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NAACP faces problems with Lincoln branch

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Attempts by the Lincoln chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to establish a youth branch met definite problems at its Sunday meeting.

Charles Mays, NAACP regional representative for the youth and college division, outlined what a

youth organization in Lincoln could do to solve problems facing the Negro community.

Most of the young adults who attended were University students, and the majority of them were white.

It was agreed that the youth branch should be made up of Lincoln teenagers who could work on projects and provide their own

leadership.

Part of the problem in organizing a youth branch is that the Lincoln NAACP branch is ineffective, according to Dr. Patrick Wells, Lincoln branch president, and a member of the University College of Pharmacy.

Wells said that at the monthly meetings only six adults regularly attend. He expressed his frustra-

tion in that often the group finds itself duplicating efforts of other organizations to help Lincoln's Negroes.

A young Negro history teacher at Union College in Lincoln said the Lincoln branch should become more relevant to the Negro community by helping high school students find jobs and get into college.

Wells replied there are other agencies in town which can and actually do a more effective job of aiding the Negroes than the NAACP.

Mays listed four areas in which youth branch could work:

—work for the inclusion of textbooks in the Lincoln public school system which include Negro history and are multi-cultural.

—work for the passage of a minimum housing code, similar to the one which was defeated last fall by Lincoln voters.

—work to establish a counseling service in the Lincoln school system which would provide academic counseling, job referral service, and encourage Negro youth to go on to college.

—work to improve the employment situation for Negroes in Lincoln. Mays said the situation was not too bad, but there was a degree of underemployment.

'Burn someone'

One Negro University student said before the local NAACP chapter could be effective, it would be necessary to "burn" someone.

He said this meant legal prosecution of someone in Lincoln who had actually discriminated against minority groups in the area of housing or employment.

Wells answered by saying nothing would please him more than to have someone file a complaint with him regarding such an instance of actual discrimination.

Mays said there are government funds available for public school systems to replace outdated textbooks with those which are not simply white culturally oriented.

'T-Town' unfortunate

He also said it was unfortunate that in a city the size of Lincoln with such a relatively small Negro population, that an area such as "T-Town" exists.

The tense situation created by the University expansion into the Malone area is also a definite problem, Mays noted.

Problems exist in Lincoln, he said, but not to any great extent as in the large urban cities.

He said the corollary of this fact is that the problems are often played down.

The consensus of the nearly forty people in attendance was that those youth in Lincoln who should form the body of a youth branch were not at the meeting and that nothing could be organized or accomplished until those youths could be contacted.



photo by Dan Ladely

A city policeman is stopped by a University "bunny" collecting donations for the Easter Seal campaign. University volunteers solicited support from Lincoln citizens downtown March 16 and 23.

Absurdity depicted in Williams' play

The absurdity of life provides material for "The Monastery," a 3-act tragi-comedy being performed at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the University Theatre in Room 203 Temple.

The lab play is a thesis production, written by Mance Williams and directed by Xan Johnson, graduate student at the University.

"The Monastery" is a timely and bold statement about the world situation today, Director Xan Johnson said.

The action takes place in an abandoned monastery in South America sometime within the last fifty years. Three soldiers in their early twenties have stopped there returning from a scouting mission to find rebels.

Diego, played by Mike Gruett, is the sergeant. He is a leader

who cannot lead and procrastinates, trying to stay in the monastery because he finds a sense of security there.

Sanchez, played by Bob Flaughner, is the tool of society. He is very anxious to get back to the everyday world.

Perfino, played by Bill Turek, provides the comic-relief in the play. He is oblivious to the true situation and sees anything that comes in the way of his physical comfort as a danger to his security.

The arena presentation is designed to produce audience empathy. The audience enters the theater through the door of the monastery. Three isolated statues provide the only scenery.

Johnson said the audience will be urged to participate in a discussion of impressions and reactions with the writer and the director after the play.

Pillar talk . . .

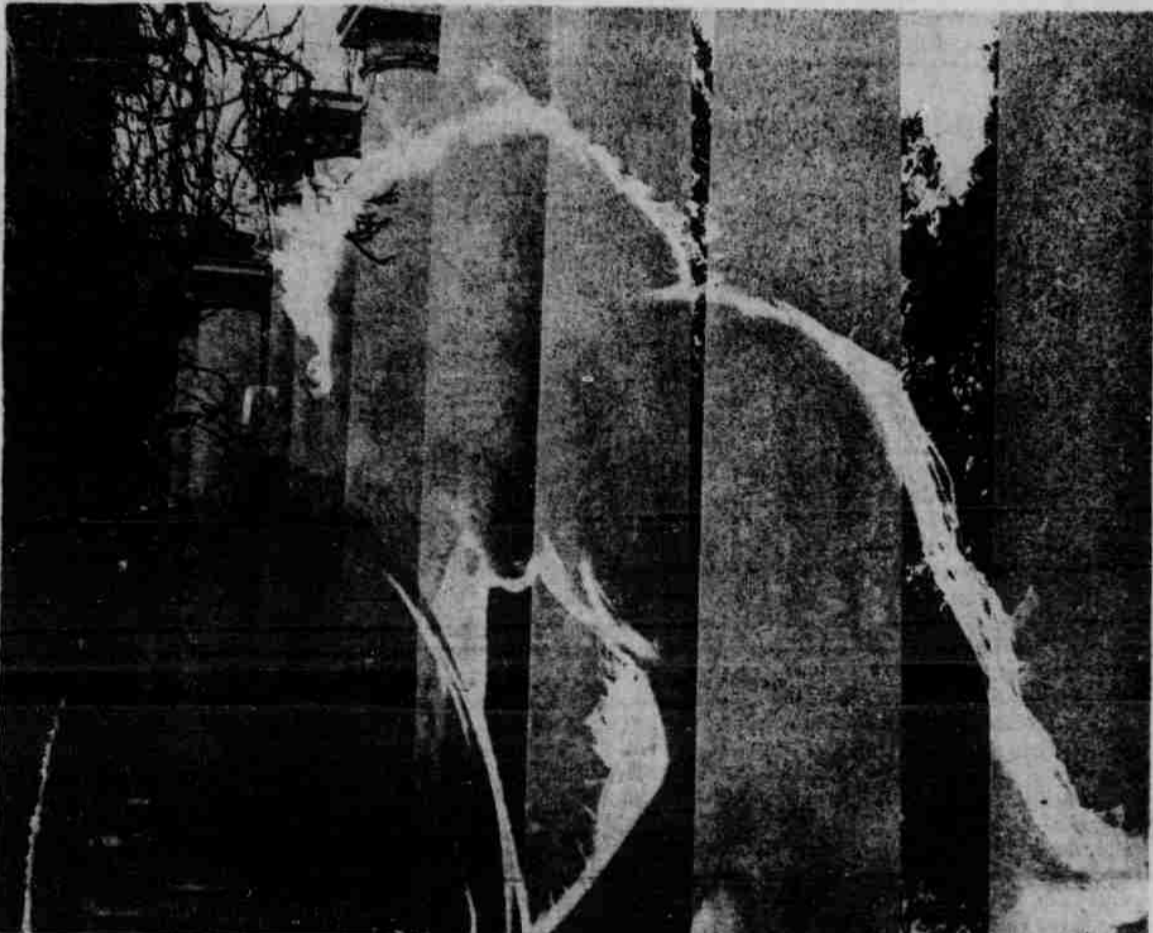


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Open issues prompt formation of CSP

Senatorial candidates worried about open issues of the spring Student Senate campaign have formed the Concerned Students' Party (CSP) to oppose the only other declared party candidates, Party for Student Action (PSA).

Party Chairman Mike Nelson, who is also a candidate for senator from Teachers College, cited several reasons for the formation of the group:

—To form a coordinated campaign, organizing for the candidates running on the CSP slate;

—To agree as much as possible within the party on major issues to form a united front;

—To bring to attention campaign issues that would not be actively discussed with just one

party organized running.

Senate's candidates presently slated with CSP from Teachers' College are Suone Cotner, Mary Lynne Nelson, Chairman Nelson, and Gary Toebben.

Slated from Arts and Sciences are Dan Goodenberger, Ronald F. Pfeifer, Joe Vohoril, Tom Lonquist and Bill Mobley.

Steve Fuchser and Jerry Sieck represent Business College and Bill Chaloupka and Del Stork are from Engineering and Architecture.

Since CSP candidates do not now support any executive slate,

their platform will be based on Senate-student oriented questions, said Nelson.

Included in the platform are statements on campus communications, Senatorial leadership, student living environment, the Bill of Rights, and student political involvement.

Nelson said he thought that CSP candidates would be able to include their party affiliation on the ballots, and Chuck Wagner, campaign chairman, said he thought more CSP candidates would be announced at a later date.

—McCarthy backers to begin work—

100 NU student supporters to distribute literature in Union

Members of the University's Students for McCarthy chapter will begin work this week for Sen. Eugene McCarthy's Nebraska campaign, group treasurer Ed Hilz, said Sunday.

The organizational meeting Thursday night attracted more than 100 student supporters of the aspirant who hopes to snatch the Democratic presidential nomination from President Lyndon Johnson. Hilz said this group will begin the "leg work for the campaign."

Eighty-five students who signed cards indicating they would work will begin distributing McCarthy literature and work at the group's Nebraska Union booth, he said.

Publicity committee

He said the students were subdivided into publicity and finance committees with the greater percentage in the publicity committee.

The group would seek to obtain the names of approximately 150,000 registered Democrats in both Lancaster and Douglas Counties throughout this week, Hilz said.

Once the names are obtained, they would be transferred to index cards and literature would be sent to these persons, he added.

All political chores

"We will be doing mostly canvassing, typing, mimeographing and all political chores in the campaign," he said.

"We aren't aiming for any specific number of followers — we are just going to conduct an efficient campaign for McCarthy," he explained.

Since the University's chapter is one of the largest McCarthy student chapters in Nebraska and is closest to the Lincoln McCarthy headquarters, the local group will be doing much of the statewide student work, he said.

Other student chapters

Other Student for McCarthy chapters have been formed at other groups will be organized soon at Kearney, Chadron, Peru, Doane College and Creighton University, which will handle the Omaha metropolitan area. Wayne State College, Dana Col-

and other state colleges.

Hilz said there would be close relations and cooperation with all the student Nebraska chapters. He said "The students across Nebraska will conduct the most effective McCarthy campaign in the state."

"We hope we will give the Nebraska voters the same impression student groups did in New Hampshire," he said in explaining that the student groups will disseminate across Nebraska spreading information and literature statewide.

New Hampshire primary

In the March 12 New Hampshire presidential primary, McCarthy, who had originally been expected to receive no more than 15 or 20 per cent response, obtained almost 42 per cent of the Democratic vote.

Hilz said the statewide student groups, with headquarters in Lincoln, would work closely with McCarthy's statewide campaign headquarters in Omaha. Although he could not specify a date, the local treasurer said McCarthy would probably begin

his Nebraska campaign in person after the April 2 Wisconsin presidential primary.

Personal appearances

Since there are no state primaries between the Wisconsin mock ballot and Nebraska's May 14 election, he expected the Minnesota Democrat to make several personal appearances in the state.

"We have a very good chance to win in Nebraska, Hilz said, since only President Johnson and New York Senator Robert Kennedy, will provide the Minnesota Senator with competition.

"Kennedy didn't enter the state election soon enough to have any delegates pledged to him," he explained.

McCarthy approval

Hilz added that McCarthy has acknowledged his approval of the local chapter, which is similar to numerous other student followings nationwide.

"We feel our group will organize an effective campaign and will accomplish a lot of work in the future," he said.

On Campus . . . Today

The YWCA Love and Marriage Committee will sponsor a seminar on marriage Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Dr. Robert Palmer, minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, will speak on the "Spiritual and Personal Aspects of Marriage."

The Air Force Officers Selection Team will be on campus Wednesday and Thursday March 27-28 to interview interested students. Captain Bruce R. Meiser will be interviewing for pilot and navigator positions, and men for electrical, mechanical, astronomical, and aeronautical jobs. WAF Captain Steeler will also be interviewing all interested women applicants.

An organizational meeting of the Students For Kennedy will be held Tuesday night at 9 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Loren E. Casement, instructor of Economics, will be the group's advisor and will speak at the meeting.

Harold Stassen, a perennial Republican hopeful for the presidential nomination, will speak at the University Thursday at 3:30 p.m., according to Carol Madson, Union Talks and Topic Committee chairman. Stassen, former governor of Pennsylvania, will speak in the Union Ballroom, according to Miss Madson. Stassen joins Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon and Americas Liberator on the Nebraska Republican primary ballot.