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## McCarthy opens state campaign



### Favors lowering of voting age



Eugene Stolfus, former International Volunteer in Vietnam, addresses students at an informal Hyde Park session.

## Students circulate petition to reconsider grade scale

A group of 30 campus leaders has circulated a petition requesting the Chancellor to call a special meeting of the Faculty Senate to reconsider an amendment passed by the Senate last Tuesday which alters the present grading system.

Dick Schulze, ASUN president, acting group spokesman, was optimistic that students will be included in an evaluation of the present grading system in an attempt to remedy the situation which the amendment is directed toward.

The amendment provides for the immediate inclusion of "plus" grades in the current grading system. It is aimed to solve the problem existing under the four-point system of the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. The present class averages are below the 1965 averages which were based on the nine-point system. The inclusion of plus grades would in effect place the University back on the nine-point system.

#### Group objects to action

Schulze said the group, which met Wednesday and Thursday nights, objects to the procedural action taken by the Faculty Senate in adopting the amendment prior to contacting the student body.

He said a petition signed by a minimum of 25 faculty members, holding the rank of associate professor and above, will be presented to the Chancellor Friday. The petition states:

—Whereas, the students are directly affected by the grading system and should be consulted before

the system is modified or changed, and

—Whereas, the students were not consulted about the recent modification; therefore

—WE THE UNDERSIGNED, as members of the University Senate request the Chancellor to call a special meeting of the University Senate on Tuesday, April 23, 1968 for the purposes of reconsidering the recent modifications of the grading system and providing a means for students to be involved in any evaluation of our present grading system.

#### Purpose to reopen issue

Schulze said the purpose of the petition, provided for in the by-laws and rules of the Board of Regents, is to open the issue again for discussion.

He said the students would propose at that meeting the establishment of a long-range study committee, including student representation, to seek remedies to the disproportionate amount of students on scholastic probation at the University.

It is this situation which prompted the hasty action by the Faculty Senate Schulze said.

#### Students not contacted

In soliciting faculty members support for the petition, Schulze said it was apparently an unintentional oversight that students were not contacted regarding the amendment.

He was optimistic the students and faculty would work in harmony to bring about satisfactory remedies to the problem.

Schulze said there were definite available channels open between the faculty and administration to the students which were not used. He listed the Chancellor's Student Academic Freedom Committee, the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, and the Faculty Senate-Student Liaison Committee as means by which the students could have been informed of the impending amendment.

#### Faculty may reconsider issue

He added the group was ex-

hausting every formal channel of appeal open to students, but thought the Faculty Senate would reconsider the issue.

Professor Royce Knapp, who presented the amendment, said Wednesday the amendment stemmed from the findings of a faculty committee appointed to investigate the grading situation.

The Chancellor initiated the investigation after a deans' study revealed that, depending on the college, 35 to 48 percent of the freshmen at the University were on scholastic probation.

#### Problem in grading scale

"We found little evidence of curriculum change or higher standards. Therefore we had to conclude that the problem was in the grading scale," Knapp said.

"Evidently the four-point system is being misused here," he continued. "At this University, a 2.0 average is the minimum average to stay in good standing, but it is also the exact middle of the grading scale."

"The University is the only school in the Big Eight with a drop out rate of 1,000 students a year," Knapp said.

#### Not all dropouts

"These kids didn't just flunk out, either. Some dropped out because they didn't think they would be able to graduate," he explained.

"The change will decrease the chances for 'C' students to go on scholastic probation," he said. "We expect 20 to 25 per cent of the freshmen to be put on scholastic probation, but four or five out of ten is impossible."

The amendment passed Faculty Senate by a two-to-one margin.

ASUN President Dick Schulze announced Thursday he has called a special Student Senate meeting Friday afternoon for 12:30 in the Nebraska Union to discuss an amendment passed in Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Schulze said the purpose of the meeting is to bring the Senators up to date on the planned action of a group of student leaders who oppose the amendment. They met Wednesday and Thursday evenings to determine available action open to students.

That amendment which will go into effect immediately would recognize the average of a student who is above the halfway point to the next highest letter grade. A student with a 97 percent average would receive an A plus, equivalent to 4.5 grade point credits. A student with a 93 percent average would receive an A, worth 4.0 grade point credits.

## Dreeszen is president by a landslide

Students have elected Craig Dreeszen, Mike Naeve and Cheryl Adams, all members of the Party for Student Action (PSA), as new ASUN Executives.

The three were elected in resounding victories at Wednesday's General Election which saw only 2,369 students turnout to vote.

The Student Academic Freedom document and affiliation with the National Student Association were also approved in the election.

Election Commissioner Ed Hilz termed the voting turnout "sparse."

"The election procedures themselves went pretty much according to plan, although there were a few minor problems," Hilz said. The official results are:

**President**  
Craig Dreeszen (PSA) .....1566  
Dave Shonka .....571  
Write-Ins .....43

**First Vice President**  
Mike Naeve (PSA) .....1102  
Paul Canarsky .....399  
Ed Wenzl .....229

**Second Vice President**  
Cheryl Adams (PSA) .....1555  
Write-Ins .....104

**SAF Document**  
Yes .....1304  
No .....345

**NSA Affiliation**  
Yes .....1138  
No .....496

**College of Agriculture (Four Seats)**  
John Wirth (PSA) .....274  
Fred Boesiger (PSA) .....272  
Kent Boyer (PSA) .....261  
Jack Adkins .....251

**Proposed School of Home Economic Advisory Board Constitution**  
For .....69  
Against .....10

**Amendment to Agriculture Advisory Board Constitution**  
Yes .....161  
No .....7

**College of Arts and Sciences Senators**  
(Eight Seats)  
Mary McClymont (PSA) .....261  
Carol Madson (PSA) .....242

Ron Pfeiffer .....232  
Diane Theisen (PSA) .....212  
Dave Landis .....202  
Mark Schreiber .....202  
Tom Lonquist .....198  
Bill Mobley .....193  
Margaret Van Cleave (PSA) .....188  
Bob Zucker (PSA) .....182  
Rick Russell (PSA) .....179  
Jim Humlicek (PSA) .....168  
Dick Wegener .....163  
Joseph Voboril .....161  
Mary Nelson .....153  
Jeanne Adkins .....101  
Bernie Siebert .....89  
Dan Goodenberger .....88  
Bill Smitherman .....24  
Timothy McNaney .....60  
Write-Ins .....20

**Arts and Sciences Advisory Board English**  
Nancy Griffin .....390  
Write-Ins .....32

**Languages**  
Mary Lynn Nelson .....367  
Write-Ins .....15

**Natural Science and Mathematics**  
Don Stenberg .....432  
Write-Ins .....17

**Social Sciences and Philosophy**  
Kay Bradley .....211  
Owen Evans .....173  
Write-Ins .....17

**School of Fine Arts**  
Write-Ins .....109

**School of Journalism**  
Susie Jenkins .....398  
Write-Ins .....28

**Engineering and Architecture**  
Senators  
(Four Seats)  
Jim Sherman .....185  
Bill Chaloupka .....143  
Mark Moseman .....141

Glenn Nees .....126  
Jim Ochsner .....119  
Tommy Woodruff .....96  
Del Stork .....86  
James Wobig .....83  
Art Denney .....77  
Write-Ins .....12

**Teachers College Senators (Eight Seats)**  
Sue Thompson .....298  
Scone Cotner .....278  
Helen Larsen .....273  
Chris Seaman .....267  
Georgia Glass (PSA) .....247  
Curt Donaldson (PSA) .....240  
Paula Telgeler .....232  
Gary Toebben .....227  
Mike Nelson .....203  
Carol Masa .....198  
Ron Murdock .....150  
Ed Wensel .....140  
Lynn Trimpey .....135  
Bruce Blanchard .....132  
Write-Ins .....19

**Teachers College Advisory Boards**  
Elementary Education  
Paula Telgeler .....386  
Write-Ins .....78

**Secondary Education**  
Susan Thompson .....332  
Liz Lueder .....247  
Pamela Morris .....148  
Write-Ins .....23

**Special Education**  
Susie Borgens .....370  
Write-Ins .....28

**Business Administration Senators (Four Seats)**  
Tom Morgan .....116  
David Rasmussen .....114  
Tom Wiese .....113  
Teena Kudlacek .....94  
Brian Ridenour (PSA) .....92  
Gary Rosenbaum .....70  
Jerry Sieck .....69  
Steve Fuchser .....64  
Roger Roemich (PSA) .....64  
Dave Green .....53

**Graduate and Professional Senators (Eight Seats)**  
Larry Anderson .....112  
David Bingham .....112  
James Donat .....109  
Dennis Collins .....102  
Bruce Cochran .....99  
Write-Ins .....180

Trinidad Balagtas, a Filipino who is to receive her doctoral degree from the University in June, was awarded the Foreign Student of the Month Award by People to People, not by the Nebraska International Association as reported in Thursday's Daily Nebraskan.