

# Executive candidates stress student action

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Active and meaningful student participation is the goal of the two slates vying for the ASUN executive positions. The platforms of the candidates were announced Monday as campaigning began for the ASUN elections to be held on April 10.

"Our largest goal is making students active and mean-

ingful participants in the University community," said Craig Dreeszen, PSA party candidate for ASUN president.

The PSA executive slate consists of Dreeszen, Mike Naeve as first vice president, and Cheryl Adams as second vice president.

**Power means voice**

"Student power means an

equal voice in selecting the choices that directly involve education, the administration and selection of University policies," Dave Shonka, presidential candidate, said.

Shonka is running with Paul Canarsky who is slated for the first vice president position.

The PSA platform and Shonka's are in accord with the concept of student power—that students should participate in the making of decisions in matters which are of concern to students.

Shonka explained he would seek ways to involve students to achieve student rights. He listed the areas of Student Senate, campus affairs and next fall's state legislative session as three areas where students could actively work.

### Agree about communication

Both slates agree that communication and dissemination of information by ASUN Senate and committees to students need improvement. Both Shonka and Dreeszen presented several possible solutions centering on increased contact through meetings and discussions.

Student welfare is dealt with in both platforms. The PSA executives include the areas of race relations, housing, drug information, health services, conferences and service which student government should provide for students.

Shonka's platform includes working for more adequate Health Center facilities and staff, seeking realistic implementation of housing rights and asking that membership in AWS be voluntary.

### Educational reform meaningful

"Educational reform can be a most meaningful area for the University in the long run," Dreeszen said. He combined education, student welfare and student power as the major concerns for student government by the PSA executive candidates.

"The term student power implies that students are mature, responsible individuals," Shonka said. "It means full control in those areas which affect student social and academic affairs."

Shonka and Dreeszen will appear at the East Campus Union Tuesday night to present their viewpoints and answer questions.

# '68 ASUN campaign lacks controversial issue

Even with campaigning officially starting Monday for the April 10 ASUN election, the current campaign lacks the excitement, color and controversy that characterized the 1967 race.

Low filing figures, little pre-campaign discussion and an almost uncontested executive race are the main elements of the apparent lackadaisical upcoming campaign Ed Hilz, ASUN electoral commission director, said this weekend.

"The right mixtures just aren't present this year," Hilz said about the difference between last year's race, which drew more than 6,000 voters, and this year's contest.

The candidates involved in last year's race changed the entire perspective of student government since they emphasized education and student rights, he said.

"That was the first time students were exposed to concepts like those and maybe that is why that campaign was so different," he said.

The 1967 campaign was marked by a split in the Party for Student Action (PSA) revolving around a housing amendment to the ASUN constitution.

Ron Pfeifer, who was to have been the PSA's vice presidential candidate and 15 PSA senatorial candidates resigned in mid-March amid assertions the PSA elite was coercing party members to vote along specified lines.

Pfeifer formed another executive slate composed of himself for president, Jerry Olson for vice president and Liz Aitken for second vice president.

Besides the PSA slate of Dick Schulze for president, Gene Pokorny for vice president and Mimi Rose as second vice president, the Students for a Democratic Party (SDS) also ran an executive slate.

Amendment five to the ASUN constitution caused the split since Schulze and Pokorny favored the second form of the amendment while Pfeifer supported neither alternative.

The first alternative stated that students have the right to choose their own living environment while the other form said students have the right to an equitable role in the formulation of housing policy which allows maximum individual choice.

The election itself was marred with cases of students voting numerous times under one identification card as the PSA scored a clean sweep.

"But many of those people aren't here this year," Hilz said in estimating this year's turnout would approach the 3,000 level.

In checking filing figures there are 72 less candidates this year than a year ago.

In 1967 115 persons filed for three executive positions and 35 senate seats and 50 filed for advisory board posts while this year only 93 persons have filed for senate posts and advisory positions.

Hilz said it was difficult to achieve a lasting political party since there is such a large turnover from year to year, although parties should become more non-seasonal.

With the election less than 10 days away, Hilz announced that all campaigning must cease by midnight, April 9 and financial forms listing candidate's expenditures must be returned by noon April 10 and all posters must be removed by noon April 11.

# Awaits approval Choice '68 future still undecided

As of Sunday evening, the future of Choice '68 is still in question.

The Senate passed a resolution at Wednesday's meeting in favor of putting Choice '68 on the April 10 General Election ballot. ASUN President Dick Schulze, however, must still approve the measure, according to Ed Hilz, election commissioner.

"If Schulze vetoes the Senate's decision, it would go back to the Senate," Hilz said. The Senate would then have to override the veto by a two-thirds majority vote.

### Senate can override veto

The ASUN Constitution states that the Senate can override a veto on legislation by such a vote. But Hilz questioned if the resolution really

is legislation.

"This is the point of contention," Hilz said. "Choice '68 is in an area by itself."

Phil Bowen, who introduced last week's measure in favor of the national student presidential primary, said that he could not understand why Choice '68 was being received so coldly by the Senate executives.

"The reasons they (Senate executives, have been giving us aren't the real reasons why they oppose Choice '68," Bowen said.

Bowen noted that his measure had received considerable support at the last Senate meeting. He said, "Choice '68 is going to be on the ballot whether they like it or not."

Schulze was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

# CSP approves action platform

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The Concerned Student's Party approved a platform Sunday advocating Student Senate action on student housing policies, according to Mike Nelson, party chairman.

The CSP, a new student party which has slated candidates in the ASUN senatorial race, states in its platform: "We disagree in part with the University's housing policy and will work for further realization of student's rights in the area of student housing."

CSP candidates will not be designated as such on the senatorial ballot, Chuck Wagner, CSP campaign manager, noted.

### Respect previous decisions

"Rather than press for a change in Senate electoral rules to allow CSP to be on the ballot we choose to respect the previous decisions of Senate," Senator Bill Mobley explained.

Nelson added that a letter of intent is being sent to the Office of Student Affairs stating plans for the CSP as an official student organization.

"CSP is not a shot in the dark party," Nelson ventured, "because it will continue in future years."

### Intent summarized

Mobley summarized the intent of CSP's formation by saying, "CSP is an organized effort to provide students with leaders who are capable of providing them with an equal voice (equal with administration and faculty) in the decision making processes of the University."

Nelson pointed out that SFA (Student - Faculty - Administration) legislation on University matters is one of the goals of CSP in "as many areas as possible."

The CSP platform, taking a stand on Senate education issues, supports the Centennial College, a residential college, the expansion of the Pass-Fail program and the Nebraska Free University.

### Understanding increase fostered

To foster an increased understanding among members of the campus community "we will work for the inclusion of courses related to Afro-American culture," Nelson said.

The CSP also has promised to work "actively for the realization of campus opinions in national affairs . . . to inform students as to the various aspects of programs on national, state and local level."

Bill Mobley pointed out that the platform also includes provisions for the adoption of an optional undergraduate program for instruction of library use.

The party, which will campaign on the slogan "Party of Concerned Students—working for Senate, working for YOU," encourages a verbal senatorial race, Wagner said.

"Several of the CSP candidates are willing and able to debate senatorial issues with any PSA (Party for Student Action) candidates," Mobley stated.

Wagner noted that eight more candidates have joined the CSP senatorial candidate lists, which means that there are now 18 CSP candidates for Student Senate.

# Residential college project may be instituted in fall '68

The University's Residential College project, part of the University Centennial celebration, has an equal chance of beginning in the fall of 1968 or the fall of 1969 according to Gene Pokorny, member of the planning committee for the project.

"The committee knew when we turned in the project report that there was a fifty-fifty chance of instituting the program for his fall semester," Pokorny said.

"There is still a possibility that the College will begin this year, but we would rather have a good job done than a sloppy one," he said.

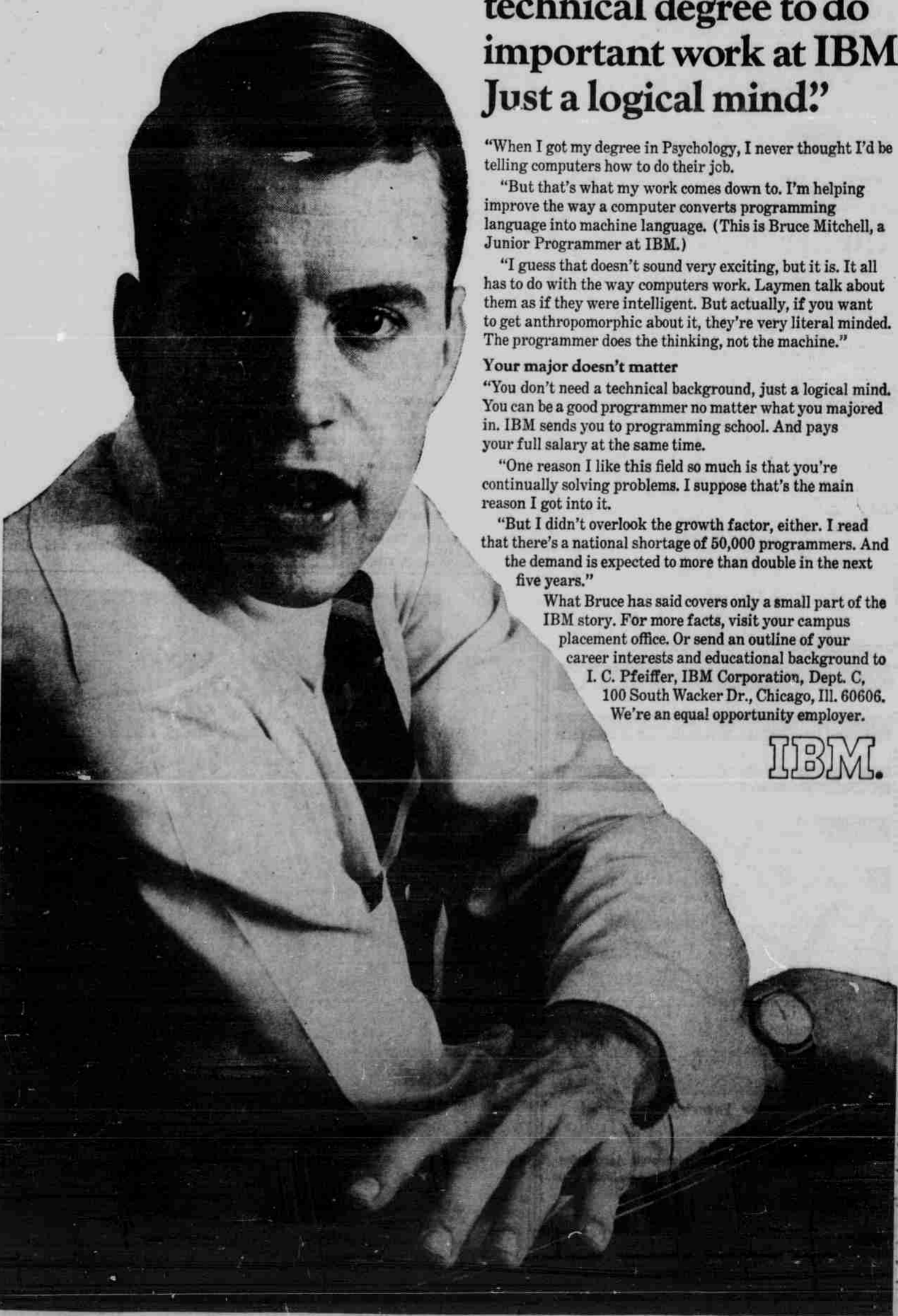
One of the problems in pushing the opening of the college lies in the hiring of professors and staff to run the project. The University hires new staff in January and February, and the report was not finished until March.

Also, students interested in a program that plans the cur-

riculum for a year or two years may already have registered in regular University classes for first semester.

Dean Mark Hobson, contacted by the Daily Nebraskan, said that the final draft of the committee's recommendation would be issued from his office sometime this week or next.

Meanwhile, students interested in registering for the special curriculum will have to wait for the results.



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