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ASUN holds 'big top' election

Many critics have charged that ASUN this school year has resembled a circus, so it is only fitting that voting on the City Campus for this Wednesday's ASUN elections will be in a big tent.

ASUN's "big top" is 40 feet by 60 feet and will be located in the closed-off portion of 14th Street.

Electoral Commissioner Glenn Nees said he hopes using the tent will increase the voting turnout. Previously the voting on the City Campus was done in several locations according to colleges.

Students will be voting Wednesday for ASUN executives and senators, advisory board members and May Queen. Voters will also decide the fate of three proposed

ASUN constitutional amendments.

If the amendments are approved the quorum in the ASUN Senate will be lowered from two-thirds to three-fifths of the membership.

The proposed ASUN amendments to be ratified must be approved by a majority vote with at least thirty percent of the eligible students voting in the election, or by an affirmative vote of fifteen percent of the eligible voters when less than thirty percent of the eligible students vote.

Thus the situation could arise Wednesday where fifteen percent of the University students ratify amendments which would permit 11 senators out of a total membership of 35 to pass legislation and resolutions

when a quorum is present. However, appropriations bills would still require the approval of two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the Senate.

To be eligible to vote Wednesday students must present their I.D. cards.

The schedule for Wednesday's elections:

City Campus — from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. all voting will take place in the election tent on the closed-off portion of 14th Street. From 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. all voting will take place in the Nebraska Union.

East Campus — from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. all voting will take place in the East Union. Only students from the College of Dentistry and the College of

Agriculture and Home Economics will be voting on the East Campus. From 6:00 p.m.

to 8:30 p.m. all voting will take place on the City Campus in the Nebraska Union.

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Regent objects to homophile course

Regent Richard L. Herman of Omaha has raised objections about an interdisciplinary course in homophile studies scheduled to be offered next fall.

"My principal objection to the course lies in the instructor, Dr. Louis Crompton," Herman said. "I don't really think an English professor is qualified to teach a course like this."

The course is cross-listed in English, anthropology, and psychology. Crompton, an English professor, is course coordinator.

Herman said he saw no reason why the course should be listed under English. This type of course should be taught by psychiatrists and sociologists, he said.

Crompton is national chairman of the religious committee of the North American Conference of Homophile Organizations. He is also the group's platform chairman.

"Dr. Crompton has made statements in the past that homosexuality is a natural phenomenon," Herman said. "I question whether any man who has made statements like this can teach a course on homophile studies objectively."

Herman said he may bring the course to the attention of the Board of Regents in its Wednesday meeting. Before the meeting Herman plans to do more research on the course and on Crompton's background, he said.

Dean of Faculties C. Peter Magrath said the course was approved in a normal fashion. As well as being approved by the curriculum committees of the departments involved the course was unanimously approved by the curriculum committee of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Since it carries graduate credit, the course was also unanimously approved by the Graduate Council, which considered it on two separate occasions, Magrath said. He emphasized that the course was reviewed intensively before being included in the 1970-71 schedule.

"In my judgment this is a soundly constructed and academically relevant course," he said.

"The course was cross-listed because it deals with many aspects of the homosexual in society," Magrath added. "It is listed in English because one of the major questions about the problem of homosexuality is how it has been treated in literature."

He said Crompton is highly qualified as an instructor of English literature. The course will also encompass religious questions about homosexuality which Crompton is highly qualified to teach, he added.

Magrath said the course will draw resource people from a number of sources as well as the three listed instructors. The other instructors listed are James Cole, director of the University's clinical training program in psychology, and Dr. Louis Martin, chief psychiatrist in the mental health division of the University Health Service.

Crompton said he had no comment about the course.

Meet the masters

Students will have an opportunity to meet and talk with fifteen outstanding University alumni at an informal coffee during Masters Week Monday afternoon.

Co-chairman Joe Voboril emphasized the get-together is for all students. The coffee is from 2 to 3 Monday.



Photo by Don Trema'n

Earth Day is Wednesday. See the Rag's special section, page 5.