

Vavak cites student lobby

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we should have three or four students elected from the student body on the Board.

Vavak is sympathetic with movements for more student control of their affairs, but he feels that the difference between students governing students and administration governing students is negligible.

"NEITHER SITUATION provides an atmosphere in which the student can ask himself what his life means," he continued. Students should be left to make their own decisions.

"Right now we have repression. We need to have enough faith in people to allow them to make their own decisions. Someone has to govern, but the repression in our society stifles any initiative on the part of the individual. Freedom of the individual needs to be greatly increased."

According to Vavak, civic authority should be the governing authority over the student outside the classroom.

Vavak doesn't have the faith in University or ASUN committees that his presidential opponents do.

"ASUN has to do more than just send reforms to committees," he said. "To push a reform through it takes hard work and direct contact with people."

ASUN NEEDS good people who believe in what they are doing, Vavak added. Senate needs people who are willing to work instead of just passing a resolution onto a committee in ASUN or in the administration.

Vavak feels that some form of reapportionment is necessary.

"I support a new form of apportionment similar to that which came out of the constitutional convention," he said. "But I can't support the referendum measure on reapportionment which will be on the ballot because of the ratio of senators for off-campus students."

THE REASON ASUN has been a farce in the past has been because senators haven't worked for the type of program as the STP platform according to Vavak. There simply hasn't been program on the SIP platform, he added. "Student Senate hasn't done much," he added, "because the senators haven't thought much."

Diane Theisen

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past year by the Board of Regents, will again be an issue next fall, she predicted. She is confident that eventually the policy will be approved.

Student involvement in other aspects of the University besides living regulations is desirable too, Miss Theisen said.

"WE HAVE STARTED to involve students on a limited basis now," she said. "Students are working closely with faculty and administration on grading review committees and the Centennial College."

Perhaps a council for academic affairs, patterned somewhat after the Council on Student Life, would be desirable, Miss Theisen suggested. On such a group, faculty, administration and students could sit down and make decisions together.

Students want to help make decisions and tell how they feel on issues, she said. More students should be involved in this process.

"It has been said that the University of Nebraska is intellectually stagnant," she said. "That attitude must change. And it won't be changed by pouring more money into the system. It can be changed by choosing a goal, becoming dedicated to it and working with it."

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Real strides forward can be made in a faculty evaluation book even without every last detail being perfect, Prier said. If financing is the problem, perhaps the book could be offered for a small charge — a dollar or less.

ALSO CONNECTED with education which has a lot of legitimacy, according to Prier. The NFU is ideal for students who want to study independently in small groups or with abstract ideas that wouldn't fit well under the regular curriculum.

"The Free University ought to continue," Prier stated. "But I would be wary of getting it too organized. It must be independent and free. If it is too organized, it will turn people off."

Once the student leaves the formal education of the classroom, he should be responsible for his own affairs, Prier feels. Saying that students cannot live off campus is absurd. The idea of approved housing off campus is ridiculous.

"The student should work out the regulations himself," Prier continued. He should live anywhere he wants.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTIAL candidate is not happy with the recent hike in dormitory rates. The rise was enacted by the Board of Regents at their last meeting with no prior notice. "This is unfortunate," he said. "It just proves that all the talking we've done is so many words in the wind. This is the perfect example of the need to increase student participation."

It has been said that ASUN is a farce and it is irrelevant and that's true to a large extent, Prier said. ASUN has never attacked the primary issues of importance.

One such issue came into focus recently when more than 200 black students demonstrated outside and inside the administration building.

"I sympathize with the black demands," Prier said. "ASUN has a responsibility to end discrimination." Equality among the races is desirable but has not been attained yet and, as a white man, I feel guilty about it."

Richard Page

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The candidate for first-vice-president would like to see a full listing of costs, showing why the raise was necessary. This listing could then be published and sent out to dormitory residents.

Another complaint of Page's is the amendments to the ASUN constitution which will be on the spring ballot. He is opposed to them all.

"THESE AMENDMENTS would substantially change the constitution, but in a different way than was proposed by the recent ASUN constitutional convention," Page remarked.

The convention was hurried, he continued. That impaired its effectiveness. A full fledged constitutional convention should be held in the fall with reapportionment again the goal. Perhaps not as many ASUN senators should be involved in it, he suggested.

Contrary to the evidence presented by the recent vote on the new ASUN constitution, a substantial number of students do want a change in the constitution, Page said.

A JUNIOR in teachers college, Page said he has "a great interest in getting something accomplished," if elected to the ASUN executive post.

He is a member of the Abel-Sandoz Residence Association and the Executive Council of Interdormitory Association. Page has been active on several other committees and subcommittees.

ASUN Senate candidates express opinions

Throughout the past week, the Daily Nebraskan has tried to contact all the candidates for ASUN Senate. The following candidates were asked to briefly state some of their opinions and ideas. Those who are not listed were not contacted by deadline time.

Candidates from Arts and Sciences:

LYNN ALEXANDER, a philosophy major, is running for the Senate because, "I am sold on the value of the Council on Student Life and the new Teaching Council. We need energetic Senators who are willing to work and make these committees what they should be. I think I can do it."

Alexander thinks he can improve communication between the Senate and the students by "seeing the Senate re-evaluate all committees and subcommittees to increase efficiency. I would form a committee on communication. I don't believe that any committee can be entirely effective until every student knows about it."

He thinks that the biggest problem facing the ASUN Senate next year will be educational reform. "This is where the Senate can be the most for the student. The University must provide the best possible educational environment both in the classroom and on the campus. If the Senate can do anything to bring about educational reform, then it has the foremost responsibility to do so."

LINDA BABBITT: A chemistry and pre-med student is running "basically because I feel that ASUN could be doing more to help the students."

Miss Babbitt feels that she can improve communication between the students and the Senate by "being available to the students and letting them know you'll help them."

The biggest problem of student government next year will be "fighting for its existence," Miss Babbitt said.

Linda Baldwin: A Journalism major is running and feels she's qualified because she has been involved in the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs. There is a need this year for increased work from senators and increased power for the Senate.

MISS BALDWIN thinks she can improve communication between the Senate and the students by creating "a new system" — the Senate becoming more involved in University policy making.

Reapportionment will be the biggest issue facing student government next year, Miss Baldwin feels.

Bob Brandt, a political science and journalism major, is running for the Senate because he is concerned with ASUN. "I want it to take an active part in what the students are interested in," said Brandt, the president of Abel-Sandoz Residence Halls.

BRANDT WANTS to improve communication between the Senate and the students. "I know lots of people, I served on the ASUN Masters Committee," he said. "I was an IDA representative and I feel I can relate to both the Senators and the students."

Brandt believes the greatest issue facing ASUN will be to create a student government with student interest. It must take an interest in what the students feel.

Alan Gless, a German and history major, said, "I'm upset about the way the Administration is running things, particularly the Board of Regents. It is an elective body, responsible to all voters and prospective voters in Nebraska. The Board of Regents has secret meetings and this isn't fair. I advocate a student and a faculty representative at each meeting."

GLESS BELIEVES that he can improve communication between the Senators and the students. "I live in a residence hall. I am President of my floor and I know most of the people in my dormitory and I know quite a few people in the Greek houses also."

Gless thinks the most important issue facing student government next year will be the controlling of student life by the Administration. Students in college should run their own lives, he said.

Katie Johnston, a Sociology major, wants to see more done for the foreign students. "I feel I know more of these people than the average student. I feel that their housing is depressing," she said.

MISS JOHNSTON believes that she can improve communications between the Senators and the students by going to every Hyde Park session.

"A lot of people don't even know who their Senators are," she remarked. "I think a Senator should be at every Hyde Park. The Senate should also have a public information official."

Miss Johnston says that the most important issue facing ASUN is to smooth out the communication gap and understand minority groups next year within the campus and also outside the campus.

JOHN LINK, a sociology major is running for the Senate because he doesn't feel that the Senate is utilizing its full power. Better cooperation is needed between various branches of student government, Link said.

Link feels that a formal report of ASUN meetings and articles submitted by the Secretary of ASUN to the Daily Nebraskan would improve communications between the Senate and the students.

Link believes that the most important issue facing student government is student housing. Privately-owned housing rented like apartments would be acceptable. With the raise in tuition this could be a big issue.

BILL SMITHERMAN, an English and journalism major running for the Senate, said "I think the student should have a personal say in his nonacademic life. His out of class life should be regulated by his democratically-elected representatives."

Smithman believes that he can improve communication between the Senate and the students because last year he was on the communication committee. A Senator should make himself vocal, the candidate said. He should always be available at Hyde Park.

Smithman thinks that the biggest issue facing student government is the role of the University. This is the year the Senate will have to declare its independence and its power over nonacademic affairs.

ANNE TRIBA, a math major, said "I'm interested in student government. I feel I can represent the students fairly and accomplish what they want."

Miss Triba thinks the way to improve communication between the students and the Senate is reapportionment. This way people would be better represented. Senators should be assigned to certain areas of the campus to talk with the students and find out what they want.

The biggest issue that student government will face next year is housing regulations," Miss Triba said.

CELESTE WISEBLOOD, a pre-law major, said "I have a deep concern and interest for ASUN."

Miss Wiseblood thinks that communication can be improved by having a Senator represent each dorm. "I want to have suggestion boxes and offices where Senators can set up headquarters and talk to students."

Candidates from Teachers College: Bruce M. Christenson is running for Senate because he likes the challenge. There's been apathy on the part of the Students.

CHRISTENSON THINKS the best way to bridge the communication gap between the students and the Senate is to go out and talk to students and be responsive to the feelings of the students.

Christenson believes that the biggest issue facing student government is "finding relevance and being able to institute something."

Mike Eyster said "I have a lot of things I'd like to see get done, especially in the residence halls."

EYSTER FEELS that the way to have better communication between the Senate and students is to restructure the committees in the Senate.

"It is irrelevant to say what the most important issue will be next year—there's no use sitting around talking about the problems before they happen. They are going to come and that's the time to face them."

Bev Goodenberger said, "One reason I'm running is because I've been one of these people who sits back and complains and doesn't do a thing. I really had no right to do so, because I knew nothing about the fundamentals. Now I'm learning."

MISS GOODENBERGER thinks that the best way to learn about the Senate is to "read the Daily Nebraskan."

The biggest issue facing the student government next fall is "whether or not it will function," she said.

Bobbi McGee is running for Senate because she is concerned. The type of education we're getting here at the University can be improved, she said.

ONE WAY to improve communication between the Senate and the students is to distribute the phone number of senators to students can call them any time.

Miss McGee says, "It's hard to predict what the biggest issue facing the student government will be. I think it will be the search for student expression and student representation."

Business Administration:

Kay Moore said that her party, Electorate '69, is working toward "a more liberal educational system" with more pass-fail courses. She said that students "will want to learn more" when the pressure of grade competition is removed.

"I think to be a senator, one should be willing to work, be interested in student affairs and have the time so once he or she is committed, he can carry it through," she said. Miss Moore added that she has been president of her floor and is the director of the Spring Festival, sponsored by several residence halls.

Referring to the student body's relationship to ASUN, Miss Moore said, "maybe the word is apathy."

"Students should have more power to make decisions," she continued "but they also must have the desire to exercise it. I think this desire is coming now."

BOB DODENDORF said "more would be done" if the Senate would listen to the advisory boards and endorse their recommendations.

Dodendorf said he wanted "to try his hand" at the senate because he was "tired of promises with nothing done," and thinks that the senate could benefit by "new blood and new ideas."

"A lot of these liberal students are saying we should have all this power," Dodendorf said. "This is stupid, because once they have it, they never do anything with it."

Dodendorf said that student problems ("if marijuana is a problem, for instance") should be handled first by student government rather than the faculty.

THE NEBRASKAN was unsuccessful in contacting two business administration candidates, Denny Bloom and Max Shanahan.

Agriculture and Home Economics: "As a member of the East Campus Board, I find that when the East Campus Board meets the City Campus Board, there is some discrimination," Marmee Rojewski, a home economics student, said. "Some people downtown think we're all farmers with cowboy boots and this irritates me."

Miss Rojewski said that as a senator, she would try to improve relations between the campuses. She

said she was an ASUN worker last fall and was on the Faculty Evaluation Committee, a committee "that didn't go over too well, but was not our fault."

On student power, Miss Rojewski said, "I'm not a radical — I don't think students are technically capable of running the University. But we should have an equal part in some decision. Part of education is learning to run one's own life."

TERRY CAMERON said that Student Senate should become interested in programs other than student rights such as working toward smaller classes.

His experience on the legislative liaison committee, Cameron feels, has enabled him to "know the ropes" and "understand the processes of the Senate."

"Changes should begin at the student ground level and not from the top down," Cameron said. "In agriculture, we have had tremendous cooperation on such things as doing away with course requirements, because the students have been involved."

Nancy Dowding, a home economics student, said that her school "needs representation."

THERE ARE no home economics senators, and without representation, we can't work on our own problems," she said.

Miss Dowding said that University students should ask questions, look for the answers, and make suggestions, not "with ultimate power," but in such a capacity that "we should definitely be listened to."

Glenn Selk said that the senate "should improve student-faculty relations which are better on the east campus than downtown."

Selk, who feels his position on the college of agriculture's department of information has made him aware of his college's problems, said that the students' decision-making power is "limited at the moment."

"DR. JOSEPH SOSHIK'S speech at the East Campus Kiwanis Club said that students have no control in the hiring, firing, promoting and demoting of faculty, but only with student concerns," Selk said. "I'd like to see our power stretched to faculty concerns."

"As senator, I can better inform people on east campus on student affairs," Barbara Ostergaard, a home economics student, said.

"The problem on east campus is communication — we can't keep track of what's happening downtown," she said. "We need active senators to bridge the gap between campuses."

Miss Ostergaard said that every student should understand his student government, but it is hard to do so "without being part of it."

LYNN HOLDEN, a student in animal science, said that she is running for the Senate because she "would like to be where the decisions are being made."

Miss Holden said that since students are the ones to benefit by the educational system, they should have something to say, as well as the taxpayers, on where their money goes.

Gary Wolff said that Student Senate could improve education in agriculture "only indirectly," saying that its main function was to relate "student desires and gripes" to the administration, and citing the replacement of "staff" by the names of professors in course selection books as a possible goal the senate could work toward.

Wolff said that the student's role in University decision-making is not as strong as it could be because students have not taken the correct lines of approach that would lead to results.

The Nebraskan was unsuccessful in contacting three candidates in agriculture and home economics, Jerry Adams, Gary Ott and Bob Pfeiffer.

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