

Democratic Coalition emerges intact



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The Nebraska Democratic Coalition is alive and well, but the attending doctors differ on their reports on the condition of the patient.

Opinions of what happened at the organizational meeting in Omaha last Saturday run the gamut all the way from "a sellout" to "a very successful meeting."

ALTHOUGH MOST participants are reserving judgement of success or failure until after a mail vote to determine an 11-member executive board, many of the "prime movers" behind the movement are satisfied that the group is off to a good start.

Dan Schlitt, an original member of the Nebraska Concerned

Democrats and a McCarthy worker said he was satisfied that he had accomplished his two major goals: 1. to bring people together who had common interests but didn't know each other, and 2. to have an organizational structure approved.

"My evaluation of the whole day," he says, "is that it was a very successful meeting. I think it was a healthy discussion on the part of both sides."

"BOTH SIDES" refers to the fact that the group, comprised mainly of disaffected McCarthy and Kennedy workers and New Party people, invited key members of the Nebraska Democratic Party to the meeting. In the minds of several students and some professors, this defeated the purpose of the Coalition, which was to create a liberal "caucus" inside the party.

A point of sometimes bitter conflict arose during the meeting over an endorsement clause, desired by regular party members. Some

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members of the coalition construed this as a party "loyalty oath" and many balked at being tied to party discipline. Several walked out of the meeting, including NU professors Stephen Rozman and Robert Narveson.

Narveson later returned and now seems satisfied with a compromise pledge which states that members "will not oppose nominees of the Democratic Party in general elections." Rozman, angered at the original wording—"shall work for the election of"—did not return.

"THEY (PARTY regulars) wanted to know if we were 'Democrats first,'" says Narveson. "We had to make it clear to them that we weren't in that sense, that our commitment is not unconditional. They found this very hard to understand . . . in fact, we didn't really communicate on that point."

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Sandoz may adopt new hours system

Plan to utilize parent permission

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An experiment now being planned by Sandoz Hall would, if approved, grant optional hours to all women living in the dormitory, according to Joleen Phillips, Sandoz graduate assistant.

The girls would not be required to return to the dorm at a certain hour, Miss Phillips said. A girl's hours would be decided between her and her parents. Parental permission would be required for girls to participate in the experiment.

PRESENT RULES require women to be in the dormitory by 11 p.m. week nights, 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and midnight Sundays.

"Nothing formal has yet been done," Miss Phillips emphasized. "We are talking to some people outside the dormitory, and we are compiling evidence to support the experiment. Such evidence will be needed when taking the proposal to official policy-making groups."

For instance, questionnaires are being distributed throughout Sandoz Hall to obtain the opinions of dorm residents on the experiment.

SEVERAL PROBLEMS connected with the experiment are currently being tackled, Miss Phillips said.

If the experiment were implemented, a night watchman would have to be hired meaning additional expense for the girls. And people are wondering just how late the girls are planning to stay out.

The experiment has already been given unofficial approval by Associate Dean of Student Affairs Helen A. Snyder.

"I have spoken with the group and they have some very fine things thought through," commented Dean Snyder.

There are some difficulties though, she added. How will the experiment be evaluated? If the experiment is approved, would similar privileges be granted to other dorms?

"I DON'T know what reaction will be around campus," she continued. "I suspect there would be some difficulties in getting such an experiment passed."

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Russell Brown also approved of the experiment and says that freshmen should indeed be included in the project.

Brown said the experiment, when submitted as a formal proposal, could be given quick consideration by the Student Affairs Committee. The Regents meet every month, he pointed out, so consideration by that Board might take a little longer.

Everything depends on what the two groups decide to do with the proposal, Brown said. If they decide changes need to be made, final action could be delayed.

Another proponent of the experiment is the residence director at Sandoz Hall, Mrs. Emily Hoon is "much in favor of experimentation in order to give girls more practice in making responsible decisions."

THE DIRECTION seems to be towards more freedom in campus residences, she said. AWS has already approved sophomore keys, but a sophomore key system for dormitories would be unworkable because of the red tape involved.

"Girls would indeed like more freedom," she said. The girls would probably not stay out much later than usual in most cases, she added.

Mrs. Hoon predicted eventual success for the experiment. "Plenty of problems will be encountered, but by working together, we should be able to solve them," she said.

Committee reports plans for campus reapportionment

ASUN Wednesday accepted the report of the Reapportionment committee's intention to submit plans for restructuring Senate elections before the spring general election. "This resolution is to publicize the intentions of the committee," Bill Chaloupka, committee chairman said. "Quite frankly, it is also to make some people happy who cannot see what we are doing in committee."

Chaloupka was referring to a recent Inter-dormitory Association resolution demanding that Student Senate place reapportionment proposals on the upcoming referendum for Government Bill No. 24.

SEN. BOB ZUCKER moved that Senate go into a committee of the whole to discuss a letter appearing in the Daily Nebraskan and signed by 19 senators which criticized a Jack Todd editorial which appeared in the Monday, November 25, Nebraskan.

At one point in the letter, the

students accused the editorial of serving as a "mouthpiece for ASUN President Craig Dreeszen and not reflecting a consensus of the Senators."

Sen. Bill Gilpin asked how the authors of the letter knew that Todd was not expressing his own opinion.

"Todd has been at only one meeting this year," Sen. Tom Morgan said. "He is getting his ideas from somewhere and it is not from his reporters."

GILPIN POINTED out that no consensus vote of ASUN had been taken as a part of Senate business.

Morgan replied that 19 senators is sufficient to be considered a consensus.

"The letter was vaguely worded," Chaloupka said. "I am not sure that the senators who signed the letter even remembered what was in the editorial."



SDS members sit in at Administration to plan strategy.

SDS revival meeting nixes ROTC in coliseum campaign

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Suppose they took over the Administration Building, and nobody came?

In effect, that is what happened Tuesday night after 30 University students picketed against ROTC in front of the Coliseum.

The group marched to the Administration Building and held a "strategy meeting" on the floor of the main floor hall. The building was unoccupied — it was 7:45 p.m. — except for a campus policeman who was checking to see if office doors were locked.

All remained seated while the policeman made his way through the crowd. There was no exchange of words.

THE "TAKEOVER" of the building climaxed a day of protest which labeled ROTC "an indirect instrument of war, the systematic and efficient mass production of death."

Earlier in the evening the demonstrators, under the leadership of the recently-revived Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), stood in front of the Coliseum prior to the Nebraska-Wichita State basketball game as several thousand fans entered the building.

The picketing lasted about an hour. Most of the time was spent posing for the eight press photographers who covered the protest, passing out leaflets, or chanting derisive remarks against ROTC.

MEANWHILE GROUPS of observers voiced strong objections to the protesters.

"I think it's just a publicity stunt," said Rodney Pittam, a student from Adams. "It is a vital necessity that the majority of military officers come from the universities."

Jim Schwizow, a Lincoln student, said that "it is extremely sad that they (the protesters) have to rebel against everything that is given to them."

"They don't know how lucky they are," Schwizow added.

Other comments included: "Oh, how ridiculous." "They're a bunch of commies." "Weirdos." "Stop ROTC? I'd say call out the boys tonight to clear these kooks out . . . prison would do them some good."

BUT THE "Stop ROTC" movement has just begun, according to leaders of the demonstration.

"We didn't expect ROTC to evaporate after today's activity," Dave Bunell, who helped organize the campaign, said. He outlined future action the group plans to take.

"We are going to organize a course in revolutionary military tactics and demand credit for it," he said, adding that the mock drill team will also demand credit.

A number of the protesters donned surplus military uniforms and paraded in front of the Coliseum in mockery of ROTC drill units.

STEVE BURKLAND, who recently turned in his draft card to the Selective Service board in Clay Center, said that Tuesday's activity "better be just the beginning" of a larger movement.

"We weren't very organized to-

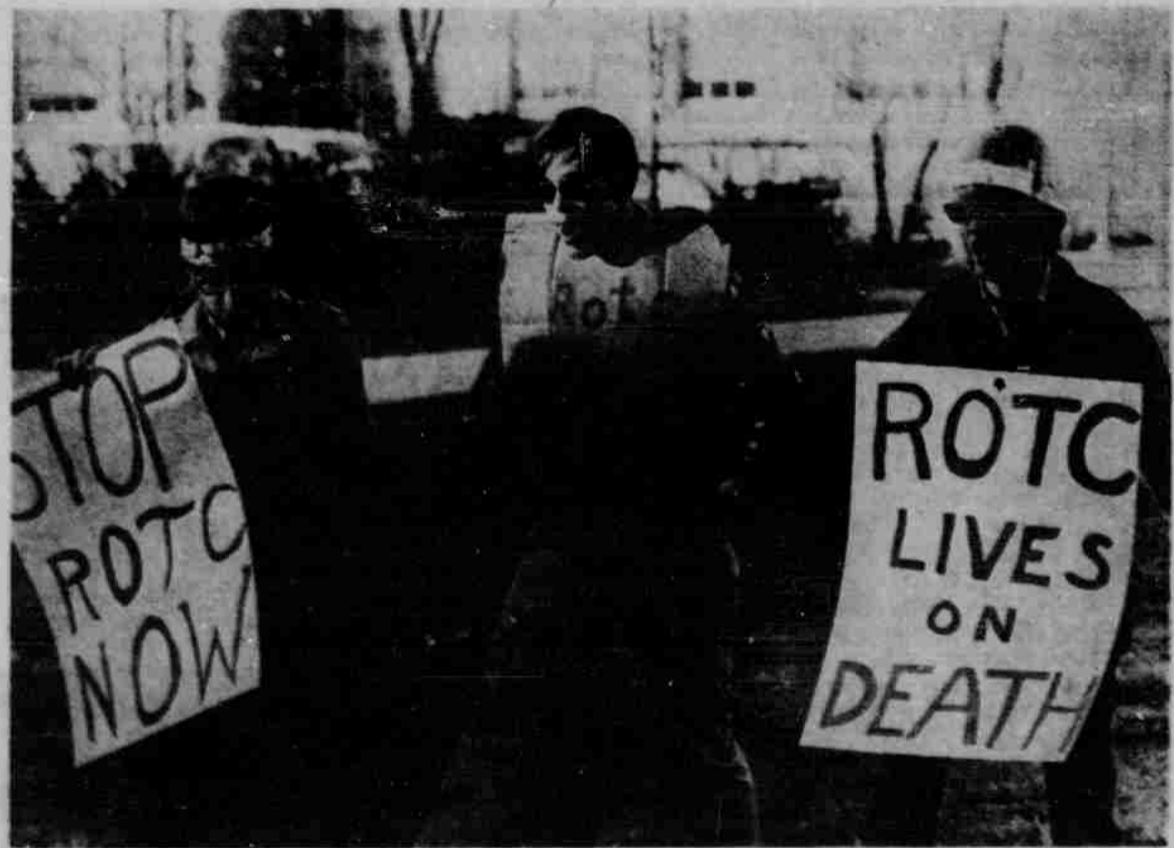
day," he said during the demonstration. "We had many ideas but little coordination."

Some protesters were disgruntled with the protest itself.

"I thought the afternoon's action was atrocious," said one girl who

wished to remain unidentified. "It just proves that social protest is doomed on this campus."

SDS continued to occupy a booth in the Nebraska Union on Wednesday. Signs proclaimed that "the war on ROTC had just begun."



Put your left foot in, put your left foot out . . .

Ralph Nader, auto safety expert, to speak at 3:30 p.m. in Union

Ralph Nader, who almost single-handedly pushed automobile safety legislation through congress, is scheduled to speak at 3:30 Thursday in the Nebraska Union ballroom.

A graduate of Harvard and Princeton, Nader began the salvo against the auto industry in his book, "Unsafe at Any Speed,"

Ralph Nader



which charged that Detroit auto makers were building "death traps that kill 50,000 people annually."

THE LAWYER'S efforts culminated with the passage of the Traffic Safety Act which set stan-

dards for all new motor vehicles. President Lyndon B. Johnson termed the act a landmark legislation.

While Nader is still concerned with auto safety, he has now become America's ombudsman adding sanitary conditions in food industries and water and air pollution to his list of concerns.

Recently he testified before congressional committees concerning the dangers of radiation over exposure in the course of medical and dental X-rays.

MANY PEOPLE think that Nader, the consumer's crusader, is really being secretly subsidized by labor unions or gathering profits from other sources.

However, according to a recent interview in Playboy Magazine, he lives monklike in a drab furnished room in a Washington, D.C., boarding house.

He works 20 hours daily and maintains a \$97 a month office in

downtown Washington. Nader is not married and generally eats in cheap cafeterias, wears off-the-rack clothes and walks to save taxi fare.

NADER'S CRUSADING efforts are unwritten solely by his own earnings, which Newsweek Magazine said, "Would support perhaps one medium-sized cocktail party at the Shoreham for most of Washington's lobbyists."

His income is generated by book royalties, speaking engagements and articles for Atlantic Monthly, Christian Science Monitor, The Nation and New Republic.

He has also served as a consultant and contributor to many leading legal publications.

Nader, who served as a cook in the Army after leaving the Harvard Law School, will speak on consumer protection and corporate responsibility.