

# 'Demos try new tactics'

Welsh sees pitch for youth vote

The Democratic Party, beset by financial woes since the 1968 Presidential campaign, will probably try new methods of fund-raising and campaigning for the 1972 elections, according to an executive assistant to the National Chairman of the Democratic Party.

Bill Welsh, on campus to speak to various political science classes, said the increase of voters in the 18- to 21-year-old age bracket will cause a change in party tactics.

Said Welsh: "The Democrats are going to try to get the young vote, but most of our techniques are set up outside of the party structure."

For instance, at the University of Arizona a campus registration drive is being enacted. If the results are favorable a similar approach may be tried elsewhere.

**THE PROBLEM** with voter registration drives, said Welsh, is the great divergence of voting requirements from state to state.

He cited North Dakota, which has no requirement, and Texas, which requires an annual registration, as two states at opposite ends of the continuum.

A move toward more one-to-one contact with the people is a likely technique for the future, Welsh said. Mailing lists can be obtained of all likely contributors and they can be contacted.

Welsh explained that the advantage in such programs is that campaign money can be reserved for other kinds of programs.

**ANOTHER POSSIBILITY** for making campaign contributions more palatable to the contributor, a plan that Welsh favors, is allowing anyone who makes a contribution to a candidate's campaign to deduct that amount from his income tax return.

Welsh also explained the concept of equal-time in dealing with the media, and the Fairness Doctrine. Both laws are geared to allow both sides of an issue to be presented.

The quandary for the Democrats, said Welsh is in choosing a representative to respond to the President's speeches or press conferences.

As long as Nixon is President he can pre-empt the networks, itself "a big advantage" according to Welsh, without

equal time being allowed the opposition. However, once Nixon is nominated again for the Presidency, the Democratic candidate can request equal time on the networks.

**FOR THIS** reason the Democratic Party will hold an early convention in 1972. By holding the convention in July the Democrats will "pick up six to eight weeks of time" to prepare for the election.

This will allow the party to unify its platform and give the Democratic presidential candidate a chance to prepare responses to the President's speeches once Nixon also becomes a candidate.

Welsh believes the Democrats will pick up the independent vote in '72 due to dissatisfaction with the present administration's handling of economic and foreign issues.

"The power of the presidency, if you handle it right, is a very substantial power," Welsh said. He went on to say that Nixon hurt the Republican Party chances for the black vote by his nominations of G. Harold Carswell and Clement Haynsworth for a Supreme Court seat.

**SPEAKING OF** New York Mayor John Lindsay, a Republican who is often rumored to be considering a switch to the Democratic party, Welsh said such a switch is unlikely under present circumstances.

"If he comes over to the Democrat's side he just becomes one of many candidates," Welsh said. "It's more likely that he'll run against Nixon in an early primary. He can then decide his future on the outcome."

As for Sen. Edmund Muskie, who was shown running ahead of President Nixon in the latest Gallup Poll, Welsh commented that Muskie doesn't have the power to manipulate public opinion as well as Nixon.

"The president holds the power to make a decision at any time which can change public attitude," Welsh explained, "and any other political figure can only operate on what he does."

Since several Democrats have been mentioned as possible presidential candidates for '72, Welsh said it is "too early to tell" who holds the inside track to the nomination.



Welsh... more one-to-one contact.

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An amended resolution said the University budget for the 1972-74 biennium proposed by Egan "would make it difficult for the University to continue to develop and grow." It urges the Nebraska Legislature to increase Gov. Egan's "proposed appropriations for the University to a level adequate for continued growth."

The resolution on fraternal organizations, narrowly defeated Saturday, was re-introduced and adopted Sunday. It "strongly suggests" that NFYR members who belong to fraternal and private organizations that discriminate on the basis of color "use their influence to change the racial membership of these organizations."

A third resolution, asking the NFYR to suggest that the State Board of Education compile a sex education curriculum for all Nebraska public schools, was defeated.

Roni Haggart, one of the 12 Lincoln campus delegates, said she is "pleased with the participation of our delegates and with the overall outcome

of the convention." She was chosen Outstanding College Woman.

The convention also came out against further funding of the SST because of "threats to our environment," and technological problems. The resolution was submitted by Judy McDowell of the Lancaster County delegation.

Sara Frasier, a Lincoln campus delegate, was defeated in the election for College Director by Mike Hughes of Kearney State College. Hughes also was elected Outstanding College Man.

U. S. Senators Carl T. Curtis and Roman L. Hruska, and First District Congressman Charles Thone attended parts of the convention.

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