



## Bayh: critical question is 'Will the system work?'

After dispensing with a prepared speech, Senator Birch Bayh, (D-Ind.), spoke to University students Thursday about "the most critical question college students face."

"Will the system work? This is the most important question we can ask," Bayh told the crowd of about 600 students in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room.

"I believe it can be made to be more responsive and more viable," he said.

The senator went on to explain ways the system can be changed.

"Electoral reform is a test to see if the system will work," Bayh said. After having a vote on his electoral reform amendment blocked earlier this week, he said he plans to in-

roduce a new move to end debate later this fall.

The vote on the debate cloture fell short by five votes Wednesday and the senator said he already has added three votes, and needs only two more to end debate next time.

Reflecting on the action of his Senate colleagues in blocking the vote on electoral reform, Bayh said, "it is a sad moment in our history when a handful of senators can deny people the right to vote directly for their president and vice-president.

(Among the handful of senators Bayh was referring to are both Nebraska senators, Roman Hruska and Carl Curtis).

The Indiana senator said lowering the voting age was

another way of making our system of government more responsive. "Although it is not a panacea, it gives the young a way to participate," Bayh said.

But the senator said the most important goal for students should be reordering the priorities of our government.

Concerning defense spending, Bayh said, "we need an adequate defense budget, but today we are so obsessed about a possible future confrontation that we're overlooking problems in our own back yard."

The 42-year-old Democrat condemned President Nixon's administration for talking about the importance of health and education and then vetoing

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## ASUN senators to check books

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ASUN President Steve Tiwald and Student Activities Director Peter Wirtz said Thursday that no student fee money was used for ASUN strike activity last May.

Tiwald also announced he had appointed a committee of three ASUN senators to investigate the student government's books. The three senators — Bruce Wimmer, Steve Fredrick, and Steve Fowler — are to report their findings to the ASUN Senate on Oct. 7.

"If there are further questions after that, we are not afraid of an audit," remarked the ASUN president.

A resolution requesting an independent audit of ASUN and Student Activities to disclose whether student fees were used improperly during ASUN strike activity was rejected Wednesday by the ASUN Senate. The resolution, introduced by Wimmer, died for lack of a second.

However, State Sen. Clifton Batchelder said Wednesday he would request that the state auditor make an audit of ASUN books. The Omaha senator also said he would request that the Legislative Council investigate ASUN's use of student fees

during May's strike activities.

"We can't find any questionable or illegal ASUN expenditures for last spring," Wirtz said Thursday.

The Student Activities office, which regulates ASUN spending, is subject to an audit every year by the state auditor. An audit of Student Activities will show how ASUN spent its money, according to Wirtz.

However, Wirtz said to his knowledge his office has not been audited for the fiscal year 1969-70, which ended June 30.

The Student Activities director said that while no student fee money was spent for the strike, ASUN legally used student fee money to sponsor a dance. The dance was held on May 9, the day of the Nebraska for Peace Rally.

"I don't see anything improper about ASUN sponsoring a dance for all students," added Wirtz.

The May 9 dance was free and no political speeches were made, according to Tiwald. ASUN spent about \$1,200 for the dance, but later received about \$1,000 in donations to help pay for the cost of the dance.

"Any money that supported the strike came from sources other than the student fees of ASUN and Student Activities," said Wirtz.



## Work-Study program cut

Two years ago one NU coed received \$800 by participating in the federal Work-Study program. However, as a senior this year she will receive not a penny from the program.

The coed is one of 300 NU students cut from the program this year. The cuts result from President Nixon's war on inflation which has resulted in serious cutbacks in federal funds available for the Educational Opportunity Grants Program and the Work-Study program, according to Edward Lundak, director of Scholarships and Financial Aids.

Funds for the Educational Opportunities program were cut over \$100,000 from last

year's amount. Approximately \$316,000 was allocated the University this year.

Fund cuts in the Work-Study program have forced a reduction in the number of participants from more than 800 last year to approximately 500 this year, he said. The Work-Study program assists students by providing part time jobs at the school itself or at some other non-profit agency.

Educational Opportunities Grants provide up to \$1000 a year for qualified students. The amount of the grant is also matched by funds from other sources.

However, more money has been made available to students through the National

Defense Student Loan Program this year. "We have been forced to give more loans to students who we would ordinarily prefer to give grants to," said Lundak.

A near 50% increase in National Defense Student Loan funds has made \$458,000 available for loans through the University. These loans are supplemented by Federally Insured loans available through private lending institutions.

Funding requests for the next fiscal year have been more than doubled Lundak said. "We have a definite need for all the money requested and we hope we have sufficiently justified our request for increased funds."

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