

Pro-Apathy presidential candidate is computer

By Rex Seline and Lisa Brown

What started out as a joke has turned into something serious for members of the would-be Pro-Apathy Party (PAP).

"We started out to make fun of a lot of the basic ways ASUN candidates wage their campaigns," PAP second vice presidential candidate Rick Horton said Wednesday. "The electoral rules which favored the United Student Effort party (USE) and a number of other things turned us into a bunch of militants."

PAP has been stymied by the new electoral rule which requires 500 signatures to run as a party. Only 270 signatures were accepted by the Electoral Commission and PAP joined another would-be party, the Amurica Party (AMP) in filing an appeal before the Student Court. The appeal went before the Council on Student Life Thursday night.

The PAP presidential candidate is a computer, IBM 360. Senatorial candidate Brian Thompson had been

incorrectly identified as IBM 360 by Electoral Commissioner Gary Hall because Thompson signed the computer's petition in accordance with electoral rules. The rules require a student to sign the petition as a candidate for each candidacy, according to Horton.

"No one was really interested in being head of our ticket, but the rest of us were interested in running together," Horton said. Ray Walden is the first vice presidential candidate.

"We'd like to hire an executive director for ASUN," Horton said. "He could coordinate all activities, like ASUN and RHA (Residence Hall Association), so that campus activities are not fragmented."

The proposed executive director would be full time and "would be charged with providing expertise for the student regent," according to Horton.

"He could negotiate for student interests. We see him in an advocacy role in

presenting student interests and lobbying for student issues," Horton said.

PAP supporters said that the ASUN president doesn't have the time that an executive director could devote to student interests.



Eventually, PAP organizers would support restructuring ASUN, eliminating the executives and charging a council of about 15 members with policy-making responsibilities.

Horton said the executive

director would be "Ralph Nader-type, basically responsible to the restructured ASUN."

PAP members proposed holding ASUN Senate meetings every other week instead of weekly to eliminate problems they say are involved in "rounding-up" senators for each meeting and duplicating minutes of the meetings. Senate committees would meet on the off weeks, under the proposal.

The Amurica Party (AMP) is also facing obstacles posed by the new electoral rules. A party spokesman said AMP collected 529 signatures, but only about 390 were accepted. Rules require 500 valid signatures.

AMP presidential candidate Dennis Snyder and first vice presidential candidate Peggy Olsen were unavailable for further comment.

Independent ASUN presidential candidate Charles Rosvold is running because "first of all, I think I can do a better job than those in there

now."

"I'm new here and I wasn't even aware the election filing deadline was coming up until something like three days before," Rosvold said. "I would have liked to have formed a party but there was the problem of a time squeeze."

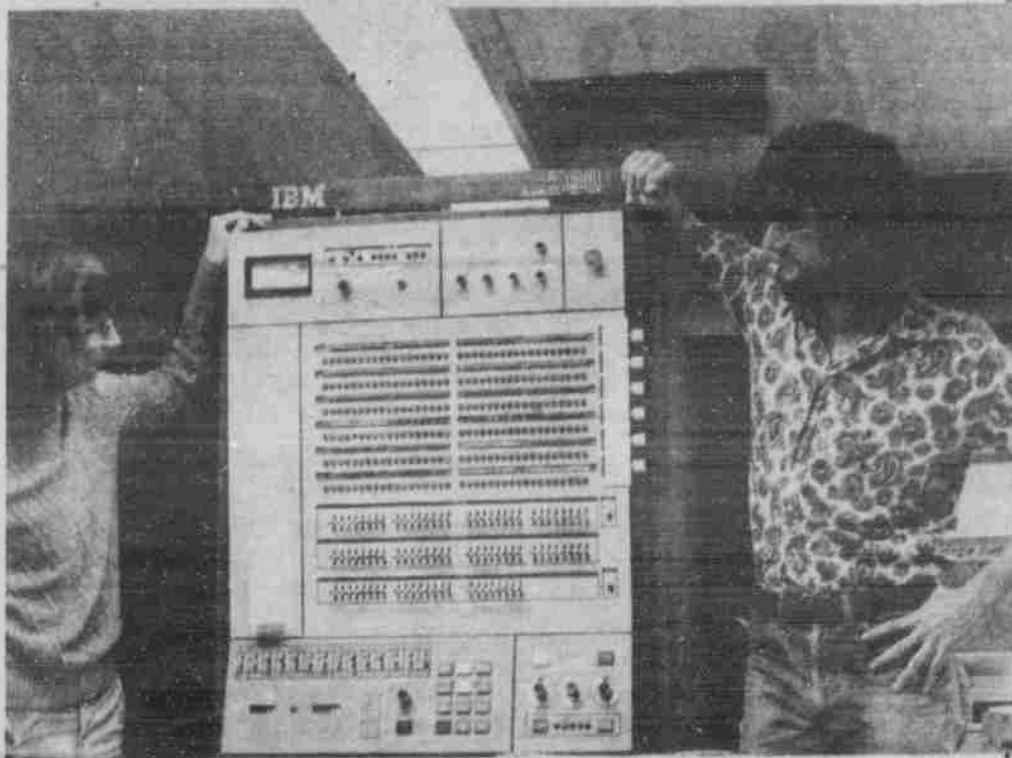
Rosvold said he's "not taking a strong dogmatic view on any one issue" but that he will be "dogmatic enough" as ASUN president and "will do everything in my power to accomplish what the students want."

He said the present administration has not been forceful enough in presenting student views.

"I'm sure a few screws can be tightened somewhere," Rosvold said. "We need someone there who is not willing to back down."

He added that he felt ASUN is simply a student lobbying agent with no power. "It's a toothless dog but it can bark," he said.

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From left to right, Rick Horton, PAP second vice-presidential candidate; IBM 360, PAP presidential candidate; Ray Walden, PAP first vice-presidential candidate; Vince Powers and Charles Rosvold, independent candidates for president

Speaker warns farmers of 'economic hoax'

By Ron Wylie

American farmers should not be hoaxed by speculations the country is headed toward a 1930s economic disaster, economist Eliot Janeway said Thursday.

This scare, he said, is scaring farmers who remember times of no credit and no demand for crops and causing them to plan limited plantings and selling short on the market.

Janeway, speaking to a Symposium on the Future audience in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room, said fluctuation of current commodities is the result of Soviet stock manipulation of the American wheat market.

Russian cancellation of grain contracts frightens U.S. farmers, Janeway said, but added there was no danger.

"The Russians are just trying to drive down the price so they can make a killing."

Kremlin needs grain

"There is no way anyone in the Kremlin can operate without access to U.S. grain markets," he said.

This particular gambit, Janeway said, shows the need for a U.S. agriculture protection policy.

"No other country in the world would allow their produce to be used by other countries the way the United States does."

Policy problems

"U.S. problems are problems of policy and administration, not of economy and production," he said, and added, "the depression for which we are headed is still avoidable. but America needs to regain its bargaining power."

The American system is the only buffer against worldwide depression, Janeway said.

America is experiencing World War Three without a shot being fired, a war of economic warfare, he said.

Super weapon

Viewing agriculture as a strategic commodity, Janeway said America has a super weapon in any international confrontation.

But, he continued, "there is an urgent, immediate need for the U.S. economy to bring down the price of oil, and pitting the oil of the world's stick-up artists against the might of American agriculture would be, as the lawyers say, 'No contest'."

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"If the world knew that America had a good farm policy the United States wouldn't need a foreign policy," Janeway said.

Trade with generosity

The United States should be willing to trade with generosity, he said, but "there should be no more giveaways of agricultural or technological resources."

"We have run out of resources to waste abroad," Janeway said.

He said he wants to see a new combination of American agriculture and American production to provide "packaged products for the world."

Need not fear

Western nations needn't fear the oil-producing states of the world, according to Janeway, because "we don't need them as much as they need us. They can't eat that oil, and they need our agriculture and

technology."

Janeway said oil producers are having trouble finding storage space for their ever-increasing surpluses, and there is an oil glut in the world now.

"So when the Arabs come to talk about food and equipment and parts, let's talk about \$6, \$5, \$4-a-barrel oil," he said.

An alternative to appeasement and war, Janeway said, is economic confrontation and the United States has the agriculture and the tools to win.

But the United States never bargains with its technological or agricultural power, Janeway said, and blamed the appeasement foreign policy of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Kissinger Depression

If a depression settles on America, Janeway contended, it should rightfully be called "the Kissinger Depression."

"What he deals with as purely political is really financial in nature," Janeway said, accusing Kissinger of naivete in economic policy.

"The oil problem won't be solved by shuttle diplomacy," he said.

Janeway said, "Gerald Ford is every bit as decent as he is dumb, and that covers a lot of area."

Janeway was joined in the Centennial Room talk by his wife Elizabeth, author and lecturer on the role of woman in American society.

She said women are a new economic force, which can become integrated with the decision-making processes of finance as women become more aware of their value in the economic world.

Ms. Janeway spoke earlier in the day to a Women's/Speak forum.