

NU Board of Regents candidates

Two of the eight seats on the NU Board of Regents are up for grabs this year.

Lincoln Regent Edward Schwartzkopf is seeking his third six-year term against Leo Hill, chairman of the board of Northwestern Metal Company.

Omaha Regent Kermit Hansen seeks his second term against Harlan Nelson, an associate of Lee Sapp Enterprises.

Hansen was appointed to the board in 1970 before being elected the same year.

The Lincoln regent candidates are covered on page 12.

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Analyze courses—Nelson

By Brenda Moskovits

Harlan Nelson, of Omaha, candidate for the NU Board of Regents, says holding down the cost of higher education is the most important thing facing the university today.

Nelson, 62, said the regents' budget proposal for 1979-80 includes a 14 percent increase in state financing "twice what inflation is."

In addition, Nelson said, families "are forced into debt to meet (tuition) costs that are artificially inflated."

Critical analysis of university courses is needed to hold education costs down, he said.

Relevant courses

Relevant questions such as "do we have to have a specific course in every century of history?" ought to be asked, he said.

Courses, which in Europe were learned "by reading a book (rather than attending a university) possibly could be eliminated, Nelson said.

The university also should not teach courses the high schools should teach, according to Hansen.

In establishing courses, what is affordable ought to be a prime consideration, he said.

Nelson also wants salary increases based on job performances alone, "on the basis of salary acknowledgement of production."

Remodeling existing buildings rather than building new ones also would help decrease costs, he said.

Voluntary fees

Student fees should be voluntary in as many areas as possible, he said.

"Student fees from the standpoint of matriculation is one thing," but student activities should have voluntary support.

Only activities by which all students benefit, such as the campus paper, should receive any money from mandatory fees, he said.

The student body president, as student regent, should not have a vote because the state voters carry the responsibility of electing regent candidates.

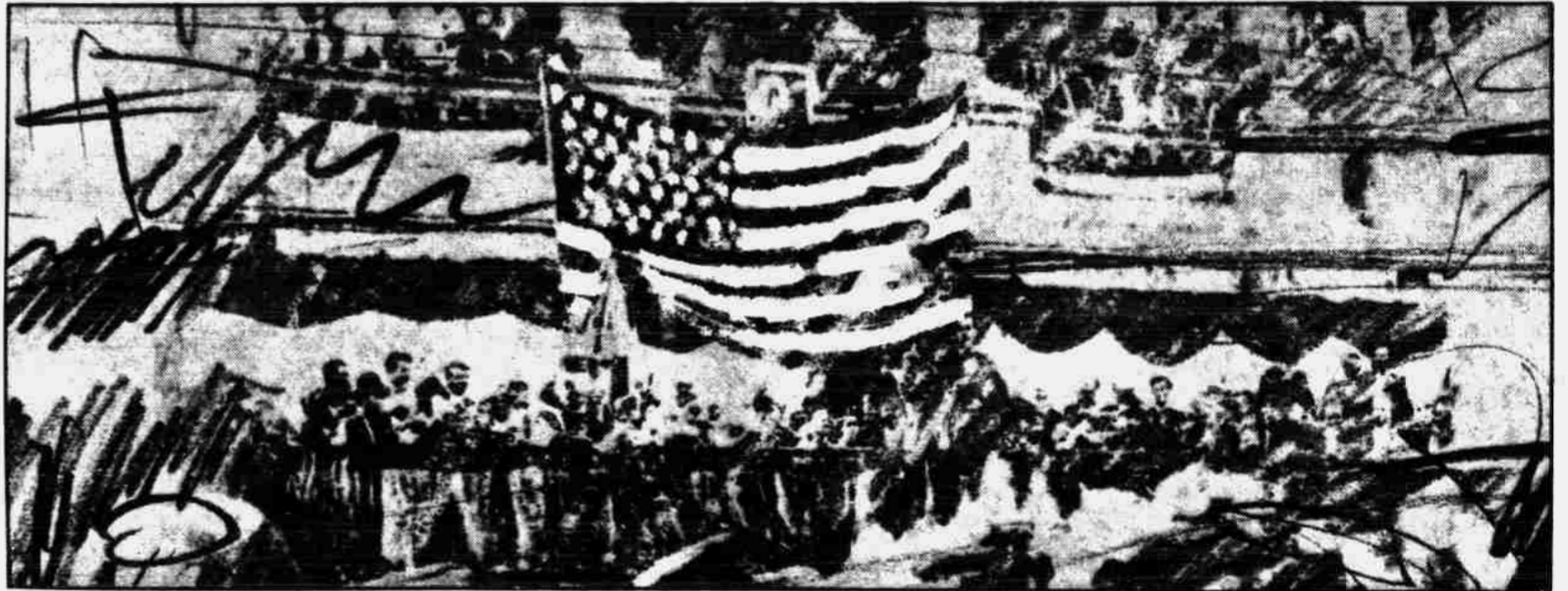
"Certainly, one would like to hear their opinion," Nelson said.

Some Omahans had expressed concern that since Nelson moved to rural Douglas County near the Elkhorn River that he is living outside the regent district.

Nelson is still maintaining a legal address within the Omaha city limits.

The Omaha Election Commissioner's office said, however, that the district includes all of Douglas County and that R.R. No. 4 is part of the county.

Nelson said he has maintained an Omaha address with friends so he could vote in the same precinct in the general election as he did in the primary.



Hansen stresses evaluation

By Brenda Moskovits

Incumbent Omaha Regent Kermit Hansen stresses three major issues the university should address: budget restraints, continuous evaluation of academic programs and recruiting students in light of predicted enrollment declines.

He also said the Lincoln campus "should reach out to adults on a continuing education basis" like the Omaha campus does.

Hansen commended the university for trying to hold down inflation especially in the cost of utilities.

He suggests, however "a very careful study of space utilization and classroom density."

Concentrating building and classroom use during certain hours and days could save even more, he said.

However, Hansen opposes increasing class sizes to cut costs.

He said he would rather see programs critically evaluated and entire programs eliminated rather than cutting program budgets across-the-board.

Sharing resources among institutions is important, especially at the graduate level where programs are most costly, he said.

Although Hansen disapproves of further capital construction in the near future, he said the university should "complete land acquisition for the westward expansion of the UNO campus."

The residential area surrounding UNO contains about 12 homes which he said could be used for faculty offices.

He said several residents wishing to sell their homes have approached the university because "we have forced the fact that we are the only buyer in that market."

Hansen said he was pleased with the 1979-80 budget recommendations which suggest that faculty salaries be increased the same amount as other state employees.

Requesting a large increase like last year's 13 percent would be "economically unwise and politically dumb," Hansen said.

Hansen said he will not take a stand on raising admissions standards and general requirements until a special committee report is issued this winter.

Hansen called a voting student regent "an out and out conflict of interest," saying he preferred a more traditional system of gathering student opinion.

Before non-voting student regents were elected, a group of four students from each campus voiced their concerns to the regents the night before their monthly meetings, he said.



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