

Some classes held

Classes will be held on Friday, Feb. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on city campus and from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on East Campus, according to the Office of Student Affairs.

Afternoon classes will be cancelled due to the University Centennial Convocation.

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12 p.m.

Neb. Assoc. of School Administrators

12:30 p.m.

Placement Luncheon

2:30 p.m.

Food Handlers Training Course

3:30 p.m.

Union Trips & Tours

4 p.m.

ASUN — Senate

5:30 p.m.

Toastmasters Club

6:30 p.m.

Phi Chi Theta

AWS—Travelers Acts Tryouts

7 p.m.

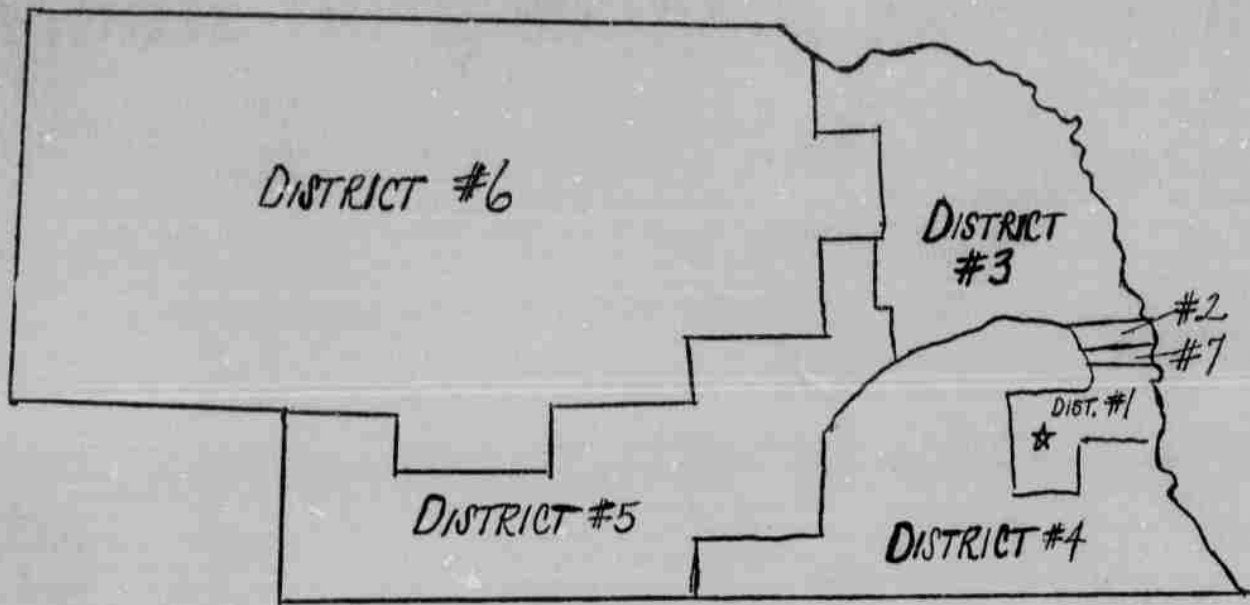
Red Cross Builders

IFC

Union Forums Committee

7:15 p.m.

Food Handlers Training Course



Then there were seven . . . the redistricted state, as suggested by the Board of Regents in connection with LB 188, would allot two board members to Douglas County instead of the previous one. The bill is under consideration by the Legislative Education Committee.

Regent reorganization bill postponed after controversy

by Susie Jenkins
Nebraska Staff Writer

Disagreement among Omaha Sen. George Syas, the Board of Regents and the Legislature's Education Committee has resulted in the indefinite postponement of a measure to enlarge and redistrict the Board of Regents.

The Education Committee, headed by McCook Sen. Lester Harsh, will reconsider LB 188 probably sometime this week after studying the original and the Regents' proposal.

The University Board of Regents proposed Monday to the committee that the present six members be enlarged to seven, with the main change in Douglas County, which would in effect gain a second representative on the Board.

The Regents' proposal is one member less than the total recommended by the bill's main sponsor, Sen. Syas. He and associate introducers Elvin Adamson of Valentine and Omaha's Clifton Batchelder recommended that eight be the reformed total of the Board.

"The redistricting must be done now," Syas emphasized. "I'm naturally for eight (members) but

however you recommend this bill to the Legislature, you (the committee) have to redistrict along the one man-one vote lines."

Due to the recent Supreme Court ruling which insists on equal voter representation, election districts in Nebraska and the rest of the U.S. must be based on population levels, each within a small percentage level of the other.

Voters in Nebraska also instituted an amendment into the state Constitution which allows the Board to be expanded up to a total of eight.

Syas noted that the Regents districts were last realigned in 1920. At that time the district around Douglas County included parts of several surrounding counties. Regent Dick Herman still represents the entire area.

In addition, Lincoln was included in a large district, giving the overbalance of representation to the outlying rural districts.

With the Regents proposal, the average population in the districts would be about 217,000, with two Regents from the Omaha area and more than half of Nebraska — from

the western boundary — with one representative.

Regent Ed Schwartzkopf, representing the Board, said that the reason the Board preferred seven was to achieve an uneven number for voting.

The greatest disparity between districts occurred between the proposed North Omaha district, with 200,000, and the Lancaster County vicinity, with about 226,000 residents.

This difference and the change in size of the districts bothered Genoa Sen. Herb Nore, who complained that the new plan would be unfair to the rural areas.

"This is basically an agricultural state," Nore said. "We emphasize the cities too often. This could be dangerous."

Nore was especially in disagreement with the prospect of giving Omaha two Regents, while Omaha Sen. Henry Pedersen disagreed with the division for a different reason.

Pedersen noted that the Regents proposed split of Omaha would divide Douglas County Legislative districts Four, Six, Nine and 12.

"This would cause great confusion," Pedersen said.

Student centennial group researches campus life

It is not generally known, but a student ad hoc committee is planning several projects to commemorate the University's 100th birthday.

"We began work last December," committee member Larry J. Cihacek said. "But to date only about five students are doing most of the work."

THE GROUP is planning at least two projects, Cihacek said.

"We want to research some phase of student life over the last 100 years," he continued. Possibly this research will concentrate on student involvement in political affairs over the past century, he said. Students' involvement in extra curricular activities could also be studied.

The study would be published in some way, Cihacek said. It could be printed in the Daily Nebraskan in serial form or be distributed to the students as a formal paper or an informal booklet.

The committee's second project is

the donation of a bronze medallion to be hung near the present multi-purpose room on the Nebraska Union second floor.

THE MEDALLION would be something strictly from the students, Cihacek said. Campus organizations are being solicited for donations. Possibly individual students may be canvassed for money also.

In connection with the medallion, the Union's multi-purpose room, which has never had a name, will be dedicated as the Centennial Room.

The change has been approved by the Union board, according to Allen H. Bennett, director of the Nebraska Union.

"IT'S A fine idea and a very appropriate name," Bennett commented. A dedication luncheon will be held Feb. 8. When the medallion is finished, it will be hung near the entrance of the new Centennial Room.

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Judiciary committee decision okay's 19 majority amendments

by Sue Petley
Nebraska Staff Writer

The Judiciary Committee of the state Legislature Tuesday passed an amended bill which would lower the age of majority to 19.

The committee, composed of Senators Moulton, Schmit, Stull, Leudtke, Klaver, Carpenter and Elrod, under the chairmanship of Sen. Fred Carstens, passed the bill on with a vote of 6 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

As originally introduced by Senators Adamson, Holmquist and Mahoney, LB 167 would lower the age of majority to 20, giving 20-year-olds all privileges and responsibilities of citizenship except suffrage.

Two amendments to the bill were subsequently introduced. Governor Norbert Tiemann proposed lowering the required age to 18 and University student Dave Piester advanced 19 as an alternative.

Sen. Adamson informed the committee that the bill he is currently co-sponsoring dispels his reservations concerning the willingness of young people to assume responsibility in exchange for the privilege of voting. He felt certain that if LB 167 were passed as a statute, a companion bill lowering the voting age, to be heard on Feb. 20, would have little trouble securing a majority from Nebraska voters.

Sen. Sam Klaver noted that supporters of the bill would be "going contrary to the wishes of the voters," ascertained by the November defeat of Amendment 1, by passing the bill out of committee. He said that the bill would not be an amendment, decided by the voters of the state; but rather a statute, voted upon by the Legislature.

Sen. Adamson replied that it was not the voting age bill in question in the hearing and that LB167 does not affect the age of suffrage.

Robert Barnett, counsel to Tiemann, introduced the Governor's amendment. He observed that young people establish civic responsibility in high school, but that the transition period from 18 to 20 greatly diminishes this feeling of responsibility.

On a query from Sen. Terry Carpenter regarding whether the Governor would accept 19 as a

suitable age, Barnett answered that "Nineteen is better than 20, but not as good as 18."

Sen. Fred Carstens observed that such legislation would open young people to vulnerability from unscrupulous businessmen, such as loan sharks. Sen. Klaver agreed that this would be the equivalent of throwing innocent youth to the dogs.

Piester, former chairman of Nebraskans for Young Adult Suffrage, introduced what he termed a compromise amendment to change the age to 19. He asserted that a significant change occurs in a young person upon his graduation from high school, but that the age of 19 would still allow most youths time to become established before assuming such responsibilities.

Piester indicated our society is overprotective, and claimed that freedom from legal prosecution is a detriment to personal responsibility in young people.

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