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Dyas files as Senate candidate; hoping for 'trust in government'

By Anita Stork

Former State Democratic Chairman Hess Dyas announced his candidacy for the United States Senate Tuesday, seeking to "restore Nebraskans' trust in government."

Appearing at UNL, Dyas said his campaign for the seat now held by Republican Sen. Roman Hruska would be person to person.

In a statement released Tuesday, Dyas said rather than "gather" the media and supporters together for the traditional press conference candidacy announcement, he would appear at supermarkets, schools, stockyards and police stations to speak with individual Nebraskans.

"This method of telling people will set the theme for my campaign," Dyas said.

Shaking hands with students in front of the Nebraska Union, Dyas made no formal speech but spoke briefly with individual passers-by. Dyas also made other public appearances in Lincoln Tuesday, and filed his candidacy at the Capitol at 1:30 p.m.

The cost of living, unemployment and unfair taxes are major campaign issues, Dyas said.

"The burden of Social Security taxes should be equalized," Dyas said. "Something is wrong when a family making \$15,000 a year pays the same tax as the president of a large oil company earning \$165,000."

Dyas said he favors strict enforcement of anti-trust laws and called removal of regulations on major oil companies "short term measures."

"In the long term future we will have to break up monopolies," Dyas said.

Discounting his 1974 loss in the first district Congressional race to Republican Charles Thone, Dyas said, more people "are now familiar with my name."

Dyas refused to comment about Omaha Mayor Edward Zorinsky's campaign for the Senate, saying he thought it "too early in the campaign."

"I'm going to establish my identity," Dyas said. "Then I'll see how I stand in relation to the other candidates."

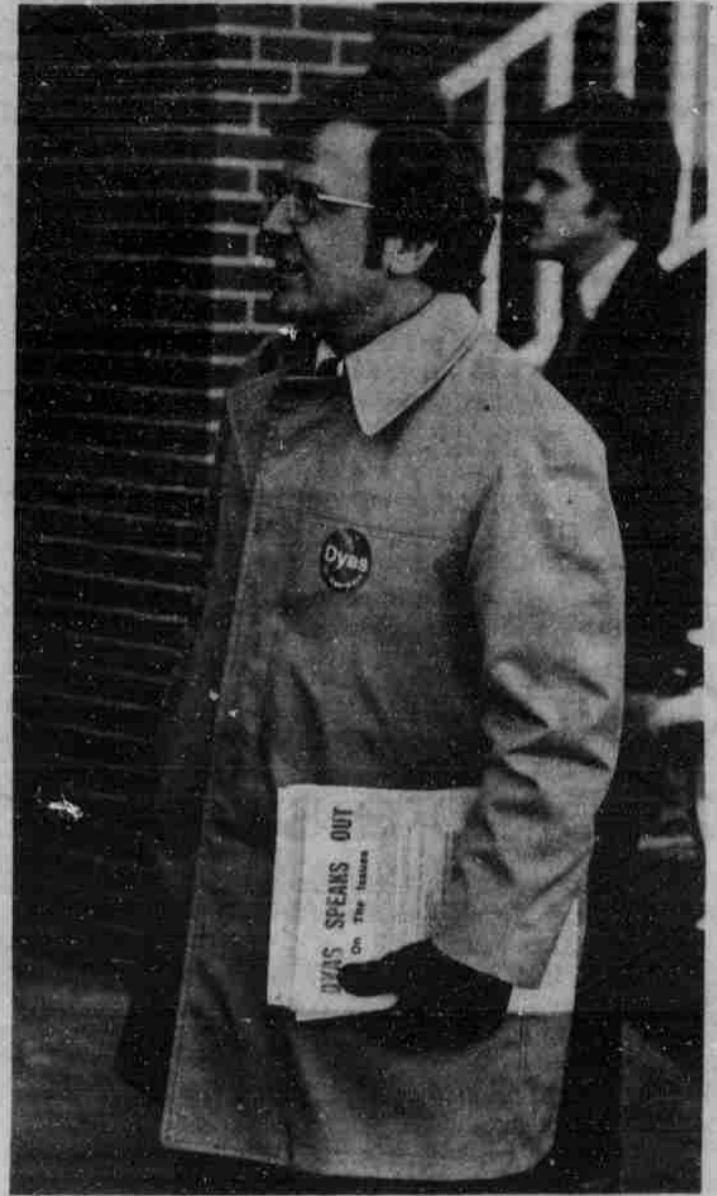


Photo by Ted Kirk

Hess Dyas, Nebraska Democratic candidate for the United States Senate.

Spectre of controversy still haunting ASUN

The ASUN Senate starts second semester business tonight still embroiled in a controversial relationship with the Council on Student Life (CSL).

That controversy began Nov. 29 when the Senate voted to temporarily rescind its six student appointments to CSL and replaced them with senators. This was done in an effort to make CSL more "responsive" to the Senate's desires. Senators thought CSL was turning into a tool of the Administration and was not acting in students' best interests.

They also thought CSL members were becoming too independent of ASUN.

The CSL senators were appointed so that ASUN could directly influence CSL when those two bodies met with administration officials to discuss the relationship between the two as well as proposed revisions in CSL's charter.

However, at the next CSL meeting, Chairman Lyle Young refused to call the meeting to order with the ASUN Senate appointees present.

Student Court

The Student Court was petitioned by Chip Lowe and Dennis Snyder, two replaced CSL members, to get the six rescinded members reappointed. The court has not ruled yet on the case.

But Ken Bader, vice-chancellor for student affairs, on Dec. 8 ordered CSL to meet with the six former CSL

members.

Saying he acted on instructions from Interim Chancellor Adam Breckenridge, Bader said ASUN may have violated due process in removing the members.

Here the matter rests. CSL is expected to meet Thursday night with its original six members. ASUN Pres. Jim Say has said that he may have to prosecute the six CSL members in Student Court "for violation of duly enacted legislation of ASUN," according to the ASUN Constitution.

Campaign issues

If the matter goes to Student Court and becomes trapped there for a long period of time, the Senate's right to rescind its appointments, as well as ASUN's relationship to CSL, could become major campaign issues of the ASUN elections to be held in March or April.

The ASUN Electoral Commission has not yet set a definite election date.

Also coming before the Senate this semester is the question of what to do about the Campus Assistance Center. The Senate launched a petition drive to prevent construction of assistance center in Nebraska Union's television lounge on grounds that not enough student input was taken by the administration in deciding the information center's location.

The petition drive prompted the NU Board of Regents to "indefinitely postpone" work on the center. Since the administration has no plans to resurrect the project,

ASUN will have to spearhead further action on the center.

Also facing the ASUN Senate is a committee report on whether the present method of choosing members of the Nebraska Yell Squad is fair. Charges were made in the Senate that selection of squad members is made by one person and has been limited mostly to members of one or two campus sororities.

The committee report has been delayed several times since it was formed Sept. 29.

Another issue this semester is the fight for sale and consumption of alcohol on campus. Last semester, the Senate financed a student poll which showed 80 per cent favor alcohol consumption in private living units on campus. Sixty-three per cent of those polled said liquor consumption on campus would "definitely not" hurt their study habits.

The Senate hopes to use these figures in convincing the Nebraska Legislature to allow campus liquor sale and consumption. A state-wide network of interested students and community leaders to help lobby for the measure is envisioned by ASUN's Governmental Liaison Committee. The committee handles lobbying efforts for the Senate.

The ASUN Governmental Liaison Committee also could be used to lobby against severe UNL budget cuts by the Legislature as it did during last year's special session.

Voids vex Say

By George Miller

Five ASUN Senate vacancies now exist after four winter recess resignations, according to ASUN Pres. Jim Say, and the Senate may have difficulty in achieving a quorum.

One senator also resigned last semester. There are now 30 senators holding seats out of a possible 35.

"We can only have six senators absent from a meeting now," Say said. A total of 24 senators are required for a quorum, which is required to conduct business.

Gina Hills, a senior from Aurora, Ill., and Susie Reitz, a sophomore from North Platte, resigned from the Senate following a new editorial policy of the Daily Nebraskan forbidding members of the paper's news staff from serving on university policy-making or recommending bodies.

Hills is Daily Nebraskan associate news editor and Reitz is a sports writer. Both served as senators from the Arts and Sciences College.

Jo Anne Papenfuss, a junior from Lincoln, resigned after transferring to the University of Minnesota, Say said. Papenfuss also represented the Arts and Sciences College.

Jim Wefso, a senior from Rushville, resigned his Business College seat after transferring to Independent Study.

Graduate School representative Art Chan resigned last December citing possible administration pressures. Chan supported resolutions halting work on the Campus Assistance Center in the Nebraska Union and replacing student representatives on the Council on Student Life (CSL) with ASUN Senators.

Say said persons interested in replacing these senators must fill out an application in the ASUN office. Applicants will be interviewed by the Senate's Appointments Committee. If they are approved by the Appointments Committee, their nomination will be made to the full Senate. A majority vote is needed for candidate approval.

