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IT'S TIME TO REFORM CAMPAIGN FINANCING

John W. Gardner, Chairman
Common Cause
Former Secretary
of Health, Education and Welfare

"Wouldn't it be great if you didn't have to take a single dime from anybody?" said Senator Philip Hart of Michigan. He had in mind the uncomfortable, sometimes degrading, experiences that political candidates have when they go hat-in-hand to potential donors for contributions. The costs of political campaigns have gone sky-high. And monied special interests are always glad to meet those costs in behalf of the candidate. The inevitable result has been corruption, scandal and public mistrust of the political process.

Today in most districts and states, candidates can't run for public office unless they are rich, or unless they are willing to put themselves under obligation to sources of funds. That isn't the kind of country we started out to be.

There are honest contributors who give out of conviction, and there are honest politicians who don't repay gifts with political favors. But let's face it: most large political gifts are made with the intent to buy influence, buy votes, buy politicians.

The first principle of free self-government is accountability of government to the citizen. Elections are the chief means through which citizens enforce that accountability. But if the winning candidate feels that his first obligation is to his big campaign donors, public accountability is destroyed.

Here are some of the necessary ingredients of reform.

1) There must be low ceilings on individual or committee gifts.

2) There must be limits on spending—although these must not be set too low or they will handicap challengers.

3) There must be full public disclosure of all gifts and expenditures. One of the most powerful forces for clean government ever discovered is the light of day.

4) There must be an independent enforcement commission with subpoena powers and the power to go to court. It is shocking but true that no federal campaign financing law has ever been seriously enforced by the Justice Department.

Many are now beginning to see that there is one further necessary ingredient if we are to have a responsible and competitive political system—namely, an element of public financing in campaigns.

Money for campaigns need not come totally and exclusively from public funds. The bill recently debated in the Senate permits a role for money from private sources, although it places a ceiling on the size of gifts. It encourages small private contributions by providing that they will be matched up to \$100 each with public funds at the primary level.

No candidate in the primaries will receive any federal matched funds unless he or she has demonstrated the ability to raise small private gifts up to a specific threshold amount. This will screen out frivolous candidates or candidates with no constituency.

There are legitimate questions as to the mechanics of public financing, but these questions can be dealt with. The real question is whether we intend to put behind us once and for all a system of campaign financing in which money can buy political outcomes.

There is much more to do. And the time to do it is now. The American people are tired of being bilked and manipulated. It's time to give this country back to its people. For additional information, write Common Cause, 2030 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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12 extol housing plan virtues at open meeting; none opposed

By Susanne Schafer

An even dozen students, faculty and staff representative came before the Board of Regents Friday evening to extol the virtues of a differentiated housing proposal. The proposal would establish varied regulations and living conditions in UNL residence halls.

Various proponents of the measure, limited to 5-minute speeches, filed before the board, each prepared to support the proposal on a specific basis. No one opposed it at the open hearing, which was attended by about 75 persons.

After introductory remarks by UNL Chancellor James Zumberge, student Tim Evensen, Residence Hall Assoc. (RHA) president, pointed out the "academic benefits" available under the differentiated housing program.

"We are not asking for a blanket vote of confidence," Evensen said. "There are many items contained within the proposal, and we ask that you consider each on its own merit."

Susan Rehm, Council on Student Life (CSL) representative, asked the regents to accept the report proposal to abolish the open door policy. The policy states that students living in residence halls must keep room doors open when entertaining visitors of the opposite sex.

Prof. Terry Klopfenstein, another CSL member, told the board he was "skeptical of the proposal at first."

"I was mildly surprised, even pleased, with the attitudes of students involved in working on the proposal," he said.

The proposal is flexible, provides for a more worthwhile educational experience for the student and protected those who do not want changes in housing policies, he added.

Under the proposal, students would be able to choose where they would like to live, with residence halls offering a variety of alcohol and visitation policies and floors geared to various interest areas.

Because funds allocated by the regents no longer go to support the residence halls, former ASUN president Ann Henry pointed out that the living units are being paid for by students living in them.

"This proposal, then, is a question not for the taxpayers, but for the students," she said.

As stated in the proposal, Henry noted that a minor must have the approval of his or her parent to live in a differentiated housing residence hall.

"Then, it becomes a matter between the student and his parents," Henry concluded.

Occupancy in the halls is decreasing, CSL member Dennis Martin told the regents, while occupancy in fraternity and sorority houses has been increasing in recent years "because the fraternities have changed to meet the needs of the students."

Genie Gupta, a Lincoln mother with two children and a part-time student, said "Unattractive student housing" is forcing students to find low income housing in the city, causing a housing shortage for other low income members of the community, she said.

Regents vote to support UHC split

The Board of Regents Saturday voted to support UNL Chancellor James Zumberge's reorganization plan for the University Health Center (UHC).

With only Regents Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln and Mrs. Camille Elliot of Scottsbluff dissenting, the regents approved the plan that will divide UHC into a center for students' medical care and a second center, the Nebraska Center for Health Education, primarily for research.

The reorganization has caused controversy among UHC staff members. Because of the reorganization, two UHC physicians have resigned and 27 have threatened to do the same in a letter to Zumberge.

Some saw the move as an attempt to oust the past UHC Director Samuel Fuenning. He now is to be the director of the health education center for what he is reported to have said, a "transitional phase."

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Essayist
5. Cardinal number
8. Western city
12. Grand-parental
13. Electrical unit
14. Minced oath
15. German poet
17. Prima donna
18. A siesta
19. Stages
21. Nails
24. Levantine ketch
25. Cuts off
26. Painter and etcher
30. Broad sash
31. Manacles
32. Indonesian of Mindanao
33. American story writer
35. A harsh cry
36. Eternities

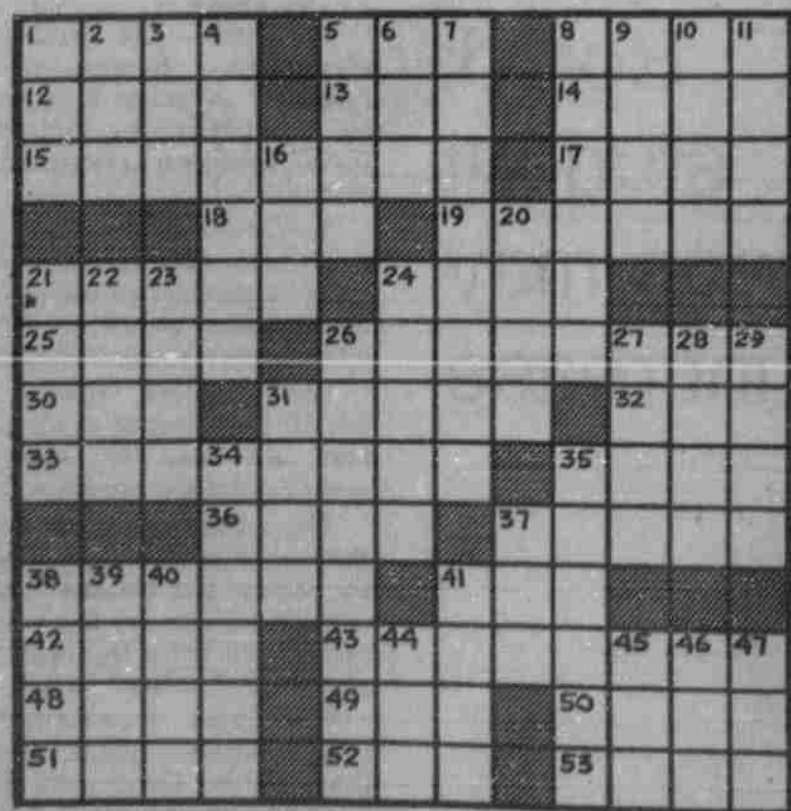
DOWN

1. Mandate
2. Salutation
3. Insane
4. Harmonizes
5. Stumble
6. Skin tumor
7. He was saddled, in song
8. Edit
9. Shield
10. Wheel hub
11. Harem rooms
16. Dutch cupboard
20. Cry of a goose
21. To blossom
22. Garment
23. Sacred bull of Egypt
24. Injections
26. Aviator
27. Fat bacon
28. And others (abbr.)
29. Come-dienne Martha
31. Sacred image
34. Cards wool
35. Any dwarf breed
37. Lease
38. Let it stand
39. Tour stop in Italy
40. Pause
41. Solid
44. Hawk parrot
45. French island
46. Tree
47. Early auto

Average time of solution: 27 min.

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JUVENILE ANET
ASIDE MARINE
GEMS PET
ONCE OATS OHM
LEO DONEE RIO
DON ENDS ASEA
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Answers to last Puzzle



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