

letters

Partial to Evans

The *Daily Nebraskan* article of March 3 showed some partiality in reporting only Dan Evans' aspect of his filing for president of the SUN party.

The first member of the SUN party, Ken Christoffersen, filed Wednesday. Six or seven SUN members filed for Senate before Evans did.

When Evans gave me his petition to notarize, I was surprised because I knew that Greg Johnson was running for president with Ken Christoffersen in the SUN party. Evans claimed to have no idea of another "SUN"; and I wonder about the coincidence of them having the same name—"Students for University Need."

I wouldn't stop anyone from filing, but in this case I wanted to ask the Electoral Commission what procedure to follow. Nothing like it has ever happened before.

On the question of my knowing "everyone in Johnson's SUN party on a first name basis"; I am acquainted with 16 of the 36 SUN candidates, and also a dozen independents and THC members. I know so many of these because of their previous involvement with ASUN—either as senators, Government Liaison Committee members or other activities.

The question is not my neutrality—but legality. (1) Johnson's SUN has been a recognized student organization with the Center for Students and Organizations since Feb. 17. (2) On Evans' statement of intent, he listed only himself as a member of the SUN party. There was not a group, or even one other student who filed with Evans' SUN. (3) I wonder why any student would file for candidacy in the first place, if he wouldn't have the time to be president of the student body, or even a Senator, for that matter.

Annette L. Khan

'Bandwagon' journalism

I have an idea that the story about grades was worked up because the regular press wrote a similar type story. And I, for one, am concerned with "jump on the bandwagon" type newswriting.

I classify this type journalism as "non-news". It's "ho-hum" stuff that's been literally beat to death. It reminds me of propaganda put out by a dictator trying to convince the population he knows what's happening.

The *Daily Nebraskan* is a college paper. College students are touted to the hilt as the elite. Well, let's see some originality. I can read most of *D.N.'s* "non-news" in the "ho-hum" *Journal* and *Star*. Let's see some stories about college students using their talents to come up with original thinking.

Len Walle

Combined service center considered

By Betsie Ammons

An ASUN Senate subcommittee is studying the possibility of combining three UNL community service groups into a Center for Public Affairs and Community Service.

The Senate approved formation of the subcommittee at its Feb. 9 meeting.

The groups it may combine are the Nebraska University Public Interest Research Group (NUPIRG), the ASUN Government Liaison Committee (GLC) and the Community Involvement Services (CIS), according to Don Wesely, former NUPIRG chairman.

Wesely, who originated the project, said these groups could accomplish more if they were combined.

Currently, NUPIRG provides a research outlet for students, GLC lobbies for student interests in the Nebraska Legislature and CIS provides students with volunteer opportunities.

By combining the groups, he said, these three functions could be centralized and therefore be more influential. This is especially true for lobbying, he added.

Wesely said the Senate subcommittee is composing a list of center goals and responsibilities. He said he does not know when the findings will be presented to the Senate.

The center's operations should be accountable to

ASUN, Wesely said, and the center would be "too fragmented" without the backing of student government.

Although he supports a study of the feasibility of the center, ASUN President Bill Mueller said he is concerned about the money needed to start it.

He said the Senate is not being consistent when it criticizes the Nebraska Union for spending money and then approves something which would take additional student fees.

NUPIRG, GLC and CIS received student fee allocations in the current school year.

Mueller said he had been told that it would take \$20,000 of student fee money to form the center. The combined fees allocation to the three groups in 1976 was about \$8,000, he said.

According to Wesely, the \$20,000 figure is not definite. He said it is possible the center could be financed by thinks the benefits would outweigh the cost to students.

"In the end, you have to pay something to get an even larger return."

He also said he thinks the current Senate would not approve the concept because the Senate is "run of beliefs that are totally at odds with it."

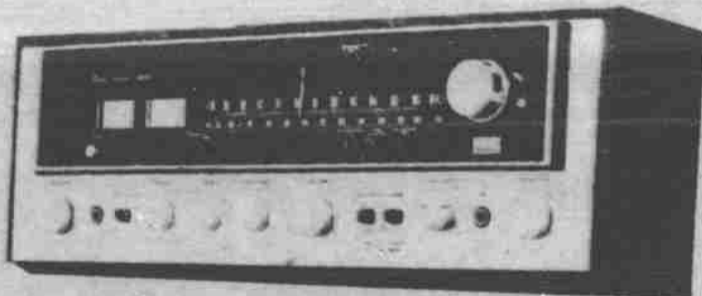
There is the possibility that the center could be a division of the Center for Students and Organizations if the Senate disapproves, Wesely said.

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