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UNL students attend youth caucus

by O.J. Nelson

CHICAGO—A group of UNL students in joining students from six other Nebraska colleges in a nationwide drive initiated here over the weekend to elect youth-oriented candidates at political nominating conventions next year.

The newly formed National Youth Caucus will also work to register young voters and bring about political party reforms as suggested by the McGovern Commission on Electoral Reform.

THESE REFORMS include increased minority group representation at nominating conventions. Minority groups include women, youth and minority races, according to the commission.

The Nebraska Youth Caucus, chaired by Concordia College student Wayne Werning, has tentatively scheduled a Feb. 12 state convention to discuss statewide implementation of the national group's goals.

Over 60 students from across the state represented Nebraska's college youth at the

Chicago conference. Twenty students from UNL represented such diverse organizations as the Young Democrats, Young Republicans, ASUN and the League of Young Voters.

UNL GRADUATE student Fritz Edelstein, one of the chief organizers of the Nebraska delegation, called the conference a success. "Nebraska can become a cog in a national youth caucus which can help formulate new priorities for our nation," he said.

Another Nebraska representative, UNL student Roy Baldwin, leader of the Nebraska University Youth Coalition for Muskie, predicted that out of the conference would come a national sense of purpose. "Young people have assumed a sense of responsibility," he said. "I am looking for Nebraska to also assume that responsibility, and to help build that sense of purpose."

Student representatives from about 45 other states also attended the conference. The meeting was called by the Association of Student

Governments, of which UNL is a member, as an emergency conference on voter registration.

WHILE IN SESSION, the conference reaffirmed its role as a non-partisan organization by thwarting attempts by small interest groups to manipulate the delegates.

During two plenary sessions, the 3,000 delegates refused to take strong stands concerning efforts from the floor to pass resolutions to "dump Nixon". The convention went into an uproar as delegates charged that this non-partisan body was being forced to form a highly partisan opinion on a major national issue.

The Nebraska delegation was continually a strong supporter of the meeting's eventual non-partisan stand.

DESPITE THE basically unbiased stand of the body, the participants passed resolutions calling for legal equality of the sexes, bi-lingual education in Chicano communities, immediate end to the Indochina War, and implementation of the

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Schramm residents affirm self-determination policy

A student initiated policy statement which "affirms the right of Schramm Hall residents to determine their own guest rights policy" recently gained approval on a 328 to 34 vote.

However, UNL Housing Director Ely Meyerson said his office would not recognize the provision until approved by the Housing Policy Committee (HPC) and Council on Student Life (CSL)—a move which won't be attempted.

Bob Brehm, sponsor of the statement said he has no intention of taking it to CSL or HPC.

"The policy states that the students here (at Schramm) have final authority, so there is no sense in taking it to a lesser authority to have his rubber stamp," Brehm said.

He said there are no current plans to set up Schramm's own visitation regulations.

Brehm said some Selleck Quadrangle students were considering putting a similar

policy statement up for a vote.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) president Roger Story said there had been some talk of this at Selleck, but he knew of no definite plans for a policy vote. Selleck student government president Mike Dill confirmed that no immediate moves were anticipated. Only one student had talked with him about such action, he said.

Brehm reported that 328 voted for the policy, 34 against, four abstentions and 106 didn't vote.

The policy states that it "supercedes all previous and/or conflicting policies," and that visitation regulations developed "by RHA, Regents, etc., will serve merely as advisory policies to be obeyed or rejected at the discretion of Schramm Hall residents."

Additionally, the guest rights provision says a visitation policy will become effective after approved by a majority vote of hall residents.

Pakistani drive raises \$1200

The November fast for Pakistani refugees on the Lincoln campus netted \$1,200, said Ann Pedersen, ASUN Human Rights Committee chairman. The check will be sent to Oxfam-America, which sponsored the fast along with Project Relief.

All the money will be sent directly to Oxfam's field director in India for food and medical supplies for East Pakistani refugees, Pedersen said.

Three Greek houses participated in the fast and about 500 dormitory residents, she said. The dormitory food services gave 50 cents to the fund for every student who gave up a meal for the fast and Greek houses gave 75 cents per student, Pedersen added.

ASUN senators resign for 'various reasons'

by Carol Strasser

Since last spring's student government election, 12 of 35 ASUN senators have resigned or dropped out of school and three more are expected to resign by the end of this semester.

Currently there are five vacant seats, four in Teachers College and one for Graduate and Professional students.

"Most of the senators resigned for academic reasons," said ASUN President Steve Fowler. Others, for various reasons, thought ASUN wasn't worth their time.

STEVE HELDT, senator from Teachers College, said he resigned because of a class conflict. However, he added that he wasn't satisfied with ASUN.

"It seems that people (in the senate) are more hung up in parliamentary procedures than with the main points of the issues," Heldt said. The senate "would rather debate little things than major problems," he added.

The senate parties in the pre-election campaign emphasized educational reform and student rights, but they're "not really going ahead" on these issues, Heldt said.

A QUARREL over procedures led to the resignation of Lewis Robinson, from Graduate and Professional, who has since applied for reinstatement to the senate.

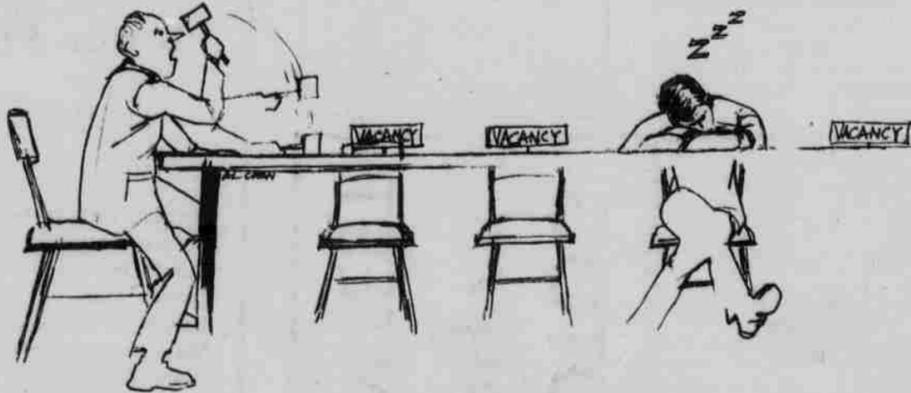
Robinson, who student-teaches, and can't get to Wednesday meetings by four o'clock objected to a provision passed by the senate which penalizes senators with a half-absence for being late. Three absences, and a senator is dropped from senate.

Jonette Beaver, from Business Administration, also resigned because of a class conflict. A senator last year, Beaver said she is disappointed in ASUN because "the programs are so narrow that they don't affect all students. They're designed for smaller groups and are not programs that everyone feels affected by."

MARTY LIGGETT, from Graduate and Professional,

than an ASUN senator." He added that ASUN needs to "totally revamp to the needs of students." Pilger will be second semester editor of *The Daily Nebraskan*.

Sen. Cindy Follis from Home Economics resigned because of illness, and two senators, Jacki Barret from Teachers College and Bill Beach from Graduate and Professional, dropped out of school.



resigned because of a class conflict, and senators Sara Ashby from Teachers College and Barry Pilger from Arts and Sciences resigned because of too many other time commitments.

Pilger, advertising manager for *The Daily Nebraskan* said he resigned because of his time commitment to the newspaper.

The last meeting Pilger attended was over three hours long—a meeting spent interviewing applicants for four vacant senate seats.

PILGER SAID, "I felt I could contribute more to the University as someone other

John Haskins from Teachers College resigned last month because he intends to drop out of school next semester. Fowler told the senate that Haskins didn't believe he could represent students under those circumstances.

TOM KREPEL, also from Teachers College, resigned about six weeks ago. "What has come out of ASUN since last April until I quit?" he asked. "Nothing significant was done."

ASUN wasn't what he had envisioned student government would be, Krepel said. The parties made lots of campaign

promises, "big grandiose talk about educational reform," and nothing's been done, he added.

KrepeL, along with four others who have resigned, was elected as a member of the University Coalition Party headed by Fowler.

ALTHOUGH NO official notice has been given, Fowler said three more senators from the UC party will resign this month. Bill Behmer from

been spent interviewing applicants for the vacant senate seats.

Sept. 22, the senate interviewed five applicants for the vacant Teachers College seat before electing Ralph Miller. After delaying a vote until two of the four applicants for vacant Graduate and Professional seats showed up at the meeting, the senate elected Joeli Belland, Thomas Monaghan and Arnold Messner.

Oct. 13 the senate went through a round of 21 interviews for three vacant seats. Ray Metoyer from Arts and Sciences was elected from 11 applicants, John Brown from Business Administration was elected from four applicants and Nancy Gustavson from Home Economics was elected from six applicants.

DISSATISFACTION over the length of time required to interview all applicants resulted in the establishment of new procedures for filling vacancies in the senate.

The current five vacancies were allowed to remain unfilled until the new procedures went into effect, Fowler said.

Under a bill introduced by Sen. Roy Baldwin, an interviewing committee of five senators will reduce the number of applicants for any vacant seat to three names to be presented to the senate for consideration. Applicants still are discouraged to appear before the senate to answer questions.

Baldwin reported to the senate Dec. 1 that there were only four applications for the currently five vacant seats.

Engineering and Architecture plans to drop out of school next semester, Fowler said.

Joann Tansey from Teachers College plans to transfer to another University, and Paula Peter, also from Teachers College, will be student-teaching in Omaha.

Teachers College was the hardest hit by resignations. Next semester, only one senator of the original eight elected will remain in ASUN.

Graduate and Professional lost four of its five elected senators.

THE LONGEST senate meetings this semester have