

Student Co-op status still uncertain

The future of the proposed Associated Student Co-op remained hazy this week. Several factors, including a question of the legal status of the organization, have helped slow its inception.

One question raised about the co-op was whether or not the cardholders would have voting rights in the decision making of the co-op—would they, in effect, be stockholders?

ASUN president Bruce Beecher said Monday that would not be the case. Beecher said he talked with a lawyer who explained that the organization would operate in the fashion of American Express. Cardholders, therefore, would have no vote.

"It will be a simple, non-profit corporation," Beecher said. "It will be perfectly legal."

Beecher indicated Sept. 13 that he anticipated the

co-op to be in operation within a month.

Beecher said a lawyer had readied contracts, but no merchants have been contacted.

ASUN Senate action is needed to determine a Board of Directors. The directors would be ASUN executives during the initial year, Beecher said. Bylaws would determine how subsequent directors will be chosen, he added.

Once the co-op gets off the ground, it will offer a membership card to students at about \$10 a year. That figure would be reduced somewhat this year because of the late start.

The cards would permit students to make purchases from participating retail merchants at a 10 per cent discount.



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Democrats sound McGovern charge

by Chris Harper

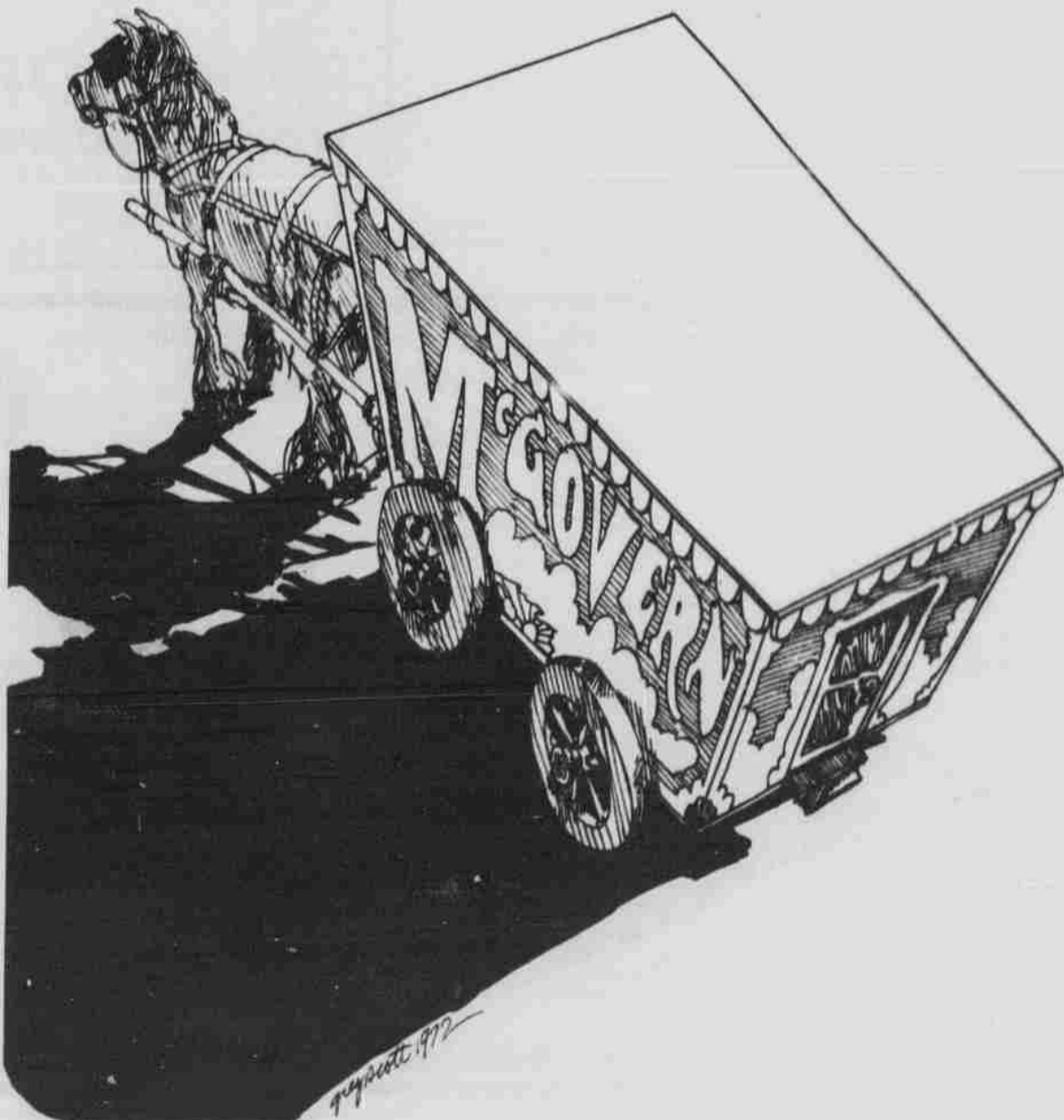
The McGovern-Shriver ticket may be driving a bandless wagon in most states, but they at least have several strong trumpeters in Nebraska.

State Sen. Terry Carpenter, Darrel Berg, Pat Cooney—all Democratic candidates—have endorsed Sen. George McGovern. Gov. J.J. Exon, Nebraska Democratic Chairman Hess Dyas and former Gov. Frank Morrison also have added their support to the national Democratic ticket.

Warren Fitzgerald, House of Representatives nominee in Nebraska's third district, is the only major Democratic candidate to withhold endorsement of McGovern and Shriver.

McGovern doesn't fare so well with most Democratic politicians across the United States, according to a *National Observer* poll conducted last week.

Only 238 of the 477 Democratic candidates for national office or 49.9 per cent, favor McGovern without public qualification, according to the poll. Sixty-four candidates favor the Democratic nominee with some reservations, the poll reported.



Sporting a blue McGovern button to the right of his shirt pocket and a Carpenter for Senate pin to the left, Dyas beat a few drums for the McGovern campaign.

"For the first time that I can remember there is an active presidential campaign in Nebraska," he said.

Dyas said that the Democratic State Central Committee has emphasized equally both national and state races. The committee has allocated \$5,000 for the McGovern campaign in Nebraska, he added.

Dyas termed McGovern's campaign an "uphill battle in Nebraska. A person would be unrealistic to think it would be easy when only in 1936 and 1964 has the Democratic presidential candidate carried the state."

Despite Nixon's present advantage in Nebraska, there are going to be some surprises, he predicted.

"The strength of the McGovern campaign is that they never take anything for granted," Dyas said. "If there's a possibility to win Nebraska they say, 'Let's try.'"

"George McGovern has shown us the nuts and bolts of politics—three by five cards and voter registration," Dyas added.

The Democratic chairman termed "inaccurate" the notion that McGovern is not a party man.

"In the long run people are going to realize that McGovern is one of the best party men we've ever seen," Dyas said.

Exon puffed his Panetella cigar and remarked, "You know, I'm better acquainted with George than any of his campaign people. Both George and I come from South Dakota."

Exon, honorary McGovern band leader and a former resident of Lake Andes, S.D., said he met McGovern in 1952. Exon's mother, Luella, served as South Dakota's Democratic national committeewoman when McGovern worked as an organizer for the party.

"There are some issues where McGovern and I don't see eye to eye," Exon said. "His philosophy of government is to the left of mine, but there is a fundamental issue that we do agree on and that's agriculture."

Exon slammed Nixon's agricultural program: "Would the farmer fare better with four more years of Richard Nixon? I'm certain that if George McGovern were elected, we would not have beef import quotas lifted. Terminal grain industries would not be given the breaks to the farmer's detriment."

Exon said he had some reservations about McGovern's proposed cuts in the defense budget, but added that a discussion with the candidate aided his understanding of the spending decrease.

"McGovern is determined to end the Vietnam War," Exon said. "When that is done, we should be able to cut our defense budget."

He added that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is "a serious drain on our defense budget and would not be a successful deterrent to a Soviet invasion."

McGovern's proposed defense cuts include a 300,000 troop reduction in U.S. NATO forces.

"You can disagree with Sen. McGovern," Exon said, "but to imply that a decorated bomber pilot would wish to weaken the defense of his country is pretty stupid."

Fitzgerald, Democratic congressional candidate, has yet to applaud the McGovern-Shriver ticket.

A conservative Democrat, Fitzgerald said he was undecided whether he would vote for McGovern, but added: "I'm definitely not voting for Richard Nixon."

Fitzgerald said he agreed with some of McGovern's proposals, but questioned his stands concerning welfare, some tax loopholes and amnesty for draft resisters. He added, however, that McGovern's knowledge of agriculture would be a helpful addition to the White House.

"The third district is a different breed of cat," Fitzgerald said. "It's every man for himself. My campaign is a full-time job and I don't want to tie anyone else down, nor do I want to be tied down myself."