

Young voters conference calls for political reform

High school, college and working youth gathered in the Nebraska Union this weekend for an organizing conference on voter registration, delegate selection and electoral reform. More than 150 people attended the conference, which was sponsored by the Nebraska Youth Caucus.

The group Sunday passed a five point "Statement of Purpose." The statement calls for "an opening up of the political parties to America's disenfranchised classes; a massive reordering of national priorities in order to solve domestic problems; and a job, equal opportunity and an adequate income for all Americans."

The Caucus also demanded an end to the war in Indochina and an end to "government deceit and manipulation."

The gathering was addressed by State Sen. Ernie Chambers, Secretary of State Allen Beermann, NU Board of Regents Chairman Ed Schwartzkopf and Nebraska Women's Political Caucus member B.J. Keller.

A straw vote taken to measure candidate support within the group, showed 83 of the 92 votes cast went to Democratic preferences. McGovern received 42, Muskie 13, McCarthy 4, Kennedy 4, Chisholm 2 and Lindsay 2. Eight votes were cast "Democratic uncommitted."

Republicans received nine votes. President Nixon got four, while Congressman Pete McCloskey received five.

Wayne Werning, Seward Concordia Teachers College junior and former acting chairman of the Caucus, said the results "reflect the type of people who attended. Most Republicans do not realize how much influence they could have on the democratic process," he said.

Organizers had originally estimated attendance would reach almost 300.

Werning said "the success of the conference cannot be measured in numbers. The people who came are top-notch organizers. They'll go back to their communities and change things."

Coed wins job ruling

A UNL coed was told last Wednesday that the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission ruled in her favor in a sex discrimination suit against the Hotel Lincoln.

Celeste Wisblood said the commission has ordered the hotel to pay her \$217.60 for wages lost between the time she was refused a job there and the time she got a job.

In earlier hearings, Wisblood said the hotel refused to hire her, or even offer her an application form for the job of night clerk.

She had been referred to the job by the State Employment Agency, she said.

The ruling also warned employers and employment agencies that a job cannot be classified on a sex basis unless it falls under the category of "bona fide occupational qualifications."

Wisblood said an example of a position that could be listed according to sex would be that of person to clean women's public rest rooms during business hours.



Regent, student argue visitation

An irate UNL student argued with Regent Ed Schwartzkopf at Saturday evening's session of the Organizing Conference for New Voters held in the Nebraska Union.

The regent was speaking about student involvement in politics, but student John K. Hansen wanted some answers about coed visitation.

Hansen said students should have the right to decide whether they visit each other or not. Students are recognized now as having the right to vote at 18 so "why can't the regents respect students' wishes when a poll showed that 80 per cent of the students favor it," he asked.

Schwartzkopf said parents are paying most of the college bills, but Hansen argued that it wasn't a matter of money but of rights.

The regent said parents speak very loud and clear since they elect regents and state legislators who appropriate money for the University.

"Surely you're not wanting us to do what your parents won't," he said. "I think students had better do a little politicking at home and get their parents to respond," he said.

Schwartzkopf said conditions should be such that no student wants to move off campus.

Living off campus is an alternative though, he stated, no one says students have to live on campus.

Louis La Rose, a Winnebago Indian from the eastern Nebraska reservation, also addressed the delegates. He said Nebraska Indians have some very real problems.

"We are looking for those individuals in state and national government who will work with us in solving them," he said.

The speaker said many Winnebagos have been losing confidence in the justice of local courts and would like to take any court cases they have to federal court. "We feel there is a credibility gap between the state and local government and the Indian community," he said.

Some Winnebagos don't think justice would be any better in federal courts though, he said. "They seem to feel the only difference would

be that they could be sent to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth rather than the Nebraska State penitentiary," he added.

La Rose said Indians no longer intend to "sit down and take it as a good Indian should," which is the stereotype.

La Rose concluded: "You ask what can you do? Nine times out of ten not a damn thing. The Winnebagos are tired of the paternal attitude of government and churches towards them. The only motive of some of these people seems to be getting more brownie points in heaven."

SDX to hear Zumberge

The new UNL chancellor will discuss his first three weeks in that position at a meeting of the Nebraska undergraduate chapter of Sigma Delta Chi Wednesday night.

James H. Zumberge, who took the UNL reins Feb. 1, will speak and answer questions at the meeting, slated for 8 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. The public is welcome.

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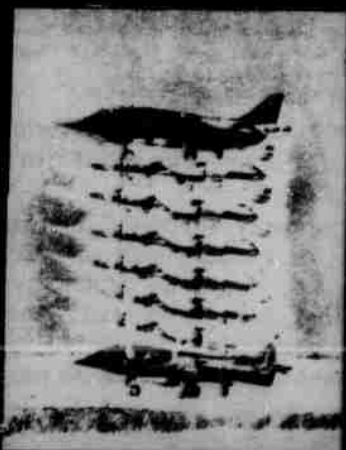
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