

# Youth vote may decide many Nebraska races

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Student power.

Come November, it could decide the election fate of more than one Nebraska politico.

One study predicts student voters will have a significant impact on congressional races in Nebraska's first and second districts.

Locally, state Sen. William Swanson is expected to face a stiff challenge from University of Nebraska-Lincoln student Steve Fowler.

And in Douglas County, student voting strength could decide the second district Board of Regents race.

Vulnerable—that's the label the liberal Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) are pinning on Representatives Charles Thone of Lincoln and John Y. McCollister of Omaha.

A 1971 study by the ADA suggests re-election prospects of both congressmen have been dimmed by the 18-year-old vote amendment.

Their 1970 winning margins are considerably less than the number of new student voters in their districts.

Thone leads the closest of two opponents by 38,212 votes in the last general election. Supporters of his current challenger Darrell Berg note, however, that incumbent Thone topped the combined tallies of both Democratic rivals by only 1,972 votes.

The ADA estimates 24,700 college students live in Thone's district, and its implication is that many of them will vote against the so-called conservative congressman.

Post primary registration figures showed only 17,160 newly enfranchised—students and non students—registered to vote.

McCollister beat the 1970 second district Democratic nominee by 5,051 votes. The ADA study shows a college population in his district of 14,000.

In interviews, both Thone and McCollister discounted the ADA's vulnerability predictions.

"I simply don't think I'll lose the youth vote," Thone said. He cited re-election endorsement in the spring 1972 Daily Nebraskan, as one indicator of what he called strong support from young people. (This semester's Daily Nebraskan editor Jim Gray has not yet endorsed either candidate in that race.)

A spokesman for his opponent, Berg, said he

thinks all candidates will try to attract the youth vote.

According to Dave Buntain, Berg hopes to reach them on the issues—not solely on the obvious ones, like the Vietnam War, but also on the less controversial questions of conservation, population control and farm problems.

McCollister said he doubted the validity of the ADA poll.

"I don't think the ADA can speak for the youth any more than they can speak for the second Congressional district as a whole," he said.

"I'll be interested in seeing how many of the vulnerable are still serving in the house after the election," McCollister said. "I imagine quite a few."

The congressman said he considered the ADA's prediction methods "archaic."

The 1972 presidential race is expected to have a bearing on two local races. It is thought that an exciting presidential race would increase student turnout and probably work to the advantage of both legislative hopeful Steve Fowler and Kermit Hansen, a

candidate for the second district regent seat.

Fowler is past president of the UNL student government. Hansen is currently on the Board of Regents.

In the May primary, with five candidates running, Swanson grabbed 33 per cent of the vote. Fowler ran second with 26 per cent.

Swanson said he wasn't particularly disappointed with his share of the vote and intends to do more active campaigning this fall.

All the defeated candidates, however, are supporting Fowler.

Two of those candidates, Richard H. Larson (13 per cent) and Hubert F. Wisniewski (12 per cent), said they both think most of their supporters will vote for Fowler, while the third, R. Stanly Sorenson (16 per cent), wasn't sure.

Sorenson estimated that about 1,200 students lived in the district during the past school year and predicted George McGovern's presidential candidacy would insure a large student vote.

In the primary election for the regent seat, former state Sen. Clifton Batchelder beat Hansen by a 43 per cent to 38 per cent margin in a three-man race.

Batchelder said the primary results "were too close for comfort" and plans an active general election campaign.

John Malone, University of Nebraska at Omaha student, finished third in the primary with 17 per cent of the vote. Malone has formally endorsed Hansen, and Batchelder concedes that a majority of Malone's followers will back his opponent. Malone estimates between 3,000 and 4,000 students live in the second regent district.

Batchelder said his campaign will stress the need for regents to "represent the people who pay the bills" and stop yielding to pressure from students, faculty and administrators on such issues as last year's Conference on Human Sexuality.

Hansen said he is not discouraged by his number two showing in the primary and thinks, with the assistance of Malone backers, he'll beat Batchelder in November.

The incumbent regent, who was named to the board in 1970 by former Gov. Norbert Tiemann, said he plans an active personal campaign stressing the value of the University to the state.



## Library

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justification for it in the past, but I'm not sure that this justification still exists."

Students are assessed \$1 for the first day a book is overdue plus 10 cents for each day it is overdue thereafter.

Webb said he knows of one professor who just returned a UNL library book after keeping it two years.

According to Johnson, the library lending code will be revised by next fall. "We'd be glad to have input and suggestions for change from anyone interested," he said.

## short stuff

Students interested in working on the Miss University of Nebraska pageant should meet Tuesday in the Nebraska Union.

The UNL Housing Office will sponsor a senior lifesaving course beginning today. Beginning swimming lessons might be included. The course will be held at the Abel-Sandoz pool Monday and Wednesday nights.

Beginning Wednesday, refund checks will be available in the Bursar's Office, 204 Administration, for most students whose fall tuition statements showed an "amount credit."

Persons interested in playing varsity hockey should contact Steve Jacobs at Abel Hall or meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Union.

The Engineering Executive Board is sponsoring a lecture by the Navy "Blue Angels," Monday at 7 p.m. in 20 Morrill Hall.

## Teacher evaluation

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Another complaint is that students don't see the results of what they do. Freudenburg said the group feels the form presently used is inadequate. "Some of them ask the wrong questions for the course. And there is also the honesty factor involved in filling out the report," he said.

Finally, there is no way to force teachers to comply with policy. Although, according to Freudenburg, most departments do cooperate, there are no methods of checking up on them.

In formulating a new system of evaluation, the group found a conflict between a method to systematically evaluate teachers, and at the same time to treat them individually.

"The student," Freudenburg said, "probably looks for basically the same things in a teacher regardless of what class he teaches; things like how well informed he is, rapport with students and how fair he is. But it's not fair to evaluate a chem lab on exactly the same basis as an economics lecture."

The "two-pronged" approach the group proposes attempts to reconcile these conflicts. The first half of the proposal is a single, standardized, computerized form of four or five questions for all departments about tests, preparation and the student's opinion of the teacher's ability. The results would be published every two years.

Each time the publication appeared there would be a re-evaluation of the questions.

The second part of the proposed system would urge the individual departments to set up their own evaluation in addition to the original form, with space for comments.

The group's proposal will be presented to the Faculty Senate if enough support for it can be found. Also, funds have to be found to publish the evaluations.

"Possibly there could be joint support between students and the University, or the support of ASUN," Freudenburg said. "I feel, however, that it's the University's responsibility to make this information known."

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