

Diversity, experience mark second-year USE

By Rex Seline

An attempt at candidate diversity marks the second year of existence for the United Student Effort Party (USE), according to the presidential candidate Jim Say and first vice presidential candidate Mary Jenkins.

The party is the first in recent years to survive for a second ASUN election and will attempt to draw from past experience, Say and Jenkins said Sunday.

USE second vice presidential candidate Paul Morrison was not available for interview.

"The party stayed together pretty much because of last year's large sweep," Say said. "They've had an opportunity to work together all year."

Continuity better

"It's been proven in the past that the more continuity from year to year in the senate, the better," Jenkins said.

Diversity among candidates' residences was emphasized in

the selection of party members, according to Say.

"It's fairly evenly split between people who live in dorms, Greek houses and off campus," Jenkins said. The attempt was made to broaden representation.

USE this year is "trying a new thing" in platforms, according to Say.

"We're not going to come down with a set platform. We want to avoid having preselected issues. We'd rather have the students bring up the issues important to them," Say said.

Jenkins reported that candidates are looking at files the party has compiled so they become familiar with areas that might be considered important.

Nitpicking

"Instead of discussing issues last year, candidates tended to defend their own platform. They were nitpicking over who had a better Section three, paragraph five," Say said.

USE will be held

accountable because the party label will become identified with certain issues, according to the executive candidates.

Say added that some platform promises can't always be kept.

"I don't think we'd be legitimate if we said we could get everything done," he said.

Jenkins, who ran for the senate on last year's USE ticket, said, "We realize now that some of last year's ideas were pretty optimistic." But both candidates said last year's USE philosophy is being followed this year.

Help from last year

Say said his candidacy has received some help from last year's USE candidates, including ASUN President Ron Clingenpeel and first vice president Sharon Johnson.

"It will be a boon to the senate," commented Jenkins, to be able to draw from the party's past experience.

About five USE candidates are senators and several have

served on ASUN committees, said Say and Jenkins.

Jenkins is an Arts and Sciences senator, Say is chairman of the ASUN Student Rights Committee and Morrison serves on the legislative liaison committee.

The candidates declined to offer an opinion on the proposed ASUN constitutional amendment, saying some problems have developed because of the amendment's wording. USE will take a position after the present senate acts on the problems at Wednesday's meeting.

Student fees

A majority of the party members support more student control of student fees. They are against "cutting them out entirely."

USE also supports the philosophy behind the regent's religion bylaws, but they're calling for ambiguities in guidelines to be cleared up.

"You should be able to go to the guidelines to determine the legality of a matter instead of having to rely on interpretations," Say said.

Say also said USE will seek a different emphasis for the student regent.

"There's a critical difference between being a student regent and being a regent," Say said. "Ron Clingenpeel apparently has fallen somewhat into the trap of viewing student issues as a regent rather than as a student. You have got to invite student input rather than be a spokesman for the regents."

USE also supports legislation to allow alcohol on campus. Jenkins said the best way may be support for lowering the drinking age to 18 to eliminate the major reason for the regent's opposition.

Increased turnout

The candidates look for

increased voter turnout this year because of the student regent status of the president, placement of voting booths in residence halls and because voters "will not be



disillusioned" by small, disagreeable points that might be found in a structured platform.

Following is a list of USE senatorial candidates:

Arts and Sciences: Jack Acevedo, Scott Cook, Don Erickson, Gina Hills, JoAnn Papenfuss, Susie Reitz, Joe Roh, Vee Sawyer, Earl Singh, Avery Loschen.

Agriculture: Dennis Burson, Brian Schelpeper, Daryl Wilton.

Architecture: Joel Wexelman.

Business: Nancy Fahlberg, Jerry Harkrader, Karen Langland, Jim Wefso.

Engineering: Randy Pfeiffer, Dan Roh.

Home Economics: Julie Bergmeier, Vickie Brugman.

Professional: Fritz Stehlik.

Teachers: Carol Claassen, Karen Dress, Julie McRoberts, Jean Sundstrom, Tony Williams.

Following is a list of USE advisory board candidates by college:

Arts and Sciences: Marianne Clifford, Jackie Learned, Linda Olson.

Agriculture: Kay Christensen, Ron Ross.

Home Economics: Cheryl DeCosta, Linda Meisinger, Julie Moravec, Mary Wagner.

Teachers: Jeanene Hatcher, Diane Korinek, David Rosas.



Jim Say and Mary Jenkins, USE candidates for ASUN Senate president and first vice president.

Photo by Ted Kirk

Dean: Watergate conspirators may get pardon

By Randy Gordon

A soft-spoken John Dean said Friday night that there is a chance President Gerald Ford will pardon those men recently convicted in the Watergate cover-up trial.

"You have to remember that these are still very powerful men," he told an audience of nearly 1,000 at the Omaha Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

As to whether Ford should pardon former Nixon officials H.R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman, John Mitchell and Robert Mardian, Dean said he "does not wish jail on any man, but I don't think this (the pardon) would be a just solution."

"I would prefer to see them come forward and explain what went on" before any pardon or sentence reduction is given, he said.

Dean also urged former President Richard Nixon to escape the "prison of his own conscience" by revealing what he knows about Watergate, an incident

in U.S. history that he said will not "quickly pass from the minds of the American people."

"He (Nixon) is not what you would call a 'free' man," Dean said. "He has to be very concerned about what people did in his behalf, but he has not done so much as come forward and straighten the record out one way or the other with regard to that activity."

Dean said he does not think Nixon would have been impeached had he admitted wrongdoing in the Watergate affair. "But for some reason Richard Nixon could never trust the American people," he added.

Dean said it is impossible to judge the Nixon presidency through what he called the lens of Watergate, and that Nixon won't be judged fairly until he "comes forward and tells the American people what he did and why he did it."

"In a sense it's a shame that any good he has done has been lost in Watergate. Hopefully, some day he will dispel all that by laying it out for what it is," he

said.

He said the pardon also "did not extract so much as an ounce of truth in exchange, and I felt that was wrong." Dean also said there was no distinction made between official wrongdoing and private crimes, such as tax fraud.

Dean said Nixon was a kind man to his staff. "He always went out of his way to do those little things," he said.

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