

UNL students go for votes

Anderson volunteers plan campaign affairs

By Steve Miller

UNL students supporting presidential candidate John Anderson will be busy with a workshop and a rally this week.

Anderson volunteers are making plans to encourage more help and support in the campaign. Richard Register, student volunteer for the National Unity campaign, said it was difficult to estimate how many volunteers will be working for Anderson.

He said he couldn't estimate how much support there is on campus from the petition drive to put Anderson on the ballot, because people who voted in the primary were not allowed to sign the petition. He said he expects help from many who voted for Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Register said there would be a workshop for volunteers at the Anderson Headquarters, 400 Anderson Building on 233 S. 13th St. Thursday. Instruction on communication skills and strategy for door-to-door and

telephone campaigning will be given, Register said.

A rally and picnic will be Sunday at Lincoln's Antelope Park. Register said invitations were sent to everyone who donated money to the campaign.

Register said that volunteers would be handing out leaflets about Anderson at UNL home football games before the election and would have a booth periodically through the campaign in the Nebraska Union.

"We're also going to assist the League of Women Voters in encouraging students to vote," Register said.

Register said his goal for Anderson is to come in second in Nebraska.

"If we can come in second here in Nebraska, we can win in the east."

Republican campaign activities have not been planned according to the Lincoln president of the Young Republicans.

Dale Davison said a meeting of the Young Republicans would be later this month with Reagan Campaign

Coordinator Milan Bish to discuss activities.

Davison said that Reagan has a fair amount of support on campus.

"He doesn't have as much support on campus as he does state-wide," Davison said, "but he's doing alright."

David Hahn, president of the Nebraska State Young Democrats, said he didn't expect his group to get involved with the presidential campaign.

"We don't get involved as an organization in presidential elections because the returns are too low," Hahn said, adding, "although we are all for Carter personally."

Hahn said the group tried to stay involved in state issues, and that Lincoln Young Democrats would be working for Lincoln Sen. Steve Fowler

Local Legion post tops nation in membership

Lincoln is the home of the nation's largest legion post, according to figures released last week.

With 7,484 members, Lincoln Post No. 3 outnumbered the Minneapolis, Minn. entry by 492 members. The Lincoln group had been the world's largest from 1970-77 but lost the title to Minneapolis in 1978 and 1979.

The American Legion, the largest veterans organization, has approximately 2.7 million members in 29 countries with about 64,000 members in Nebraska.

According to Bob Craig, public relations director for Nebraska Legionnaires, being in the mid-country patriotic belt" helped make the Lincoln post the largest.

"All the Midwest area of the country is a strong area regarding their country and patriotism. Over the years there probably have been a number of Nebraskans who have made a career in the military and when they retire, they settle here," Craig said.

Known for their marching units, Nebraska Legionnaires actively sponsor many youth and education programs, including the Boys State program, which brings approximately 400 boys to UNL every summer to learn how state government works, he said.

It also sponsors a state-wide high school oratorical contest, Scouting scholarships, "Get Out the Vote" campaigns, and many educational programs.

In addition, American Legion baseball in Nebraska attracts nearly 5,000 boys every year, Craig said.

Lincoln Post No. 3 donated the flag pole at Pershing Auditorium and the eternal flame memorial on the Centennial Mall also.

An active supporter of veterans' rights and benefits, the American Legion spearheaded legislation that "turned out to be the American G.I. Bill of Rights," Craig said.

The Legionnaires also sponsor the Junior Law Cadet program, a week-long training program presented annually at Lincoln Air Park. The coed training program includes operating radar equipment and mastering high performance driving, Craig said. The Nebraska group was the first in the nation to start such a program in 1966.

To be a member of the American Legion, a veteran must have been on active duty during any of the following periods: April, 1917 - November, 1919 (World War I); Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II); June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War); Dec. 22, 1961 (the date of the first American fatality in Vietnam) - May 7, 1975.

Craig pointed out approximately 800,000 members are Vietnam war veterans. Craig said "We're growing. There has been a very steady gain ever since the Korean war."

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Rice spent the year as an instructor for Time-Life magazine teaching businessmen how to deal with American business. Although most of his students spoke standard English, Time-Life structured the course to be taught in conversational English so the students could compete in the American business world.

During last summer, Rice returned to Tokyo to continue his archaeology studies.

Although Rice has completed his bachelor's degree and was offered a job in Japan, he is not finished with school. On Sunday, he will go to California to begin studying for his Ph.D. in international studies at the University of California at Irvine.

Rice, recipient of a Regents Scholarship, said he will continue his study of Japan at the department of social sciences at Irvine.

After that, Rice will pursue a law degree in international contract law.



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