

Incumbents apparently winners in regent races

By Paula Dittrock

Incumbents apparently won re-election in all four contested NU Board of Regents posts, returns early Wednesday indicated.

District Three Regent Kermit Wagner of Schuyler was leading challenger Merle Hansen of Newman Grove in the closest of the four races. Hansen held an early lead but fell behind as more results were reported.

The total could change with absentee and disabled ballots.

Wagner, 61, had promised to consider crop and livestock research expansion a top priority if re-elected. He had said large capital expenditures for NU campuses should be cut. Wagner is a grain mill operator.

Hansen, a farmer, has said the university should put more emphasis on supplying Nebraska communities with doctors.

Hansen also has said he ran to represent the average

citizen, and he suggested regents should be paid to attract average citizen involvement.

Candidates for District Four were also in a close race early Wednesday.

Incumbent Robert Prokop increased his lead over opponent Willard Waldo through the morning.

Waldo, 64, farms near DeWitt. He is vice president of the State Board of Education and was a state senator for nine years.

Waldo said regents should use common sense and consider needs when making decisions. He said regents don't need expert studies or formulas to make decisions.

He said he is opposed to unnecessary program duplication, complicated parity studies and unnecessary spending. Waldo said he favors strong campus administration rather than strong central administration.

Prokop, 42, an Omaha physician, has said he represents the graduate program and called himself an independent

thinker.

He said decisions about academic matters should be left to the campuses. He said he favors eliminating duplicate programs.

District Five Regent Robert Koefoot of Grand Island led Hastings newspaper publisher Gladys Seaton.

Asked early Wednesday about his substantial victory margin, Koefoot said, "I'm elated and happy that I'm winning."

Koefoot, 53, said he wanted to stop the bickering about UNL-University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) parity. He suggested there is no thought about making UNO and UNL comparable.

Koefoot, a surgeon, said he has represented the district well and plans to continue doing so. He said he has helped improve NU's medical programs and promised to continue working toward coordination of postsecondary education.

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news digest

By The Associated Press

Amendment

New Delhi, India—The lower house of the Indian Parliament, with most opposition lawmakers boycotting, Tuesday passed a constitutional amendment giving Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government virtually unrestrained executive powers. With only four dissenting votes, the house gave desk-pounding approval to the sweeping amendment which the government says will speed a social and economic revolution and the opposition says will institutionalize dictatorship. The amendment, rewriting the preamble and 59 clauses of India's 25-year-old democratic charter, curtails the powers of the judiciary to enforce civil liberties and review legislation and enables the government to ban "antinational" groups and activities.

Firing squad

Provo, Utah—Gary Mark Gilmore, a 35-year-old convicted murderer, may go before a Utah firing squad on Nov. 15. If so, he would become the first person

executed in the United States in nine years. Gilmore, who has spent 18 of the last 21 years in jail, said after losing a bid for a new trial Monday that he would not appeal the execution order for the murder of a motel clerk last July. Utah's capital punishment law gives condemned murderers a choice of death by hanging or firing squad, and Gilmore has said he would prefer to be shot. "It's my own decision. I was not influenced by anything but the fact that I don't want to spend the rest of my life in jail," he told District Judge J. Robert Bullock. "You sentenced me to die. Unless it's a joke or something, I want to go ahead and do it."

Probe asked

Omaha—Five members of Congress have asked for an investigation of the mock hanging of a black Nebraska National Guardsman, according to State Sen. Ernest Chambers of Omaha. Chambers made public letters from Reps. John Y. McCollister and Virginia Smith of Nebraska, and Sens. Birch Bayh of Indiana, Lowell Weicker of Connecticut and Hiram Fong of Hawaii. Each requested a federal investigation into the Memorial Day incident at Ft. Gordon, Ga. Chambers, in a letter to Gov. J. J. Exon, charged that Exon has attempted to "minimize the seriousness" of the incident because his guard appointees have been involved in a "coverup."

short stuff

Eta Sigma Gamma is sponsoring a presentation by the Bryan Hospital 911 emergency mobile heart team at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Nebraska Union.

The last water safety instructor retraining sessions will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 13 and 20. Persons must register by Nov. 5. Call 472-3882 or 472-1715.

Notary public service is available all year free of charge at the ASUN and Student Legal Services Center offices, Union 334-335.

The American Home Economics Association will feature Ann Sutton speaking about *Fashion on a*

Budget at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Home Economics Bldg. 104.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will meet at 7 tonight in the Nebraska Engineering Center.

The Accounting Club will meet at 3:45 today in the Nebraska Union. Room number will be posted.

There will be a "Mesa Portuguesa" from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. every Thursday in the Union Harvest Room.

Prof. Andris Kleinhofs of Washington State University will speak about *Prospects for the Modification of Plant Gen-*

omes by Transformation and Transduction-Like Processes at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Bessey Hall Auditorium.

The Graduate Student Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The UNL Go Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in the Union 215A.

The director of law school relations from the University of Michigan Law School will meet with undergraduates to discuss preparation and admission to law school at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Union. Room number will be posted.

Applications still are being accepted for the 1977 Nebraska Model United Nations. Applications are available in the Union 115.

A representative from the Veterans Administration (VA) regional office will be in the Union 338 each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon to answer questions on VA benefits.

ASUN is conducting interviews for the Union Board, Council on Student Life, Summer Orientation and other committees. Please inquire at the Union 334.

The UNL Marketing Club is sponsoring a "Marketing Mixer" from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Barrymore's Lounge.

Prof. Dennis Leinbaugh will speak about *Multiprocessing What, Why and How* at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Ferguson 214.

Students who have tried to enroll for the special topics course, Ethnic Studies 199, Introduction to North American Indian Religions, should call 472-3226. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday in Architecture Hall 261. The instructor is John Twobirds Arbuckle. For further information call History Associate Prof. R. H. Vigil at 472-3082.

Women in Communications, Inc. (WICI), will meet Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Home Economics Bldg. 104. There will be a panel discussion featuring professionals in broadcasting, reporting and mental health services.

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