Political science seniors view politics firsthand

Two University of Nebraska seniors are shelving the books for approximately 100 hours this semester to study politics in the day-to-day operations of the major party organizations.

Jerry Loos and Jim Davies are the first interns in a program initiated this fall by the political science department.

The program's originator, Carroll R. McKibbin, acting chairman of the political science department, said he hopes the interns will be "exposed to the practical side of politics and see as many facets of political activity as possible."

McKibbin e m p h a s i z e d, however, that the academic side of politics is of primary interest. "The aim of the program is a combination of the theoretical and practical," he said

The interns will read books, write reports and take an oral exam for three hours of credit in addition to the headquarters work

While the interns have only worked at the Democratic and Republican headquarters for two weeks, Loos summed up their feelings so far, "Things are really working out great."

Davies and Loos agreed that the combination of academic work and practical experience is beneficial.

"Many books on politics are just an ego trip for the author," Loos said. "The pages might as well be blank as far as telling the 'how to' of politics."

Davies said he wants to see how politics really work and to clarify myths about it in his mind.

"I want to learn about the relationship between the local, county and state party organizations," he added. "Is it a dictatorship-type thing or what?"

He added that the personalities who run the party headquarters should get more emphasis in political science studies.

"It's these people that make the party run smoothly. And that takes a lot of compromise on their part," he noted.

Loos said that he has discovered politics is not glamorous, but a lot of hard work — particularly when money is scarce.

"I have no desire ever to run for office," he said. "I've heard people say that a candidate has to be in love with himself and I guess I'm not. But I could see myself working behind the scenes for a congressman or senator."

Each of the parties is paying their intern a \$200 stipend. This wage compares with the amount earned by a senior working for the University and "protects the parties and the University against a charge that the University is supplying manpower for political parties," McKibbin explained.

Both the Democratic and Republican leadership responded affirmatively when approached by McKibbin about the program this summer.

"I've been wanting to do something like this for three or four years," Hess Dyas, chairman of the Nebraska Democratic Party said. "When Carroll McKibbin suggested the internship, I was alive to the proposal."

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"We want to offer the student" openness," he added. "I want to give the intern a true picture of what goes on in this office and not just a surface picture."

Republican executive chairman Joe Edwards echoed Dyas. "This office will provide the intern with activity so that he can see the political process in action. He wasn't sent here to do mechanical work."



Political science intern — Jerry Loos — learns about state party politics by working at state Democratic headquarters.

Bayh questions system

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"This is no time to cut health funds when eight million American children will go to bed hungry tonight," Bayh said.

Before concluding his speech and answering questions from students, the senator offered the words President Kennedy used in his inaugural address: "... God's work must truly be our own, God's work must truly be our own."

One student asked Bayh for his views of the Scranton Commission report on the campus unrest following the Cambodian invasion. The senator replied that he thought the report was "basically sound."

"I have little patience with students who throw bombs. It makes me doubly mad because the few who do use violence give credibility to the President when he calls all college students bums," Bayh said.

Also concerning the report, "there's no excuse for what happened at Jackson State in the guise of law enforcement," Bayh said.

Other areas of Bayh's comments:

—the draft: "There are other ways to help your country besides wearing a military uniform."

—womens lib: "It is irreconciable with the concept of equality that some of our institutions of learning restrict women from higher levels."



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