



George McGovern while campaigning for the presidency in 1972.

Senate campaign trail lonely

## McGovern regaining supporters

(Editor's Note: In 1972, Ivy Harper, who wrote the following story, worked for presidential candidate George McGovern, following him through six states. Recently, she returned to South Dakota as a reporter to bring the McGovern story up to date. Her story was written as an assignment in the UNL School of Journalism depth reporting class. The author is a senior from Lincoln and a Daily Nebraskan reporter.)

By Ivy Harper

Rapid City, S.D.—A smile softens George McGovern's face. The Hot Springs, S.D., Elks Club organist recognizes him—the balding, slender candidate for re-election to the U.S. Senate—and strikes up McGovern's theme, "This Land Is Your Land."

People at the bar turn in their chairs and stare, but no one moves.

McGovern approaches his fellow South Dakotans one by one and puts out his hand.

"That time of year again, George," a man yells.

McGovern laughs, and for a moment, the sound of laughter blending with the theme song recalls a night more than two years before. July 12, 1972, was a night of triumph, of victory at the Democratic convention, of national attention and hundreds of cheering workers singing the tune now playing in a tiny South Dakota bar.

McGovern moves through the crowd. A birthday group starts a hip-hip-hooray-for-McGovern chant, and the chant spreads.

'Join us'

One of the persons at the table shouts, "Join us, George."

"No," replies McGovern, "you're having enough fun without me."

In 1972, such a friendly scene would have been unlikely. On Nov. 7 of that year McGovern learned that even the voters of his native state had rejected him in his defeat by Richard Nixon.

"Losing my own state was the most difficult thing for me to accept in 1972," McGovern says today. "I have always felt that I understand the people in this part of the country, and it was painful not to have them understand me."

Today, few reporters trail him. His campaign trips are as likely to be by car

as by jet. There is no massive campaign staff, no TV crews.

Initially, McGovern says, he missed the national attention, but that has long since gone.

"I don't miss the television cameras—they always got in the way so that I couldn't talk to the people on a one-to-one basis," he says. "I have enjoyed this campaign."

Senate campaign tiring

And although a Senate campaign in South Dakota is tiring, the pace is considerably slower than a presidential race.

"I like a relaxed campaign," McGovern says.

It is good he does because that's the way it is.

No big advertising campaigns, no advance men (South Dakota would resent planned events, McGovern says), no movie stars ("We've managed to keep Shirley MacLaine out so far," one aide said.)

It's just McGovern casually walking down the main streets, dropping in at grocery stores, the bowling alleys, the American Legion halls, trying to convince the voters to return him to Washington and to reject his Republican opponent, ex-Vietnam prisoner of war Leo Thorsness.

Expected to win

McGovern is expected to win. The polls show him leading by several points, but his staff is confident the margin will be wider by Nov. 5, election day.

McGovern today is the same man who stumped the nation in 1972. His hair is shorter, he is less tanned and a little thinner. But he says his positions on the issues are the same.

He livens his sometimes-boring speeches with a joke about a change in image:

"When Sen. Walter Mondale of Minnesota campaigned for me several weeks ago, he landed at the airport in Sioux Falls and while driving into town with a local taxi driver, he struck up a conversation. Mondale said, 'I hope you're supporting my friend, George McGovern, for the United States Senate.'

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## Renovation of Union price tag - \$160,440

By Lynn Silhasek

A \$160,440 facelift for the first floor, southwest corner of the Nebraska Union that would include space for two retail businesses has been drawn up by the Physical Plant, according to Al Bennett, union director.

The remodeling plans are tentative, Bennett said, and first need the approval of the Union Board (a student advisory group to the union director), then the approval of Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs, and finally the Central Planning Committee's okay.

The proposed remodeling would update Union structures built in 1938, according to Bennett.

Structures that would be affected if the plans are approved are the men's and women's bathrooms, the women's lounge, the Union Program Office, the Women's Resource Center (WRC) and adjoining study lounge and the Union south desk and magazine rack, according to the plans.

The south desk and magazine rack would be relocated left of the Union's R Street entrance, instead of straight ahead of it, where the desk is now. The bathrooms would be located west of the elevator and the area that now includes the WRC and the study lounge would be converted into one lounge, according to the plans.

Space that is now the women's lounge and the Union Program Office would be sold to businesses, Bennett said.

Programs now operating in the areas marked proposed for remodeling would be relocated, according to Bennett. He suggested that the WRC and study lounge area might be changed into "People's Resource Center" and include other campus services available to students.

If the plans are approved, work on the area would not begin until July 1975, Bennett said.

Accompanying these plans are additional proposals for remodeling the Union's R Street entrance, Bennett said. These plans would be completed with university funds he estimated at \$30,000. The proposed remodeling would help provide outside safety around the building, he said.

The proposals include resetting the steps to the entrance, installing handrails on the steps, providing additional lighting for the area and repouring and redesigning the sidewalk extending from the bottom of the step to R Street, Bennett said.

The remodeling proposals will be presented to the Union Board at its next meeting, Bennett said.

Future remodeling plans also are being considered, Bennett said. A multi-level parking structure adjacent to the union is one of the most crucial needs for students and for other persons in the building, he said. The structure, funded by a bond issue that would be repaid by the income from parking, also could service Love Library and the Administration Building, he said.

Bennett said he would like to see work start on such a structure within the next year.

Other future plans might include remodeling of both the North and South Crib eating areas and remodeling of the main lounge area to increase accessibility to the Crib from the lounge, Bennett said. If approved, remodeling would begin in October, 1975, he said.

## New courses added

With the Nov. 1, deadline for second semester preregistration fast approaching, students looking for something different have a variety of new courses to choose from.

In the Adult Education Dept. two new courses are offered: Program Development and Evaluation and Teaching English as a Second Language.

Topics of Prehistory is a new course offered in the Anthropology Dept.

The History Dept. is offering four new one-hour courses: History of Sports, History of Agriculture, History of Biological Science and Black History.

The Geology Dept. will offer mini-courses next semester on Rocks and the Environment, The Energy Outlook, Spreading Oceans and Evolving Continents, Extinction and Evolution, Geology and Exploration Routes in the New World and Geology and Mountaineering.

Introduction to Meta-physics, Philosophy in Literature and Philosophy of the Mind are three new courses offered in the Philosophy Dept. next semester.

A three-hour course, Topics of American Government, is a new one in the Political Science Dept.

In the School of Journalism, "Legislative Reporting" is being offered.

The Psychology Dept. has four new course offerings next semester: Introduction to Cognitive Processes, the Psychology of Woman, Motivation and Attention and a senior seminar in Personality Theory.