

Action. . . Action. . . Another Union booth calls University of Nebraska students to activism.

Action agency sets recruitment effort

Representatives of the Peace Corps and Vista, now together in the Action agency, will be on the UNL campus recruiting volunteers Nov. 15-17. They will be looking especially for graduates with degrees in agriculture, city planners, business majors, and teachers.

Interviews for lawyers and architects, also needed, will be held Nov. 18-19. All interviews will be held at the Job Placement office on City Campus, except for agriculture students who will

be processed at the agriculture placement office on East Campus.

Information about job descriptions and locations will be available at the placement offices then. The International Club warns interested students to apply now because it takes six months to process applications.

The club has set up booths in the Nebraska Union on City Campus and on in Agricultural Hall, Home Economics and Animal Science buildings on East Campus to disseminate information about the programs.

The representatives who will be at the placement offices next week are themselves veterans of Vista and Peace Corps assignments.

Voter drive registers over 7000

Over 7,000 students have registered to vote so far in Nebraska's League of Young Voters registration drive, and the final figures aren't in yet, according to temporary statewide co-chairman Mike (O.J.) Nelson.

Nelson said the 7,617 students registered so far have signed up as Democrats by a two-to-one margin over Republicans. He said the low Republican figures are due to poor cooperation on the part of Republican groups around the state.

The Young Republicans, with chapters on most campuses, have indicated they will conduct their own registration drive.

Nelson said five more Nebraska campuses have scheduled voter registration drives later this month, and the League is working with the Nebraska Student Government Association to try to get drives organized on the remaining seven campuses before a March 1 target date.

Although registration figures are so far

running far behind the League's initial goal of 50,000 registered students statewide, Nelson said the drive is still considered a

He said the low figures may have a resulted because many students registered over the summer, "Large numbers of students in small towns throughout the state are not confronted with the difficulties that people in large towns have to go through to register," Nelson said.

The statewide breakdown so far shows that on six campuses 3,094 students have registered as Democrats, 1,386 as Republicans, and 577 as Independents. 2.560 students have requested absentee ballots from their home counties.

The figures were compiled on the following Nebraska campuses: UNL, UNO, Union College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Creighton University and Bellevue College.

Drop-out rate remains steady

by Steve Kadel

The dropout rate this semester on the UNL campus is no higher than in previous years, according to Associate Dean of Student Affairs Lewis Fowles.

"As of Nov. 1 we had 319 withdrawals, which is about the normal rate," said Fowles.
"We predicated that in the first three weeks 160 would drop out and the actual total turned out to be 163. We made this prediction on the basis of previous years' statistics."

There's no single factor that causes students to drop out, Fowles said. Personal reasons were listed by 62 students who left this semester, employment by 52, and 51 said financial reasons caused them to withdraw.

Other reasons for dropping out are health (32), moving to another city or state (43), lack of interest (10) and enlisting in the military service (10).

Fowles said a few students leave because they get overloaded with too many courses, get married, or simply change their mind

"Enlisting is not unusual for the men, especially if they have a low draft lottery number and want to make a choice on which branch of the military to enter," Fowles said.

There is no noticeable difference in the dropout rates between men and women, or

freshmen and seniors, according to Fowles.

"You never know for sure the real reason for withdrawals," he said. "We ask the student to fill out a form, but if he doesn't want to list the reason for leaving we don't force him."

Fowles said the Student Affairs Office may recommend to a student a visit to the University Counseling Service before withdrawing, if the student is still wavering

between staying and leaving. If the problem is financial, the student may be referred to the Financial Aid Office.

"The magnitude of the problem is seen in the first three weeks of every semester, when an average of 50 students per week leave the University." Fowles said "It's almost impossible in terms of manpower to counsel all of these students."

Fowles said that many students aren't interested in being counseled about dropping out.

'If they're still undecided when they come to us," he said, "we encourage them to wait a few days and think it over. Sometimes a problem solves itself in a day or so.

One aspect of the UNL calendar change will affect the time a student drops out, Fowles said.

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