



Photo by Scott Seoboda

Fowler eats in peace behind supporters during a recent campaign party-picnic.

Senator Fowler: A 'nice guy with no spare time'

Four years ago, at age 22, Steve Fowler was elected state senator, the youngest ever in Nebraska. He began campaigning for the seat in the Legislature barely after turning in his gavel as president of ASUN.

The year he was president was 1971-72. Not quite the activist 60s, but close. . .

That year, ASUN sponsored a controversial Time Out Conference on Human Sexuality at UNL and made birth-control handbooks available to students. It also actively supported a threatened mass violation of coed visitation rules in the residence halls.

Student services were expanded including a record store with more records than the year before (and the lowest prices in town, Fowler said), an art and gift shop and two book exchanges. He gave donations to child and infant day care centers.

In addition, ASUN supported Free University, coordinated group independent study and helped set up interim study sessions between semesters. Special inserts were sent to students with their registration forms

explaining new pass-fail policies and independent study programs.

Fowler said he doesn't feel students were apathetic when attending UNL, and neither are they now.

"There's always been a problem getting students to vote (in ASUN elections)," he said. But when something was going on which students were concerned about, they showed their interest. For example, 10,000 birth control handbooks were distributed, and, "Large numbers of students were mobilized for the visitation issue," he said.

UNL administrators were "always very sympathetic" to students needs, Fowler added. But inevitably they would return from the Board of Regents and explain to the students that the Board would not grant the students request, he said.

"I don't know what they told the Board of Regents," Fowler said with a smile.

As a state senator, who is running for re-election this fall, Fowler hasn't forgotten his former constituency.

Last year he introduced a bill which would have

Freshwater diving ticket to new world

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—Stagecoach Lake in the Conestoga State Recreation area by Seward is close to Lincoln, and at times offers 30-35 feet of visibility.

The sand quarry at the Minden I-80 exit, while only 18 ft. deep, has good visibility and interesting wildlife, including bluegills, walleye, bass, turtles and crayfish. The description of a spring zooplankton bloom opening this article came from an experience of the author at the Minden quarry.

The Hard Lake State Recreation Area near Central City, Louisville Recreation Area, and sand quarries around Fremont provide accessible but low-visibility (5-15 feet) diving spots.

Lake McConaughy, near Ogallala, is the state's largest and deepest lake with visibility at times reaching 100 feet. Separafishing and deep diving are the major activities, although there is a sunken town in the lake that was vacated and then drowned when the reservoir was flooded.

The Oahe Reservoir near Pierre, South Dakota, contains a sunken Indian burial ground and U.S. Cavalry fort. Divers have found arrowheads, pottery, buttons, coins, bottles, and other artifacts while exploring these. There have also been finds of buffalo skeletons near the dam.

Table Rock Lake near Branson, has year-around diving with up to 100 feet of visibility. One of the feature attractions here is a sunken forest of black oak.

Isle Royale National Park in Minnesota is about eight miles south of the Canadian border. Here are several still-intact shipwrecks that are protected from salvage and artifact collecting. One can swim into and through the steamer "America" to see china still on table, crew's quarters, and the rest the same as it was the day the ship went down.

Lake Okaboji, Ia., has been the site of many historical finds. There is a covered wagon and a Model A Ford ice

truck in the lake, apparently fallen through the ice during the early years of settling the Midwest.

The diver with money and inclination can always pack up and go to some tropical paradise with crystal-clear blue waters, but there are many fascinating experiences for those who try local waters.

Tourville said people dive for a number of reasons. "It's a good recreational sport, requiring fitness, confidence, and experience," he said. "There is the sense of open freedom from the diver moving almost effortlessly through a supporting medium in three dimensions. And it gives people a majestic value of nature, because it is such an alien environment. But most of all, I'd say divers were stimulated by an interest in the unknown. The sport is only twenty years old, so anyone who goes underwater is an explorer—a pioneer."

All in all, the cost of a diving course doesn't seem to be a bad price for a ticket to a new world.

Opening remarks

This is the first issue of what we hope will become a distinctive publication at UNL.

For years, the Daily Nebraskan has covered news of the campus faithfully four days a week. Last year, the UNL English department started publishing a semi-annual literary magazine, *Allegory*, to give an outlet to students with talent for writing fiction and poetry.

Third Dimension will be unlike either. UNL has never had a general magazine with an identity of its own and this, first, is what we hope to make 3-D. We hope it will be the kind of publication students will save longer than a day or two, and read at their leisure. We'll try to do creative things with layout and art to enhance that.

Third Dimension's scope will be entirely off-campus. That might be hard to imagine how after reading the Daily Nebraskan, but we believe students are much more than students.

They are also young voters, consumers, Lincolnites (at least temporarily) sometimes half of a married couple and usually about-to-be job seekers. In general, they're young adults who are interested in a melange of things.

In 3-D, we will try to cover issues more in depth than daily deadlines allow. While we won't print

fiction, we will use a more creative, freer style of writing than "hard news."

At least twice this semester we will devote the entire issue of 3-D to one subject, which we feel needs to be examined in depth. Usually, we will strive for a variety of stories, such as personality profiles, consumer stories, "things-to-do" stories and newsfeatures. National issues aren't beyond our realm.

To make *Third Dimension* more your magazine, we want to print free-lance articles from students or faculty members. If you have an interesting experience under your belt, are an authority on a subject or have always wanted to try writing, don't hesitate to try us. You don't have to be a journalism major.

Third Dimension will pay for all articles it uses. We also welcome your letters, if you have a comment about something we've run.

There will be seven issues of *Third Dimension* this semester, counting today's. Publication date is every other Thursday, except Thanksgiving.

So sit back, look at us through new eyes and an open mind, and enjoy reading in the third dimension.

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