

The Candidates

The 1971 ASUN campaigns have not been the most exciting but they have been the most significant in recent years.

The debate has been issue oriented. The party platforms generally make sense. In short, an abundance of creative and positive ideas have been presented to students from all of the candidates and parties.

Realizing that all of the candidates have presented an abundance of ideas, it becomes imperative to look at the past performances of the candidates and their experiences relevant to the job of ASUN president.

Not one of the candidates has performed as diligently, consciously and as effectively as present ASUN Sen. Steve Fowler. Without a doubt cases can be made for each of the other four candidates' experiences and chances for success. Schleiger has confronted the Regents relentlessly on issues. Voegler has also confronted the Regents with some success, but his platform is weak and predicated on the assumption that the University is controlled by a bunch of radical zealots. Kincaid has been actively involved in student government for several years. Rick Apthorpe has turned-on millions with his rock and roll music.

But none of the candidates possess a better working knowledge of this University's governing system than

Fowler. Moreover, not only does he know how to get things done, but he does get things done. These characteristics have clearly been displayed in Fowler's dedication to the minority scholarship program, PACE, and to the Nebraska Free University.

There are also two other positive points about Fowler: His running mates 1st vp Michele Coyle and 2nd vp Rod Hernandez. In respect to the entire executive slate of the University Coalition (UC), it is by far the strongest in terms of experience and commitment. It is also probably the most representative.

Michele Coyle has worked with Fowler throughout the past year and she seems to be one of the strongest candidates in the election.

Rod Hernandez has also been active in ASUN this year. In addition to his ASUN responsibilities, he has also spent considerable time recruiting Indians, Chicanos and blacks to the University. His past efforts are admirable and easily warrant the position of 2nd vp.

Finally, Fowler's organization of the strongest political party also speaks for his talent. His is perhaps one of the strongest political parties this University has ever seen. If it is allowed to grow and gain a sizable student base, it just may be the most useful bargaining tool that students at this University will ever possess.

Also on the ballot tomorrow will be three major referendum issues: 1. the Daily Nebraskan question, 2. the PACE program, 3. the Peace Treaty.

1. On the Daily Nebraskan question, the paper will continue to need student fee moneys if students want a newspaper five days a week, a paper which belongs to students and not one that belongs to the purse-strings of others outside the University.

2. On the PACE program, the best alternative seems to be the PACE Committee Plan, simply because it will provide more money than the Regents' plan.

3. The arguments pro and con of the Peace Treaty appeared in

Monday's Daily Nebraskan. Despite allegations that the treaty is illegal, IT IS NOT. Merely, it expresses sentiment. If you can object to a peace treaty between peoples (not governments) then the chances for peace are remote. This is one of the few times that your vote may express your sentiments on the war.

It is important to note that the Peace Treaty does not call for a student strike, nor surrender, nor a bloodbath. It is a sound, well-reasoned document that may help convey your concern for peace.

Mick Moriarty

The Issues

The Daily Nebraskan

Statement by the Council on Student Life

The question of whether student fee money should be used to support the Daily Nebraskan will be on the ASUN ballot next Wednesday, April 7th.

We would like to make generally known some basic facts so that students will be able to vote knowledgeably.

The Daily Nebraskan is supported approximately 50 percent by revenue from advertising and 50 percent by revenue from student fees. \$1.25 per semester per student from student fee money goes to the Daily Nebraskan.

The Daily Nebraskan is published by a committee, The Committee on Student Publications. This committee consists of four students and three faculty members. The faculty members are chosen by the Council on Student Life from recommendations made by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees: two new student members are chosen each year: one of these is chosen by ASUN Senators, and one by the Committee on Student Publications itself plus one ASUN representative. This arrangement is meant to achieve the following: 1) students themselves (who pay the fees) actually, through four representatives, publish the paper, with the help of three faculty members 2) the four student representatives are chosen in a way that is meant both to avoid a self-perpetuating clique, and to ensure the

independence of the paper. Any student can apply to be a member of the Committee on Student Publications.

As the publisher, the committee on Student Publications hires the editor. The editor is a student. He serves for one semester. As the publisher, the Committee censors nothing that goes into the paper but the editor is responsible to the Committee for producing a newspaper which meets good standards. Just as he is hired, so he can be fired by the Committee, if he doesn't do the job to their satisfaction.

The above is a basic outline of how the student newspaper has been operating since 1970. It seems likely that next year the Committee on Student Publications will be securing the services of a professional journalist to advise them about all aspects of the paper.

Many arguments have been advanced both in favor of and against the use of student fees for a student newspaper. The Council on Student Life strongly endorses the continuation of student fee support for the Daily Nebraskan.

We hope that the information outlined above will help students as they make up their minds how to vote.

John W. Robinson, Chairman



editorial COMMENT

On Tuesday night, two physical education professors will begin the preliminary selection of next year's pom-pom girls. Although certain members of the existing pom-pom girls and yell squad will give advice, these two professors will make the ultimate decision of which five of the some 70 girls trying out for the squad will be selected.

The criteria to be used include "poise, enthusiasm, appearance," and the ability to do the routines taught the girls over the last few weeks. Some consideration will also be given to a short interview.

No matter how honest or how fair the selection "committee" tries to be, some arbitrariness and a lot of subjectivity is inevitable. Without questioning the honesty or fairness of the two individuals involved in this year's selection, it is easy to see how this system leads to such

things as the common practice of dismissing some girls with little or no reason given. This is fine for the turnover rate of pom-pom girls, and perhaps the squad should be re-evaluated each year, but it doesn't do much for the ousted girl who was ostensibly given a three year position.

The pom-pom and yell squads are sponsored by the athletic department. Whereas participation in either group requires University eligibility and is generally grouped with other activities, the process of selection doesn't seem to follow the norm of those other activities. Positions in AUF, for instance, are filled by students named by a student committee. Positions on the Daily Nebraskan are determined by a student-faculty committee. In essence, the pom-pom selection system, not the people involved is inherently unfair, narrow and

subject to an arbitrariness which might be eliminated if a greater number of students and faculty were involved in selection.

Because the squads are sponsored by the athletic department, another point should be raised. NU athletic teams are often dominated in talent, if not numbers, by black athletes. A point could certainly be made that this black representation on athletic teams should be reflected on the pom pom squads. Given that the black candidates are qualified, there should certainly be no restrictions made on the conscious or unconscious basis that there is already one black member on the squad.

Consideration of this matter and a fairer system in general would go a long way towards eliminating the attitude among black students that they must exercise number intimidation to achieve fair representation.

Reviews review

Dear editor,

A word used with increasing frequency in the music business these days may, I believe, be applied with almost deadly accuracy to Dave Landis' review of the so-called rock opera presented recently by the Kosmet Klub. That word is "hype." It describes, basically, the process of taking a mediocre performance (single, album, live show) by a group of musicians, totally removing it from any comparison to any tradition or other performances which might demonstrate this mediocrity. ("The observer is without valid critical tools except his emotions.") and trying thusly to palm it off on the public as a new, vibrant, and brilliant expression of the youth revolution or some such nonsense.

It seems, to me that a critic has an obligation to upgrade the public's awareness of worthy artistic performances, rather than to simply sell them yet another commercial product which, if it accomplished anything, simply provided the viewers with yet another (albeit somewhat longer-haired) evening of light entertainment—well within the Kosmet Klub's tradition of "simple-minded service to the Kampus." Mr Landis' statement that he cannot claim complete objectivity strikes me as an almost hysterically funny understatement—it seems to me he had all the objectivity of a Fuller Brush salesman with his foot in the door!

Perhaps Music's performance was an "artistic and emotional success" in comparison with Grand Funk and Frijid Pink and some of the other pop our "Boss Progressive Rock Jocks" insist upon polluting the airways with, but I suspect, Townsend would have left the Coliseum chuckling to himself and shaking his head in wonder after the performance—rather than "enraged and envious" as was so ethnocentrically suggested.

If the midwest is to become an artistically sophisticated area that is regarded with anything other than scorn, or at least suspicion by the rest of the nation, we're going to have to develop a somewhat more elevated aesthetics sense than was evident in this review. Tommy was a fine evening of good entertainment...but great art? I highly doubt it. And enthusiastic hype won't, and doesn't, make it art.

Mark Dalton
Disgruntled Musician

Discusses PACE

Dear editor:

As members of the Student Advisory Board to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids, one of our primary concerns is that a University education be made available to all students regardless of their socio-economic background. Statistics from the past year indicate that 67 percent of upper or middle income Nebraska high school graduates go on to higher education. By the same token, only 19 percent of high school graduates from lower income families go on to further their education. This is an inequity which we feel the University as a whole

must take the responsibility to correct.

We as a committee have watched with particular interest, the evolution of the PACE program. The student interest is commendable and we shall be working in the future to see that it is matched by funds from other areas. At this time, we have considered the following points in evaluating the ASUN Refundable plan and the Regents' Deductible proposal for referendum vote on April 7:

1. Our primary interest is that a significant sum of scholarship money for low-income recruitment is obtained. Given this, we initially supported the mandatory assessment of student fees introduced by the PACE committee.

2. Within a period of approximately one month, it was significant to note the progress of the PACE plan—5,000 students and a cross-section of 23 campus organizations (e.g., such organizations as the Agronomy Club, University Women's Action Group, Builders, Afro-American Collegiate Society and the Innocents) had endorsed PACE.

3. Given opposition to the mandatory nature of the assessment by some students, we feel the adjustment by the PACE committee to a refundable plan was commendable. Furthermore, this refundable plan was in keeping with the primary goal of recruiting a significant amount of money for low-income students.

4. At the February Regents' meeting, the ASUN PACE proposal with the refundable stipulation was introduced. Having consulted with few students and representing no student organization, Doug Voegler appeared before the Regents at this same meeting and introduced a plan which would allow the individual student to decide prior to tuition payments whether he would want to contribute to low-income scholarships. With this proposal, many students—particularly freshmen—would have no background knowledge to base their decision.

5. A Regents' Committee was then appointed to study the ramifications of both proposals. Out of this committee came a third proposal, referred to as the Regents' Plan. In fact this approach is similar in make-up to the original Voegler Plan; the only difference being an administrative technicality.

6. In conclusion the Student Advisory Board for Scholarships and Financial Aids urges all students to vote on the referendum and furthermore recommends the ASUN PACE Plan as the most viable alternative. In fact, this refundable model has been tested and proven successful in raising low-income scholarship funds at the University of Illinois. The Regents' plan has not been tested and as such is unproven.

If we as students are truly interested in assuring a University education for persons of all economic backgrounds, it is the feeling of our committee that the ASUN PACE Plan should win on the referendum this Wednesday and be implemented next

September.

Sincerely,
Patti Kaminski
Jimmi Smith III
Richard Waters
Kay Giles

Keith N. Bystrom
UUP philosophy

Dear editor,

I was somewhat disappointed by the Rag's coverage of the debate at Hyde Park last Thursday. Although it was generally accurate, it was less than unbiased in its report of the answers to one very important question.

When the candidates were asked about their commitment to the idea of scholarships for low-income students, both Steve Fowler and Gary Schleiger reported having worked on the PACE proposal and proceeded to compare their attitudes toward getting student input into the decisions. The article mentioned this but failed in its comparison of answers on the question of personal commitment.

It was pointed out by the reporter that Fowler had spent some of his own money on promotion for PACE. What was overlooked was that the United University Party candidate, Gary Schleiger, pledged to contribute his entire \$800 salary to a scholarship fund if he gets the job. Gary does not want to profit personally from his work for students. Although he is not a rich man, he would rather that someone with less money than he go to school.

This is what the United University Party is about. We feel that student government is for the students and not for the student government alone. We are developing a program to provide every student with easy access to the channels of communication which are traditionally open only to an elite few. We want student government to represent all the students all the time and as effectively as possible. Only when this happens can student government be considered credible to either the students or the Regents.

Ed Anson
Candidate for A&S Senate UUP
Endorsement con't.
Dear editor:

In a rather petty but amusing letter Friday, April 2nd, Roy Baldwin and six other UC candidates ironically condemned Tim Kincaid's "Political gimmick" of endorsing them after, of course, getting mileage out of the endorsements.

If a person cannot be endorsed for personal qualities beyond adherence to a party platform, then UC is presenting us with an even bleaker choice this year than I had thought.

Sincerely,
Patti Kaminski

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