

# Presidential dark horse visits for 'bureaucratic' party

by Don Tremain

He wears red and blue suspenders under a conservative black suit. He resembles a pudgy chemistry teacher you had in high school. When he talks he has that air of authority you see in the local Kiwanis leader. And he's running for president of the United States.

Dr. James H. Boren, 45, founder and president of the National Association of Professional Bureaucrats, is the "bureaucrats' choice" in '72. He was in Lincoln Tuesday to speak at the National Conference on Rural Community Development held at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

**BOREN SAID** that even though his campaign is somewhat a joke, his name will appear on the New Hampshire primary ballot.

His campaign lets him fight the foolish side of bureaucracy using humor as a weapon, he says.

"Naturally I'm not going to win," Boren said, but, added he hopes to get enough votes to make the other candidates aware that voters are concerned about the pitfalls of bureaucracy.

Boren said a good share of his concern comes as a result of a previous job as director of the Partners of the Alliance, a foreign assistance program in Latin America. Boren founded the organization during the Kennedy presidential years.

**IT WAS** successful, he said, but after several years of muddling through the bureaucracy and red tape of government-sponsored projects he decided to quit.

The National Association of Professional Bureaucrats (NATAPROBU) entered the picture later. Boren founded the organization on May 2, 1968. It now has 500 dues-paying members.

"I use NATAPROBU as a vehicle through which I can effectively use satire in an attack against the excesses and foolish sides of bureaucracy," Boren said. "This also means irresponsible bureaucratic activities."

NATAPROBU's main activity has been its awards ceremonies, where the coveted "Order of the Bird" is given for outstanding bureaucratic acts. A nominee for the "Bird" is generally informed of his selection beforehand so he or she can patch up their bureaucratic blunder, thereby avoiding one of NATAPROBU'S well publicized awards ceremonies.

One of the "Birds" was awarded to a Marine at a dentist's office who made a general go out into a hall to telephone for an appointment. Regulations stated that appointments were to be made over the phone.

**SPIRO AGNEW** recently got NATAPROBU'S "Bird" "in recognition of his contributions to the communications art through his multiplistic semantical prolusions projected in direct trajectories."

Agnew's secretary contacted Boren three times suggesting that Agnew should not get the honor. Boren replied, "Our nine coordinating committees have worked so diligently in arriving at the awards' recipients that I do not think it proper for me to rescind their decision."

Although Boren has a lot of fun with NATAPROBU, there's a serious side to his work. "If someone is being taken because of some bureaucratic establishment, NATAPROBU will go to his aid as sort of a last resort," he said.

**BOREN IS** currently investigating insurance companies' arbitrating committees set up to decide insurance settlements.

He noted that people sometimes wait over a year before collecting on a settlement, even though it's clear they weren't at fault.

Another of Boren's bureaucratic targets is the study commission. He said the operation of appointing committees to study issues is just a technique for buying time.

Boren pointed to the commission that looked into the Kent State incident. "Sure they were looking for facts, but mainly they were buying time till things cooled down," he said.

**ACCORDING TO** Boren, commissions and study groups never answer questions, just put them off.

Most of Boren's campaigning has involved public speaking appearances at clubs and dinners where he confuses the audience with a performance slightly reminiscent of Pat Paulsen's 1968 presidential speechmaking on the Smothers Brothers Show.

Boren is a jumble of  
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James Boren... "the bureaucrats choice."

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### ASUN fee use faces court test

A hearing Friday in District Court will determine whether records of fees used by ASUN should be made available to students who are attempting to enjoin ASUN from using mandatory student fees.

ASUN is allocated 30 cents per student each semester in student fees, according to Miles Tommeraaen, Director of Business and Finance. If special projects are approved by the Chancellor, ASUN could be financed with an additional 50 cents per student, he added.

**THIS YEAR**, as well as last year, ASUN's budget has used the full 80 cents allocation, Tommeraaen said. This fall's budget request was \$35,500, compared to \$32,072, in 1970-71.

Other funds available to ASUN this year are about \$1,000 raised last year from the Xerox machine, \$2,500 in student fees specifically allocated to the ASUN record store, and summer session student fees, ASUN Pres. Steve Fowler said.

After a budget is prepared by ASUN, it is reviewed and approved by the Dean of Student Affairs, Tommeraaen and interim Chancellor C. Peter Magrath, said Ely Meyerson, interim executive dean of Student Affairs.

**IN THE FALL**, a \$32,000 preliminary budget request was presented to the administration. There were some modifications, then it was approved "without too much hassle," Meyerson said.

The largest chunk of the budget (\$6,564.48) was allocated to salaries of ASUN executives and office

personnel. Since the executives' salaries are based on dorm rates and these rates went up, ASUN salaries also were raised, Fowler said.

The Human Rights Committee received the second largest slice. The \$5,918 allocation to the Committee includes funds for PACE, Tenant's Rights and minority group organizations.

**FUNDS FROM** Human Rights are given to organizations such as the Afro-American Student Association and University Women's Action Group because they sponsor programs open to the total student body and "with educational benefit in areas of ASUN concern," Fowler explained.

Areas concerned with educational reform received one of the largest budget

increases this year. The Center for Educational Change, charged with finding alternatives to current educational programs, was allocated \$1,150, about \$600 more than last year.

Free University was given \$1,800, compared to \$1,400 last year.

**STUDENT SERVICES** with control over the ASUN record and gift shop, child and infant care centers and book exchange, received \$2,250. Student Services received about \$4,000 last year, \$3,000 of which bought a van for the Student Volunteers Bureau, chairman Roy Baldwin said.

Allocations for Time-Out and World in Revolution conferences also were increased this year. Time-Out received \$3,000, and World in

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### CSL presented with modified visitation policy

A modification of the current coed visitation policy was presented to the Council on Student Life Thursday before close to 250 students in Abel Hall who indicated that some are prepared to force the issue if the Board of Regents fail to liberalize the policy.

CSL is scheduled to meet with the Regents for a half hour Nov. 5 to determine what type of visitation proposal the Board would accept, said CSL chairman Franklin Eldridge, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture. The Board rejected a liberalized, CSL-approved coed visitation

proposal last summer. Wayne Kuncel, coordinator of Residence Hall programs, offered a modified version of current RHA Hours as simply a "guideline for CSL negotiations" with the Regents. If the Regents accept his proposal, Kuncel said it would have to be approved by residence hall students and CSL.

Kuncel's proposal, a residence hall and housing office "staff position," doesn't change the RHA Hours program in that visitation is

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In the misty morning... seemingly alone in a world of obscure sunlight with protective trees overhead and refreshing rain all around.