

## Political turmoil at UNO

By Rex Seline

The resignation of the University of Nebraska at Omaha's (UNO) student body vice president late last month has reopened some political wounds in UNO student government.

Only 3.1 per cent of the student body voted in the recent Student Senate elections at the Omaha campus, according to the student newspaper, The Gateway.

It follows a record 26 per cent turnout for the first of last spring's hotly contested presidential elections, from which Jim Sherrets and running mate Rhonda Andrews emerged victorious in a special election after Greg Blodig and Marsha Babcock were disqualified for alleged campaign discrepancies.

The low turnout also comes on the heels of the resignation of Andrews and Cliff Vogt, the director of UNO's Academic Resource Center, (ARC).

### Lack of publicity

Sherrets said he was "not very worried" about the low turnout citing the precedence of low turnouts in fall elections. He also pointed to a lack of publicity about the election saying that "in the past there's been a large campaign with between \$100 and \$200 spent on ads" to drum up interest in the election.

He blamed the lack of a campaign on the fact that a newly appointed election commissioner "was unable to make the arrangements." Sherrets later fired the commissioner.

Five UNO student senators interviewed in the Gateway blamed the low turnout on a lack of confidence in student government due to problems encountered by Sherret's administration, although they felt that student government was still "alive and well."

### Fee use challenged

In addition to the resignation of his two cabinet officers and the firing of his election commissioner, Sherrets has challenged UNO Chancellor Ronald Roskens over the use of student fees and has been called down at a Regent's meeting by Regent Edward Schwartzkopf for his use of four-letter words in reference to the treatment by the regents of UNO students.

Sherrets nominated Kathy Stockham

to succeed Andrews at last night's senate meeting.

He said, "Stockham was my first choice last spring but one of her good friends convinced her to run with (another presidential candidate, Heshimu Iverri)." He claimed that Stockham is "unbelievably competent."

Sherrets said that the ARC director resigned to accept another job for \$11,000 as opposed to his ARC salary of \$1,500 a year.

Sherrets' battle with Roskens has involved the disclosure of the use of the so-called Fund B. Presently \$362,000 is controlled by Roskens in the fund and \$223,000 is not accounted for to the students.

### Misunderstanding

Sherrets called the incident with Schwartzkopf a question of misunderstanding. He termed it "ludicrous for one to be petty about the use of four-letter words." Schwartzkopf blamed a "limited vocabulary" for the use of four-letter words, according to Sherrets, but later conceded to Sherrets that he didn't believe Sherrets had a limited vocabulary.

The Gateway reported that Sherrets had told the Regents that the printing of the language by The Gateway represented a "sensationalist" brand of journalism representative of campus newspapers.

Dick Ulmer, Gateway News Editor and author of the Sherrets interview, told the Daily Nebraskan Wednesday that Sherrets had apologized to him. "He was being pressured by the Regents," Ulmer added that Sherrets has denied calling him a "yellow dog" as one Gateway reporter had heard it.

### Stability problem

Sherrets told the Daily Nebraskan that the label of sensationalist did not have a negative connotation. He said, "Some sensationalism is necessary to create interest."

Sherrets said he feels his administration has "accomplished a hell of a lot; more than any previous administration." He said the platform he ran on last spring has been more than half completed and there are "positive" signs for the completion of the rest.

Nebraska Union Board members Thursday night approved a \$20,000 Physical Plant proposal to remodel the Union's R Street entrance steps and lighting for safety purposes.

The proposal was one part of a \$30,000 plan that would have included remodeling the sidewalk extending from those steps to R Street. Board members agreed to establish a planning committee to investigate the use of funds for the additional construction.

Committee members also will study another Physical Plant proposal to remodel the southwest corner of the Nebraska Union's first floor. Remodeling plans include leasing of space in that corner of retail businesses. The Union Program Office and the Women's Lounge are located in the space marked for leasing.

The Union's dependency on student fees could be reduced by allowing businesses to operate in the building, Bennett said. The amount of space available for businesses, which totals 2,136 square feet could be leased at \$6 to 8 per square foot per month, according to Bennett. Yearly income from the business leases could total as high as \$25,000, he said.

With 60 per cent of the Union nonincome producing space and the pressures of inflation, the board has to "come to grips" with "alternate ways to generate income that are amenable to this (university) community," Bennett said. Other options the Board could choose would be to raise prices and limit services or to ask for additional student fees, he said.

It is already a "legal operational responsibility" for Union space to be leased to businesses, Bennett said. The question for board members to decide is what kind of businesses to lease space to, he said.

Committee members investigating the remodeling will include members of student groups located within the Union, according to Mike McGahan, board president.

## Committee to study Union remodeling



Stephen Stills performing a benefit show in the Nebraska Union Thursday. Money from the show went to help finance the Hess Dyas campaign. Dyas is pictured above with Stills.

Stills performs

## Concert captures crowd

By John Kalkowski

Nimble-fingered and hoarse-voiced Stephen Stills, formerly Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, played a brief concert to a crowd of about 1,100 at the Nebraska Union yesterday.

Stills, who has volunteered his services to the Democratic National Committee, was in Lincoln to raise funds and drum up support for 1st District Congressional candidate, Hess Dyas. The cost of coming to Lincoln was completely paid for by Stills.

The whole concert had a hurried aura about it. Stills' appearance was announced on Tuesday and ticket sales started Wednesday.

### Finds food, guard

He arrived by chartered jet minutes before his scheduled performance. Before beginning the concert, Stills "grabbed a quick hamburger."

Wanting to "wash his hands before the concert," Stills found that the only available laboratory was in the women's restroom. He quickly sent a Daily Nebraskan photographer to shoo out anyone and stand guard at the door.

After a four-song performance by the Bluegrass Crusade, Stills came to the stage clad in a chambray work shirt, faded jeans and cowboy boots.

Stills began his performance with one of his hits, "Changing Partners."

### Gives support

He also voiced his personal support of Hess Dyas and said he hoped there would be "new faces in Washington" and that there would be a "working majority of Democrats in Congress."

Obviously fatigued, Stills emotionally worked his way through seven songs with a cracking voice, and finished with "49 Bye-byes." To each song, the crowd responded enthusiastically and clapped loudly.

Immediately after the concert, Stills was hurried to the airport. As he rushed through the halls, he said, "I'm sorry. I'm really sorry. I have 65 minutes to get to Denver."

### Era is over

Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young rose to popularity during the Woodstock, Vietnam War and college uprising era, and were considered a voice of social protest. They disbanded at the height of their popularity in 1970. Earlier this year, they regrouped for a tour of 30 concerts in two months.

But, as one student said after the concert, "Their era is over and the magic is gone."