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Senate campaign elicits political party action **PSA** attempts to reach voters **CSP** chairman gives platform

by Jan Parks Senior Staff Writer

Student Senate should get more involved in the mainstream of student thought, according to Mike Nelson, chairman of the Concerned Students' Party (CSP) the University's newest political organization.

Nelson, who outlined the CSP senatorial platform Wednesday, said that there are more issues on campus than ple. those indicated by bills in Senate.

"Attempts should be made to get students more interested in nation, state and local affairs," Nelson added. 'We totally support Choice '68 and the Nebraska Young Adult Suffrage movement."

Supports Revolution

"CSP also supports the expansion of the World in Revolution Conference." the chairman noted, "It could be a much greater success than it was this year.

He cited better advertizing the expression of student opinand the centralization of speakers at one place as ways to improve the conference.

Nelson blamed the "failures" of this year's World in Revolution Conference on a lack of competition between student parties in Senate this year.

"This year's Senate had very little competition on stu-dent issues," Steve Fuchser, a senatorial candidate stated. "There was nobody to refute the policies of the party in power."

Student apathy cited

Student Senate as a "rubber stamp Senate" and blamed "the one party system for student apathy on campus issues.

not trying to degrade student Senate, but to improve it from within. We're afraid that without competition, student government will be meaning. ly one," Bill Mobiey, another

One of the major planks of

Section two of the CSP platform states: '... a Sena-tor's first responsibility is to his constituents ... "Nelson explained that this clause is an attempt by CSP to improve the voting responsibilities of senators.

"In many cases senators vote without regard to stu-dent opinion," Nelson charg-ed, as he cited the Dow Chemical resolution as an exam-

Fuchser pointed out that another CSP proposal is to increase student influence on University policies. The platform states, "The University must open it's 'proper channels' through a greater respect for student opinion."

Overcome fears

Fuscher explained his feeling that Senate must overcome its fear of the administration to a c h i e v e student goals. "We must respect the leadership of administrators," Fuscher explained, "and at, the s a m e time work toward

ions. Nelson added that student student responsibilities."

be designated as such on the May 10 senatorial ballot, Neldetriment to political compe-

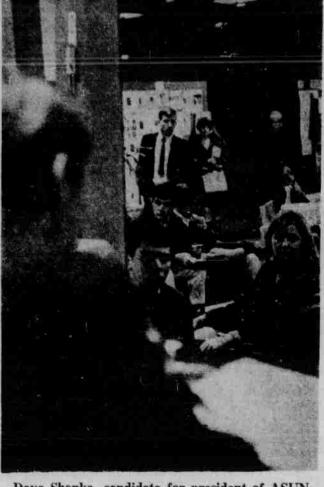
tition.' Fuchser said, 'This detriment is evidence by the commission's failure to allow parties to be on the ballot. Students were not informed that

March 15 was the deadline Nelson described the 1967-68 for the registration of political parties," he explained.

Candidates become threat

Nelson felt that CSP can-Explaining the purpose of CSP, Fuchser said, "We're even though PSA is the indidates were a serious threat cumbent student party. 'CSP has three incumbent candidates, while PSA has on-

"PSA in their nominations



Dave Shonka, candidate for president of ASUN, spoke Thursday at Hyde Park and outlined his campaign platform.

rights should "go as far as Shonka-Canarsky ...

Commenting on the fact that CSP candidates will not be designated as such on the Basis for platform: son said, "the electoral com-mission this year has been a

The realization and recog- and the University budget. nition of student power is the The presidential and vicebasis for the Dave Shonka-Paul Canarsky executive also advocated that Senate act to make AWS a voluntary membership organiza-According to Shonka, an tion.

ASUN presidential candidate, Informing the student body student power means grant- on the progress of the Stuing students an equal voice dent Bill of Rights and tak-(equal with administration) ing a stand on a realistic imin selecting policies involving plementation of housing tion' that is often fragmented tee be established to help detheir education and in policies which involve student that Senate should take ac- said. non-academic affairs. tion on, Shonka explained in

The presidential candidate his written platform. promises that if he and his The present government running mate are elected, has "inexcusably failed to insteps will be taken to recog- form the student body" as to sought are of a long term their effects on the residents. nize the rights of the individu- the reasons that the Bill of

"Too often these rights mented after it received stu- ASUN Education Committee policy could directly effect

Student-faculty cooperation

with questionnaire distribution "Justified accusa- ation, PSA proposes to estab- between a) the students' re- complaints of an 'inactive tions" against the 1967-68 Stu- lish a committee to make an sponsibility to the welfare of Student Senate and ASUN.

dent Senate communications "intensive evaluation" of ed-have led the 1968 Party for ucation at the University. stitution's responsibility to tions are unfounded." said Student Action (PSA) candi- Dreeszen said this would be rights of the students. dates to try to reach the vot-ers directly through an all-in specific suggestions, simi-Choose environment campus questionnaire, ac- lar to the study authorized cording to Diane Theisen, at Berkeley in the wake of

campaign manager for PSA. the student revolt. The questionnaire, titled "This trend of questioning

'PSA '68," was distributed must be continued in student Friday before the ASUN gen- government," Miss Theisen eral elections April 10. The said. "More students are now reason for this, according to beginning to see that there Miss Theisen, was that Uni- are other and better ways versity students need to start of getting a thorough educatalking about ASUN. tion.

Housing policy

"This questionnaire should be of value to the Senate even for PSA candidates this year PSA doesn't win," Miss is the question of the Univer-Theisen said. "We felt that sity student housing policy. solving this problem of communications is vital if we are to envolve students again in student government."

Value to senate

The PSA questionnaire is a housing, and the building of sort of unconscious outline of fraternity and sorority comthe three main planks in the plexes by the University. PSA platform, according to Miss Theisen. The first section, concerns special programs projected by ASUN executive candidates Craig Dreeszan, Cheryl Adams, and

Mike Naeve. "PSA slate believes that are an important part of Sendential Candidate Dreeszen. "We have worked on such programs as the Free Universi- als for student housing in ty, the Model UN and Stillman Exchange program. and

we want to know which of presidential candidates have these and other possible pro- Housing Committee immediatgrams are most interesting to ely begin to consider alterna- application read our constituents."

such educational programs.

of Nebraska need not be passive recipients of an 'educa- dence Hall Planning Commitrights are two other a r e as and irrelevant." Dreeszen velop dorms that can be filled

Continue programs

"Many of the reforms fecting residence halls and Rights has not been imple- grams begun by this year's licies such as the open-house the CSP platform is that Stu-dent Senate should take a were sacrificing quality for the been ignored, and too of-the vote-getting quantity by nom-ten the past student govern-ten the past next must De con

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"We think that the student's fulfilling housing financial ob- well as to the Senate protat that alternative ways of Dreszen.

the Board of Regents per- their student government." sists in their reluctance to assure students rights, students can justify non-cooperation with housing regulations," he said. A second area of concern

PSA completely favors affiliation with the National Student Association (NSA), ac-In the PSA questionnaire, cording to Miss Theisen.

students are asked their opin-Favor NSA ions concerning staggered dorm rates, off-campus

"NSA offers programs for both the individual and the student government as a whole," she said. "We urge tions will make students real- voters to vote 'yes' for NSA affiliation in the general election.

> Concerning the question of Senate-student communication. Miss Theisen said this is a somewhat general but difinitely existing program. PSA is preparing to participate in face-to-face and indirect contacts during the senate term as well as during the election campaign. 'Although we have heard

lvv, daisy chain

Applications for the Ivy Day Daisy and Ivy Chains for Lincoln girls will be available in Dean Snyder's office, Motor -that a permanent Student-Board member Kris Bitner Administration Resi-Pfeifer announced Thursday. Freshmen through juniors may apply for the Daisy Chain and the Ivy Chain is merely by being attractive to for senior girls, she stipulated. All applications are due

students: -that an investigation be Wednesday, April 10. made concerning policies af



Miss Theisen. "The problem

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has been communications between the action of the Senate and the student body.

"PSA hopes that through inright to choose his own liv- creased attention to 'senate ing environment is so impor- newsletters and seminars as ligations must be found," said grams and projects, we can adequately inform and inter-"If the Administration and est University students in





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> So fine a gift, it's even sold in jewelry stores. After shave

debate." said Dreeszen. "PSA feels that no real effort has been made to implement the rcommendations of the 1967-68 Ad Hoc Housthese educational programs ing committee." ate's activities," said Presi- Four proposals made PSA has four main propos-

campaign platform. They are

-that the current Ad Hoc tive uses of residence halls

Dreeszen thinks that Sen- so that financial needs can ate has a very definite role in be met without sacrificing student rights:

"Students at the University

nature, so most of the pro- PSA platform states that po-

"We hope that these quesly think about this housing

stand on University visitation inating many inexperienced policies within the living un-

mistake for Senate not to take test of Harper residents to the in Senate. University's open house policy.

Senators uninformed

for med and unconcerned gram. The formal platform student rights. about the open door situa also suggests that Senate Shonka has suggested that "which directly influenced University courses dealing ticipation on all levels. many University students." | with Afro-American culture.

votes from the dormitories," student rights." Shonka h a s also advocated by Shonka Nelson felt that it was a Mobley said. contended. The Shonka-Canarsky plat- student-faculty involvement He felt that re-nominating concern in the Harper Hall incumbent senators was ben- form states that University in campus issues," Shonka issue, which involved the pro- eficial to allow for continuity students are responsible indi- said.

> In the realm of education- nied the right to choose their encourage experimentation in al programs, the CSP has en- living environment, hours the classroom, according to dorsed action in the following and activities.

tive race.

al student

viduals and should not be de- Student power should also

ment-especially ASUN-has

participation in the next ses- that in the past "the booklet sion of the State legislature," has been restrictive, vague, the platform states. Students and often inaccurate.

stated, including legal drink- for the establishment of a ing age, capital punishment University honor code.

in residence hall -that there should exist the year." Dreeszen said. In addition to this continu- best possible reconciliation

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and Canarsky. "This means

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the platform. "Only when the area: centennial college, res- The platform charges that classroom becomes a true "Many senators were unin-idential college and the ex-pansion of the pass-fail pro-position of strength to further learning experience does apathy disappear," Shonka contends.

TEXET

"We seek a faculty evaluaabout the open door situa- work toward the inclusion of Senate encourage student par- tion booklet that is more than "We will encourage student teacher." Shonka explained

should be interested in a n y Another Shonka-Canarsky applicable is sue, Shonka campaign proposal provides

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