

# Varied ideas used by Youth for Nixon to gain Nov. victory



Dan Wherry, state chairman of the Nebraska Youth for Nixon, left, and Steve McCollister, campus chairman, study a state map to determine campaign strategy to try to bring the GOP its first presidential victory since 1956.

Several "big surprises" at Nebraska football games are being planned by Youth for Nixon, according to Steve McCollister, Nixon's campus campaign chief.

The surprises are just part of the local campaign plans of Youth for Nixon, an organization composed of college and university students, McCollister said.

**AREA CHAIRMEN** in 12 different districts around Nebraska disseminate campaign information on the high level, according to state chairman Dan Wherry. He said that nearly every college also has a Youth for Nixon organization.

Youth for Nixon is just one facet of the Nixon campaign. Many groups are involved in the campaign, all under the direction of the United Citizens for Nixon-Agnew, Washington D.C.

Locally, the campaign to put Richard Milhous Nixon in the White House has under taken several different activities, McCollister said.

**Basic duty** of the campus group is to disseminate information about planned activities and rallies. McCollister relies on about 45 workers in Greek houses and an untold number of representatives on dormitory floors.

The local Nixon-backers are helping in the Listen-In campaign, to be held at the Cornhusker Ballroom. People may tape record a question to Richard Nixon. The tape will be sent to Washington and each person will receive a personal answer to his question.

Youth for Nixon are also conducting a door to door campaign. Nixon supporters are being asked to sign a card committing them to vote for the former Vice President, McCollister explained.

**DURING THE** last two weeks of the campaign, the group will have a booth in the Union, he said. They will

sell large color posters of Nixon. They will also assist in distribution on some new psychedelic buttons and posters.

Response so far in the campaign has been excellent, Wherry said. Campaign workers are really enthusiastic and, thus far, only minor problems have been encountered.

The only real problem in Wherry's opinion, stems directly from the astounding lead Nixon has over other challengers.

"A certain apathy may exist," he said. People who are staunch Nixon backers are so certain of their candidates victory that they will not even

vote. One duty of Youth for Nixon is to push voter registration and make certain that all voters go to the polls, he said.

Nixon campaigned in Lincoln last May, but he will almost certainly not return, according to Wherry. Chances that vice-presidential candidate Spiro Agnew will come to Nebraska are slim.

Various senators, governors and mayors also campaign for Nixon. Whether or not any such campaigners will come to Nebraska is uncertain at this point. Wherry pointed out that campaign plans are made less than a week in advance.

## Student church centers adopt educational, exploratory role

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The message is finding another medium.

Christian student centers on campus are supplementing the traditional Sunday church service with week-day "discussion groups" on social, theological and philosophical issues of contemporary life.

Hopefully, campus ministers agree, these talk-shows will produce a social awareness in the University student that can relate to Christian teaching.

**ONE OF** this semester's more ambitious programs is the "Depth Education Series," sponsored jointly by the Catholic Student Center and the Wesley Foundation.

The fourth session of the series, to be offered Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Methodist Student Center, will explore the Playboy Philosophy of Hugh Hefner and its impact on Christianity.

The three previous programs were on homosexuality and conscience. Other topics for future programs include Ecumenism, abortion, death, and race relations.

"We feel that it is time for the church to be honest with itself," said the Rev. Me Luetchens, associate minister-director of the University Wesley Foundation.

"It is time to face the issues, to talk about them in Christian concepts," he said. The other student chapels are following the trend.

The Lutheran Chapel, Missouri Synod, offers a continuing series of discussion groups which meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

**THREE TOPICS** are discussed: each group meets at a certain time period each day. "Humphrey Bogart is

Alive?" reflects on the questions: What is being alive? and What is being dead?

Another group discusses marriage and sexual relationship. The final group looks at Christian liberty, as defined in the Bible.

**United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE)** will inaugurate its "Soup Kitchen" program on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Contemporary films will be shown during the noon hour while lunch is being served. Films on Eric Hoffer, Marshall McLuhan, a French centration camps and others will be shown.

So, where will all of this lead?

**IN AN** October issue of Life magazine, five American ministers were spotlighted. Each had received hostile reaction from his congregation when he tried to infuse social action with his role as a Christian minister.

"Leave Christ out of racial reform," was the message given to one minister by his congregation.

The Rev. Luetchens does not feel that students will react in such a manner.

"Students are more ready to accept new things," he explained. "This is what education is all about."

But the minister does not feel that social awareness should be considered "a new thing" in the church.

"Facing social issues is like putting handles on the Christian message," he continued. "We can sit behind our stained-glass windows and talk about faith, but until we do something about it, it is meaningless."

The Rev. Al Norden, pastor of the Lutheran Student Chapel, Missouri Synod, agrees.

**"DISCUSSION" GROUPS**

## Student assistants: various opinions on how to do job

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just cause, but may not look into closets, drawers, etc., several SA's said. But most SA's seem to be rather unsure of whether or not his policy still holds. There are some who hold that the pass key is their nightstick and they may use it as they see fit, while others hold the key sacred, an instrument with which only to help the students.

**JOHN MOSEMAN** of Martin Luther King House (floor) at Harper puts it even more strongly: "My role is going to be primarily counseling... If I were approached to make a room search, I wouldn't. I consider a student's room a private place and I'll never use a pass key unless a resident is there and is willing to have his room searched."

Most SA's place the emphasis of their job on counseling and being a friend to the student, not the policeman. "We... look at the students not as troublemakers, but as people — people who may need

help now and then," Bob Grice of third floor Cather put it.

"I like to think of the positive side of it... of helping the students," said Peterson.

**BUT DAN SMITH** of seventh floor Cather seemed to sum up best what a student assistant is. "I really don't know... the role is pretty nebulous."

For, although many said the pre-school orientation was very good this year, there still seems to be no guidelines, no decisive standards. And while one student may be turned in for drinking one beer in his room after a test, another may guzzle all year and never be bothered, simply because he happened to get a different student assistant.

And, even were the administration to lay down strict guidelines, probably most SA's would still follow what their own consciences tell them to do, for they are doing that now with state and federal laws.

## Votes might not count... State ballots can be invalid by presidential choice write-in

There is no way to protest the presidential choices by writing in names or words on Nebraska's ballot without invalidating your vote of other candidates on the ballot.

Lancaster County Election Commissioner Dean H. Petersen said Tuesday that Nebraska state law does not provide space for write-ins on the general election presidential ballot.

**PETERSEN SAID** if a voter writes anything on the ballot, except an "X", the entire ballot, which includes Congressional candidates among others, would be judged invalid.

State law specifies that nothing but the signatures of the precinct judges and the

voter's "X" are legal on the presidential ballot. Write-in spaces are provided for some other officers on the ballot, according to Petersen.

**A voter who plans to write the word "peace" or the name of some person other than the nominated presidential candidates on the presidential ballot will be throwing away his entire vote on the political races,** Petersen said.

The only way to make a

protest against the presidential race and insure the validity of the rest of your ballot is to leave the presidential ballot blank, he said.

Petersen said that Lincoln voters will have a total of five printed sheets with ballots in the Nov. 3 election. They include the presidential and other political races, amendments to the state constitution, a Lincoln city issue, a school district issue, and the income tax referendum.

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