

University students not contributing to campaign expenditures this year

By Mary Jo Pitzl

Student financial support of House and Senate elections is lacking, recent campaign expense reports filed by the candidates indicate.

A review of the itemized contributions showed no students donated to the campaign funds of Nebraska candidates for the Congress and Senate during the July to September period studied. Faculty and administrators showed a similar support record. Only two UNL professors were listed as contributing to the campaign fund of Pauline Anderson, Democratic party candidate for the first district.

Campaign expenditures and receipts from July 1 through Sept. 30 are on file at the office of Secretary of State Allen Beermann. The Federal Election Commission Campaign Expense Reports are required to be filed by all federal candidates quarterly. The most recent report was due Oct. 10. Reports list all contributions and receipts accepted by candidates, as well as all expenditures and debts for each report period.

Expense reports showed that Republican candidate John Y. McCollister's Senate campaign fund received \$233,447 from Jan. 1 through Sept. 30. Democratic opponent and Omaha mayor Edward Zorinsky reported \$153,703 in receipts. A comparison of the two opponents' expenditures from the beginning of 1976 shows McCollister spending \$237,012 to Zorinsky's \$143,305.

On the congressional level, Anderson of Lincoln listed \$15,541 in receipts, with expenditures totaling \$13,957. Republican incumbent Charles Thone of Lincoln filed \$70,309 for receipts, and \$55,104 in expenses.

In the second congressional district, Democrat John Cavanaugh of Omaha showed a larger amount of campaign receipts than Republican opponent Lee Terry, also of Omaha. Cavanaugh's receipts are listed at \$81,333, compared to Terry's, \$74,228. Cavanaugh's expenditures also exceed Terry's \$78,466 to \$62,106.

Republicans take the lead in contributions and receipts in the third Congressional district. Republican candidate Virginia Smith of Chappell shows a receipt total of

\$57,179, compared to the \$6,153 total for opponent James Hansen of Gering. Smith's expenditures were listed at \$56,252, Hansen's were \$5,353.

The Nebraska Democratic State Central Committee filed a report listing receipts through Sept. 30 at \$141,322. Republican counterparts, the Nebraska State Republican Federal Campaign Committee showed total receipts of \$28,354.

Republican expenditures totaled \$27,694, compared to a \$134,704 figure for the Democrats. The Democratic office also supports legislative and presidential candidates.

Federal Election Campaign Laws limit personal contributions to \$1,000. Committees and unions are held to a \$5,000 maximum.

Many of the candidates' finance reports showed a heavy increase in contributions from July 1 to Sept. 30 period as compared to contributions received in the first six months of the year.

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