

## Kennedy candidacy likely—JFK secretary

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The personal secretary to the late President John F. Kennedy said Monday she is "relatively sure" that Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., will run for the presidency.

Evelyn Lincoln, a native of Polk, Neb., was John Kennedy's secretary from his 1952 election to the U.S. Senate until his assassination in 1963.

"I know the way the Kennedy's operate," Lincoln said in a telephone interview from her Chevy Chase, Md., home. "I have the same feeling I had when I worked for the president."

Lincoln said her personal associations with the Kennedys and news reports have convinced her that "he's made all the indications" that he will run.

"I think he has surveyed the situation. He feels the economy is not moving," she said.

Meanwhile, a group of Nebraskans supporting Kennedy for the 1980 Democratic nominations reported that it will circulate petitions in an attempt to put Kennedy's name on the Nebraska primary ballot.

There is no draft-Kennedy movement in Maryland, but Lincoln said she intends to work on a Kennedy campaign if it is announced. She worked on John F. Kennedy's 1960 election campaign. During Robert Kennedy's 1968 primary campaign, Lincoln was working on the Kennedy papers, which will be dedicated along with the Kennedy library in Boston next month.

LINCOLN CONFIRMED similar predictions about a Kennedy campaign she made in a letter to Frances Ohmstede of Guide Rock, organizer of a draft-Kennedy organization, Kennedy '80. The group is one of two statewide groups that met Saturday at the home of Donald Gregory in Lincoln.

Allen O'Donnell, head of Nebraskans for Kennedy, the other state draft-Kennedy group, described the group as "an umbrella for others to join."

The two groups' first priority is getting the Massachusetts senator's name on the ballot by collecting 300 petition signatures, 100 from each Nebraska congressional district, Ohmstede said.

Gregory, an associate English professor at UNL, is currently acting co-chairman of the organization, along with Omaha city Councilwoman Mary Kay Green. He said the group should have enough signatures collected by Oct. 21, the date of an organizational meeting in Lincoln.

"Kennedy '80 will be trying to organize the entire state," Gregory said, adding that committees representing the congressional districts and state counties will also be formed. "We want this thing as broad-based as we can get it."

Ohmstede said she wishes that the new organization, known as Kennedy '80, will become the official campaign

committee if Kennedy decides to run for president. "Our first priority," Ohmstede said, "is to put Kennedy's name on the ballot as a draft."

Gregory said the important thing to remember about the new committee is that it is a grass roots effort, with no contact or encouragement from the Kennedy organization.

Ohmstede agreed, adding Kennedy's organization can't say anything until he announces. "They are simply non-committal," she said.

BESIDES RECRUITING supporters, Ohmstede said the committee will also be soliciting pledges to finance a Nebraska campaign. If the committee can raise \$5,000, it will receive matching funds from the federal government.

Until Kennedy announces his candidacy, however, the organization will be classified as a political action committee, Ohmstede said.

Gregory refused to call the new organization a draft-Kennedy committee, saying its function is to collect the necessary number of signatures to get the senator's name

on the primary ballot and then set up the proper campaign machinery for the primary race.

However, O'Donnell said members would be urging Kennedy to seek the nomination. "We intend to keep on working to pressure Kennedy," he said.

All three Kennedy '80 members discounted statements by House Speaker Tip O'Neill, Jr. that Kennedy would not be running. O'Neill said Sunday Kennedy would not be a candidate if Carter decided to seek reelection.

"I think Tip has to say that," O'Donnell said. "He is the speaker, the second most powerful man in Washington." He is, O'Donnell said, obligated to support the incumbent.

Both Ohmstede and O'Donnell said they expect the Oct. 21 meeting to be well attended by Kennedy supporters. "We might have to rent Pershing Auditorium," Ohmstede said. "There's no problem with this organization. This one will be put together a lot easier than the others."

The Lincoln meeting is open to the public. The location has not been announced.



Photo by Tom Gessner

### Waiting for the bus

Waiting for the bus can be pretty lonely when all the seats are taken as this man finds out on a corner in Lincoln.

### Jobs not filled

By Alice Hrnicek

More than 230 position openings listed with the UNL job locator service have been left unanswered.

The figure has caused both concern and curiosity in prospective employers, according to Gail Wheeler, job locator and advisor in the UNL Financial Aids Office.

Wheeler reported that, in her year as job locator, the situation has usually tended to the opposite extreme, with more requests for jobs than jobs available.

However, she said that students may not be ready to search for employment while adjusting to school and may not realize that they need extra money until tuition is paid.

During the summer, Wheeler said she sent out brochures to Lincoln employers to recruit possible job openings. Brochures advertising the service to employers are mailed regularly before peak job hunting seasons, including the fall, holidays and summer, she said.

Openings are posted on the student job board located at Administration Room 113. Both on and off campus jobs are listed. Although a student may apply for a position without consulting with Wheeler, she said that last year nearly 300 students spoke with her.

Her position has been in existence for only two years, but the job board has been around much longer, she said.

In October, the office is planning to split responsibilities by hiring a person to handle on-campus employment. Wheeler said that the system may change somewhat, but revisions were not definite.

A variety of jobs, located both downtown and around Lincoln, are available, Wheeler said.

## NUPIRG reorganization underway, chairman of committee is optimistic

By Rocky Strunk

Although the Nebraska University Public Interest Research Group is faltering, attempts to revive the student consumer advocacy group are underway, according to a former NUPIRG member.

"From the reactions we have gotten so far, we'll put it back together better than it ever has been," said Jim Kruger, chairman of the NUPIRG reorganization committee.

NUPIRG, a student referral and research agency dealing with consumer questions and complaints, folded this fall because of financial problems and lack of interest, former NUPIRG treasurer Tim Mommserts told the Daily Nebraskan. It began campus operations in 1971.

Inactivity forms were filed with the Student Activities and Financial Services last week with the group reporting \$114 in debts.

"NUPIRG is financially sound, and our office equipment is worth more than our debts," Kruger said. He added that financing has been a problem for NUPIRG, limiting its research ability and solicitation of new members through advertising.

Kruger cited lack of faculty involvement and poor leadership as reasons for NUPIRG's faltering.

"The faculty community is important to research and their backing will be a key to keeping NUPIRG going,"

Kruger said. "We're hoping that they can help in recruiting new members."

The NUPIRG chapter is locally oriented and has no ties to the national organization or consumer advocatist Ralph Nader.

Kruger also said the group will try to do more research while continuing their past campus services.

Last year, NUPIRG operated a 24-hour consumer hotline and provided a free apartment listing service with advice concerning disagreeable landlords.

Kruger urged all students interested in NUPIRG to leave their names at Room 117 in the Nebraska Union. A reorganization meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

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