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## Tiwald wants to begin Now



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Every ASUN election names a new president who promises to make ASUN meaningful to students.

Steve Tiwald, this year's winner, is saying one thing more. He wants to "begin now."

"ASUN isn't important to most students," Tiwald said. "This was indicated by the small voting turnout. It simply hasn't been doing enough things for students."

Committees and their chairman will be appointed soon, according to Tiwald. He added this will give these persons ample time to research projects for the 1970-71 ASUN.

A major effort will be made to provide more services, to operate on a non-profit basis, for students, Tiwald said. Tiwald's present plans for new

student services include a day care center and a bread and milk store. A book store and gas station are larger tasks requiring capital ASUN does not have now, he added.

Educational reform will be another focus of ASUN next semester according to Tiwald. Efforts will be made to coordinate Faculty Senate committees, the Teachers Council, the Academic Planning Committee and the College Advisory Boards, he added.

"Representatives from these groups should be brought together to benefit from each other's research," Tiwald said. "These committees must be more united, more effective."

Tiwald suggested that ASUN Senate meetings be held once every two weeks, instead of weekly. Then, two Wednesdays a month could be devoted to committee work, something that Tiwald said is missing from this year's Student Senate.

Tiwald also hopes to involve more students in serving on committees. He noted that during the campaign, he met



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many interested students and that there is no lack of work.

He urged students who had worked for parties other than his own to continue their efforts for ASUN.

"I believe that everyone in the campaign was working for the same end — to make the University a better place to live and learn," he said.

In a political sense, students must lobby for their interests, according to Tiwald. He added that the administration has downplayed the influence of ASUN.

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## Earth Day, 1970

... a cough and a whimper

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It would be the irony of all time if our industrial society would go out, not with a bang, but with a cough and a whimper.

So on April 22, 1970, there was an Earth Day. It began early and ended late with a candlelight march.

Regardless of the attempts to inform people of the problems of pollution, starvation and, in general, the destruction of the

earth, an aura of futility was in the minds of many of the about 200 students who participated in the candlelight march to the Capitol.

As the students stood on the steps of the Capitol, one of them read some words from Albert Schweitzer. The words were not consoling. They were pessimistic and painted a gloomy picture of the destruction of the world by man. But that same student reiterated, "it looks even worse if we don't try to save our earth."

The students were angry but not ready for violence. Instead, they voiced what might be termed "jovial cynicism."

Before they left the Capitol, they sang happy birthday to the earth and added a few bars for Mayor Sam Schwartzkopf.

They were pessimistic, but not without cause. Earlier in the day Mayor Schwartzkopf indicated that industries recognize their responsibilities for pollution cleanup and are doing their share in "saving the earth."

Earlier, Mark M. Hammer, associate professor of civil engineering destroyed the myth that no pollution problems existed in Nebraska.

Hammer predicted that in 10-15 years Lake McConaughy will be unsuitable for recreational use. Hammer said this would be caused by the upstream usage of herbicides and pesticides.

During the panel discussion on statewide ETV stations, Robert Roselle, entomology professor said that most pesticides used in Nebraska are not pollutants.

Roselle went on to justify the use of DDT and, in effect, said there is nothing to worry about. Things look so bright for the future that Roselle could laugh and smile about everything he said.

Paul Johnsgard, zoology professor said the levels of mercury in pheasant and quail were so high in Alberta, Canada, that hunting season on these birds was closed because they were unfit to eat.

No one knows what will come of Earth Day. The question remains, "Will there be an earth suitable for life?"

## 60 E-week displays on environment

The 60 E-Week displays are not just to show off bright engineering and architecture students.

The emphasis of this year's displays is on environment control because "engineers must be concerned with things other than the almighty dollar," said John Rosenow, E-Week co-chairman with Jim Bosiljevac.

About 10,000 visitors are expected to attend E-Week activities which end Saturday night with a banquet. Some 600 high school students took scheduled tours.

Displays included a model of underwater and floating cities, now in experimental use, that may be necessary in the future if efforts to control pollution are not successful.

A mechanical engineering display showed how noise pollution could be reduced through vibration control. This principle can be put into effect by constructing automobile metals to vibrate harmoniously and cancel each other out.

Another model showed how irrigation water polluted by fertilizer can be re-used rather than emptied into streams.

And agricultural engineering students diapered a pig to show the need for taking care of animal waste.

"Technology isn't the only answer (to pollution) but it can help," commented Rosenow who said a change in priorities is necessary to clean up the environment.

Engineering students are concerned about their responsibility for a healthy environment, he said, but the engineering profession still worships the dollar god.



With any luck — and a lot of tape — the Beautiful Balloon in the sculpture garden will bloom forever. The creation is a part of the E-Week program.