

Anderson independent run requires strategy shift

By Patti Gallagher

Presidential hopeful John Anderson's change from the Republican to Independent ticket will bring at least two changes in the Nebraska Anderson for President campaign, according to campaign coordinators.

UNL senior Lucy Bighia said Tuesday that Anderson's Independent candidacy will prompt a switch in campaign strategy from the Nebraska May 13 primary election to the November general election.

Anderson's national campaign also will be altered with the elimination of federal "matching funds."

According to Secretary of State Allen Beermann, federal law mandates that Independent candidates cannot receive matching funds, as do Democrat and Republican candidates.

Matching funds provide a federal dollar for every dollar contributed on the state level for a candidate.

UNL senior May Fejfar said prohibiting Independents from receiving these funds is discriminatory and gives the two-party system an unfair advantage.

Fejfar said because the focus of the Anderson campaign has been switched from the primary to the general election, they will concentrate on getting Anderson on the Nebraska general election ballot in November.

Because Anderson announced his switch only last week, he will remain on the Nebraska primary as a Republican, Beermann said. He can pick up votes from Nebraska delegates, but the delegates are committed by law to remain Republican.

According to Beermann, the policy required for independents to get on the general election ballot varies from state to state. In Nebraska, he said, a petition with 2,500 valid signatures supporting Anderson is necessary.

Beermann told the Lincoln Journal last week that a valid signature comes from Nebraskans who do not vote in either major party's primary election.

The petition must also name a running mate, five electoral representatives and be completed 70 days prior to the general elections, he said.

Beermann said it is impossible to determine the number of delegates committed

to Anderson at this time. With between 600 and 700 delegates listed on the primary ballot and only 25 positions open, Anderson delegate support cannot be calculated until after May 13.

Bighia said Anderson's switch will broaden support for him. She said Independents formerly uncommitted and Democrats not satisfied with their choice of candidates will be less hesitant to support him now.

Although Independent runners have traditionally not done well in the polls, Fejfar said Anderson has made respectable showings.

Anderson, a U.S. Representative from Illinois, is drawing an equal number of votes from both Republican candidate Ronald Reagan and Democrat incumbent Jimmy Carter, Fejfar said. She added that, according to national polls, Anderson has 22 percent drawing support.

"He's the strongest Independent candidate that's ever run," Fejfar said.

Asked why Anderson made the ticket switch, Fejfar said that "he probably considered it the best way he could win."

Although Anderson has often been called the students' candidate, Bighia said the absence of students for summer campaigning will not be detrimental.

She said many workers (between 200-300) are not students, and added that the group has much of the fall semester to campaign for student support.

Fejfar said that since Anderson's announcement, they have had an increase in response from the community.

Bighia said the Nebraska Anderson campaign will make its biggest push during the summer, and is planning numerous fund-raisers.

Despite Regents' split vote, committee's plans proceed

By Kent Warneke

Plans for campus speakers for the 1980-81 school year are proceeding the same as in any other year, the University Program Council's Talks and Topics chairperson said, even though the NU Board of Regents hasn't approved Fund A student fees.

Kathy Sjulín, chairperson of Talks and Topics, said the committee is going full speed ahead with planning for possible speakers in hopes that the regents will approve the Fund A fees, which are Talks and Topics' only source of money from the university.

At their April meeting, the regents voted 4-4 on Fund A student fees allocations. The board will not discuss the issue again until its May meeting.

An open forum was conducted last week to encourage input and suggestions for speakers from UNL students and others.

"The meeting was the chance for University faculty, students and the Lincoln community to express their ideas on who they would like to hear at UNL," Sjulín said.

Small turnout, big list

Although the turnout was small, Sjulín said that the visitors, along with regular committee members, came up with a sizable list of speaker ideas.

The open-forum type meeting is supposed by an annual occurrence, according to UPC bylaws, she said, to encourage suggestions.

Sjulín said the committee is always open

for suggestions and input, but, considering the amount of money used for advertising the meeting, she wished the turnout could have been higher.

One proposal was to bring in a nationally-known journalist to speak.

"With this being election year, we would like to bring a well-known journalist to speak on the role of the media in political elections," Sjulín said.

Another speaker possibility is an entertainer, such as Alan Alda or Katherine Hepburn.

Students want entertainment in their extracurricular activities, and name recognition is needed for an entertainer to draw crowds, Sjulín said.

Out of classroom

"I've always felt that a big part of education was out of the classroom and Talks and Topics is one of the best examples of this," Sjulín said. "Without speakers, students will suffer."

Sjulín said that, without student fees, the speakers program would face a serious curtailment.

It is not realistic to hope for money for speakers from outside sources with the times as tough as they are, Sjulín said. Without student fees, she said, the quality of the program would suffer and the "big name" speakers would be almost nonexistent.

"Hopefully, the regents will look at their decision, give careful thought to all the implications of it and pass Fund A," Sjulín said. "And for right now, we have to go on the assumption that we will be getting some student fee support."

Legal alcohol at concert will be first Pershing effort

There will be a major difference between the May 8 Bonnie Raitt concert at Pershing Auditorium and past concerts—alcoholic beverages will be available.

According to Pershing Manager Doug Kuhn, making alcohol available is a new venture.

"This is just an experiment that we hope will give Lincoln some additional entertainment," Kuhn said.

Although alcoholic beverages have been served at past Pershing events, it will be a first for this type of concert, he said.

Because of the alcohol, only those 19 and older will be allowed in Pershing to see the concert. Identification will be checked, Kuhn said. The seating will be cabaret style, using tables on the main floor.

Only half of the arena will be used, reducing the number of seats from 7,500 to

2,500. Kuhn said the sale of alcohol will offset smaller ticket sales.

Kuhn said he came up with the idea of serving alcohol after the REO Speedwagon concert in March, which was presented by Schon Productions. He asked officials from the production company if a concert serving alcohol could be arranged because it was being done at Omaha's Music Hall.

The concert is arranged to be financially feasible for Schon Productions, he said. Bonnie Raitt's name was suggested because it was thought she would be a suitable performer for this type of concert.

Assistant Police Chief John Miller said serving alcohol may create more problems, but overall he thinks there will be fewer problems because there will be fewer people. He said there probably will be less security because of the smaller crowd.



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The bubbling of Broyhill Fountain is a sure sign of spring on the UNL campus. Benji II takes advantage of the situation for an after-winter bath.