

Gore: elections go to highest bidders

The possibility of a young backwoodsman being elected to the U.S. Senate today is remote, ex-Senator from Tennessee Albert Gore said Tuesday afternoon.

Public office is almost up to the highest bidder, said Gore, who was defeated in his bid for re-election last fall.

"It's fantastic that we have come to this," he told a small Centennial Room audience. He pointed out that the major ways of campaigning, advertising on television and computerized letter writing for instance, cost huge amounts of money.

"We depend on the honesty, courage, capacity and integrity of a very small group of men," noted Gore. "Our whole system of freedom depends on them."

This small group of people should be completely free from the worries of the pocketbook.

"WE SHOULD HAVE the government discipline, regulate and finance the campaign," said Gore, explaining that at one time he received committee approval of a similar proposal but it was defeated mainly because southern Democrats and Republicans teamed against it.

Reform must come sometime he said, but only when a President, a Vice-President and a Congress will fight for it.

At the root of the politician's incentive to run, said the keynote speaker, should be the desire to serve the public good.

"IN THE BROADEST sense a political office is far more than an elected office. It is a science of government; of the processes and procedures of government by which the people work their will or how it is somewhat subverted," he said.

Explaining that he was trying to be as non-partisan and objective as possible when talking about politics, Gore said that he believes that everything is fine in Washington but unless we do something it'll get worse.

Defending appointed offices, he said that they should not be denigrated, as bureaucracy often is, because all public officials depend on their technical staff for advice.

Gore offered two good



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points about appointed offices. One was that they were easy to obtain and the other that the person is allowed to be professional in his position.

"WE ARE A technocratic society," said the former Congressman and Senator. "Many of our problems are the result of the technocracy."

Commenting on the Vietnam War, Gore said:

"It's part of our American folklore that our country must always be right; that whatever we do is moral.

Gore said that it's also part of this folklore to believe that every war is for a worthy purpose and that we must win all wars.

What has happened with the Vietnam war and with the My Lai trials has undermined the people's sense of morality about war, he noted.

"WHO WOULD HAVE judged that Lt. Calley would become a folk hero?" Gore asked "How do you explain the condonement of merciless murders?"

Offering his explanation, he said that the best-rationale is that the conviction of Lt. Calley undermines the morality of the war.

"George Washington once warned people about becoming inveterate slaves to their prejudices," Gore went on. "Because they they become

slaves of that friendship or hostility.

This is the case with Communism, said the ex-Senator from Tennessee, "so that everything that is branded with Communism is branded bad and must be destroyed.

In today's panorama of change mankind is looking for a morality when there is none, he continued.

"Our system is not perfect, but it's better than any other kind," Gore continued. "Young men and women take heart. Correct what is bad and let the good prevail."

Senator Gravel speaks Wednesday

U. S. Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska will speak Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Gravel, who is here as part of the Montgomery Lecture series, will look at Nixon's March 10 proposal relating to rural America, and the current Senate hearing on public works and economic development acts regarding rural areas. He will also have a rap session at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, and will participate in a panel discussion at 3:30 p.m., both in the Union.

Exon's aides speak Wednesday

Gus Lieske and John Sullivan, two officials in the Gov. J. J. Exon's administration, will talk and answer questions at Centennial College Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Lieske, director of administrative services and Sullivan, Exon's administrative assistant, will answer questions concerning the budget.

Hearings set on requirements

The Sub-Committee on Group Requirements, a part of the Arts and Science Curriculum Committee. Will hold an open hearing for students and faculty April 8, at 2 p.m.

"If possible, we would like people to write suggestions and hand them to us at the meeting, but it is not necessary," said Curt Micka, a member of the Sub-Committee.

All students and faculty are invited to attend this open hearing.

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