathy Kuester filed this weekend. Story page three.

Marine Corps Officer Selection team will visit the University Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss officer training programs with students. Capt. Bruce McKenna will be interviewing in the south hallway of the Student Union from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Marine Corps has officer programs available for freshmen through seniors.

Next week the U.S. Navy Officer Information team will be on campus to talk with students, also.

—'Black Magic' an attraction—

NFU curriculum may change the 'authority complex'

Nebraska Free University (NFU) courses may be instrumental in shifting the emphasis in upper-level education from lectures to discussion groups, according to Steve Burdic, NFU course leader.

Burdic said that a good way to run many of the upper level courses would be on a discussion basis. The problem, however, is that the average student has had no experience in this form of class learning, Burdic said.

Educational reform

"If the Free University is successful, it will be a way to start education reform," Burdic said.

According to him, NFU could begin the change to the discussion method by providing students with a means of functioning actively in discussion groups.

Another NFU course leader, Harold Brueland, also said that the manner in which NFU courses are led rather than taught is valuable.

"I think it is a way of getting away from what I call an authority complex," Brueland said.

Brueland explained that most students are too eager to find out and copy the opinions and conclusions of experts in various fields of study.

Use own thought

"Students in NFU courses have to use their own thought processes and draw their own conclusions," Brueland added.

It is not the fault of the experts

if they are worshipped instead of just listened to; Brueland commented.

Hoffer and black magic

NFU sign-ups to date reveal that Burdic's course, "Applied Black Magic" is one of the most popular selections, along with "After the Honeymoon" (a course for engaged women) and "Popular Philosophers" (Ayn Rand and Eric Hoffer).

Approximately three hundred and fifty students have registered for one or more NFU courses so far, according to the records of Mick Lowe, NFU Coordinating Committee member.

Burdic said that he became interested in the subject through references to Black Magic in literature.

'A lot of magic'

"There is a lot of magic in literature and history that isn't well covered," Burdic commented.

Burdic explained that his interest led him to read some books on black magic and to arrive at the conclusion that the belief in superstitious phenomena was more widespread than he had previously thought.

One of the things which Burdic said struck him most was that people in many widely separated areas among which there has been no contact have evolved similar superstitious customs.

'Evil eye'

As an example, Burdic cited the