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Student lawyer legality tops ASUN debates

During the Abel Hall debate Freudenburg let up somewhat in his criticism. He said UP was "interested" in the plan, but "we'd rather be a little bit conservative on this one than promise something we can't deliver."

During the afternoon debate Freudenburg had said the GOYA plan was "probably not legal, and even if it's legal, it's probably not ethical, and even if it's ethical it's probably not practical."

GOYA first vice-presidential candidate Mark Hoeger, the party's expert on the proposal, denied not having done his homework. "We've been working on this proposal a long time," he said, "and all our research shows it's feasible."

Both parties agreed that the Nebraska Supreme Court had a lot to do with their argument. They said the state high court had accepted all the provisions of an American Bar Association code of ethical responsibility except one: the provision which basically favored the GOYA contention that one lawyer may ethically be hired to serve a group of clients rather than an individual.

UP maintained that since the high court had not approved the group lawyer concept, the concept was probably unethical in Nebraska.

GOYA maintained that since the high court had not disapproved of the concept, hiring a lawyer to serve all UNL students was probably ethical.

GOYA said a student lawyer could serve as a free legal adviser to students whenever he could do so without causing a conflict of interest. The lawyer would also serve as an expert adviser to student government.

Freudenburg said the arrangement would be unethical because ethically a lawyer should be able to choose his individual clients, and each client should be able to choose his own lawyer. Each would be forced on the other in the ASUN plan.

GOYA and UP agreed at the evening debate that only the Nebraska Supreme Court could answer the question finally.

Freudenburg also criticized the plan as too costly—up to \$20,000 of a \$40,000 ASUN budget.

Hoeger admitted "it is an expensive procedure," but said there was enough money left over in the ASUN budget this year alone for a "pilot program."

Freudenburg emphasized that UP was "not against an ethical, legal program of student legal aid." But he said plans such as attracting a panel of lawyers to work for students at low rates would be more clearly ethical and legal.

And yes, Willie Wonka's life is in danger, intoned SLPP's Mason: there is an evil force lurking about trying to turn him into a Frito's corn chip.

Would hiring a lawyer to serve ASUN and UNL students place the University at the head of a national

trend, or would it be illegal and unethical, not to mention impractical?

And will there be an attempt on the life of Willie Wonka?

These were the main questions set before UNL students as candidates in the upcoming ASUN election held their first debate in the Nebraska Union Thursday afternoon.

The first question was wrangled over for most of the two-hour afternoon confrontation and on into the evening at an Abel Hall debate by executive candidates of the Get Off Your Apathy (GOYA) party and the Unity and Progress (UP) party.

The fate of "Willie Wonka"—Surrealist Light People's party (SLPP) first vice-presidential candidate John Michael McCarty—was of concern mainly to SLPP presidential candidate Jack Mason and a few vocal supporters in an audience which swelled to about 300 during Mason's opening attack on androids ("low-budget mechanical creations"), and dwindled to about 100 as the debate proceeded to more serious issues.

The only serious conflict of the afternoon arose over the student lawyer who could give legal advice to ASUN and individual students, and with UP presidential candidate Bill Freudenburg denouncing the plan while accusing GOYA of "not doing enough homework."



ASUN presidential hopefuls . . . Bill Freudenburg, (left), Shaman Jack Mason and Ann Henry clashed at a candidates' debate Thursday.

Minority students schedule march, back AIM goals

The United Minorities and Concerned Peoples' Organization announced plans Thursday night to support and take part in a march from the State Historical Society to the state-house today at 11 a.m.

According to Rick Williams of the Council of American Indian Students, the purpose "is to support the Oglala Sioux People at Wounded Knee, S.D. for the right of self-determination."

Ago Sheridan, state coordinator for the American Indian Movement (AIM) and an organizer of the demonstration, said members from four regional AIM organizations are expected to be present at the demonstration. Groups from Lincoln, Omaha, Winnebago and Macy are included, he said.

The United Minorities and Concerned Peoples' Organization was formed Thursday night to support the demonstration. The group includes Whites, Blacks, Indians and Chicanos from the campus and the Lincoln area.

The organization will be manning a booth today in the Nebraska Union in an effort to gain support for the demonstration and the Indians occupying Wounded Knee.

Sheridan did not say whether there would be any effort to talk to anyone at the statehouse.

During the Thursday session, legislators voted to adjourn until Monday so will not be in session when the group arrives at the Capitol. Sheridan also said there "is no violence planned at all." He later added that if there is violence "we wouldn't start it."

Starting at the State Historical Society is an attempt to bring to the public's attention the many Indian artifacts that are on display there, he said. Sheridan explained that these artifacts have been stolen or bought and have special significance to the Indian People.

One of the articles which he said should not be on display is a "Holy Bundle." It has been exhibited several years, he said.

Holy burial grounds have been dug up and the artifacts from them also have been taken without the consent of the Indians, he said.

Although there was some talk of a caravan leaving for Wounded Knee after the demonstration, leaders declined to confirm the report.

There has been no effort to recruit people to go up to Wounded Knee, according to Williams.

"What they (Wounded Knee occupants) need is support on the outside," he said.

The leadership of the United Minorities and Concerned Peoples' Organization is Faye Zollicoffer, representing UNL black students; Dan Ladey, representing some white students; Jose Cervantes, Chicano students and Rick Williams of the Indian organization.

Mom, apple pie, Daily Nebraskan

The Daily Nebraskan has earned an all-American rating for the fall, 1972, issues, placing it in the top 30 per cent of college newspapers in the U.S.

It is the third superior rating awarded the paper in the last three semesters of publication. A professional judged the Daily Nebraskan and more than 3,200 other school publications for the Associated Collegiate Press at the University of Minnesota School of Journalism in Minneapolis.

The Daily Nebraskan earned marks of distinction in writing and editing, editorial leadership, physical appearance and photography.

Judges' comments included:

"Your writing shows a flair for including major points without bogging down in details."

"The editorial writing shows you aren't afraid to speak up and letters show you are listened to and respected."

"Your approach to make up and photography is top quality."

The executive staff for last fall was Jim Gray, editor; Tom Lansworth, managing editor; and Randy Beam, news editor.