

ACTION promises study of parking, train problems

By Vicki Ruhga

Laura Meyer of the ACTION Party announced her candidacy for ASUN president Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Meyer, a junior business and finance major and member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, said the ACTION Party will address issues common to all students and also issues affecting specific groups, because ACTION is comprised of a good cross section of the student body.

Meyer is currently Union Board president, a non-voting member of the ASUN Committee for Fees Allocation, and a member of the Chancellor's Task Force on the University Bookstore.

Her ACTION running mates are Greg Krieser, candidate for first vice president, and Kay Hinn, for second vice president.

Krieser, a junior mechanical engineering major, is the current ASUN first vice

president. He said many ACTION party members are active with the Legislature and would continue to work for close ties with state senators.

Hinn, a junior industrial engineering major and member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, said she is concerned about the quality of education at UNL, specifically in the computer science department. She also is an ASUN engineering senator, chairwoman of the Campus Life Action Committee, and a Parking Advisory Board member.

The ACTION Party platform emphasizes that student government can have an effect on the issues it addresses, Meyer said.

ACTION is calling for a task force to study problems in the UNL Police Department, Meyer said. First, more revenue from parking permits and violations should be spent to improve and expand parking facilities. Second, UNL students need police to patrol the campus on foot

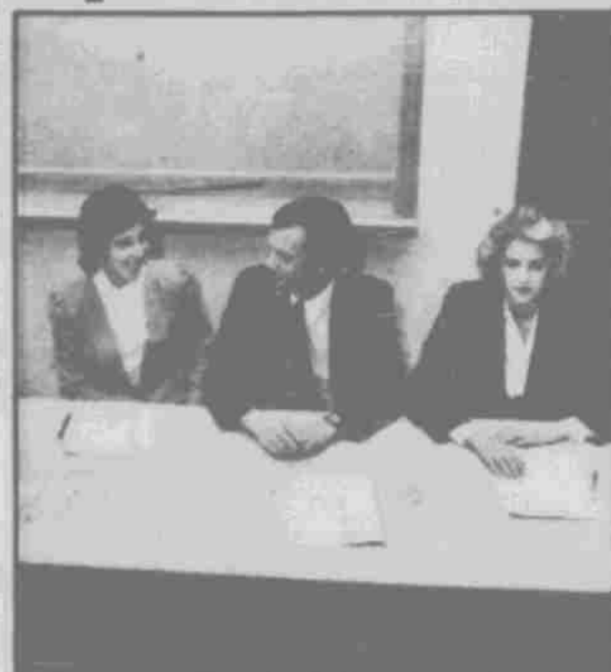
at night, she said.

Meyer said another ACTION priority would be the train problem near the Harper-Schramm-Smith residence halls. She said ACTION would work with different organizations, such as the Railroad Safety Commission, the NU Foundation, or other private funding sources to build an overpass in the area.

In addition to continuing ASUN's current services, Meyer said, ACTION would set new goals and solve current problems.

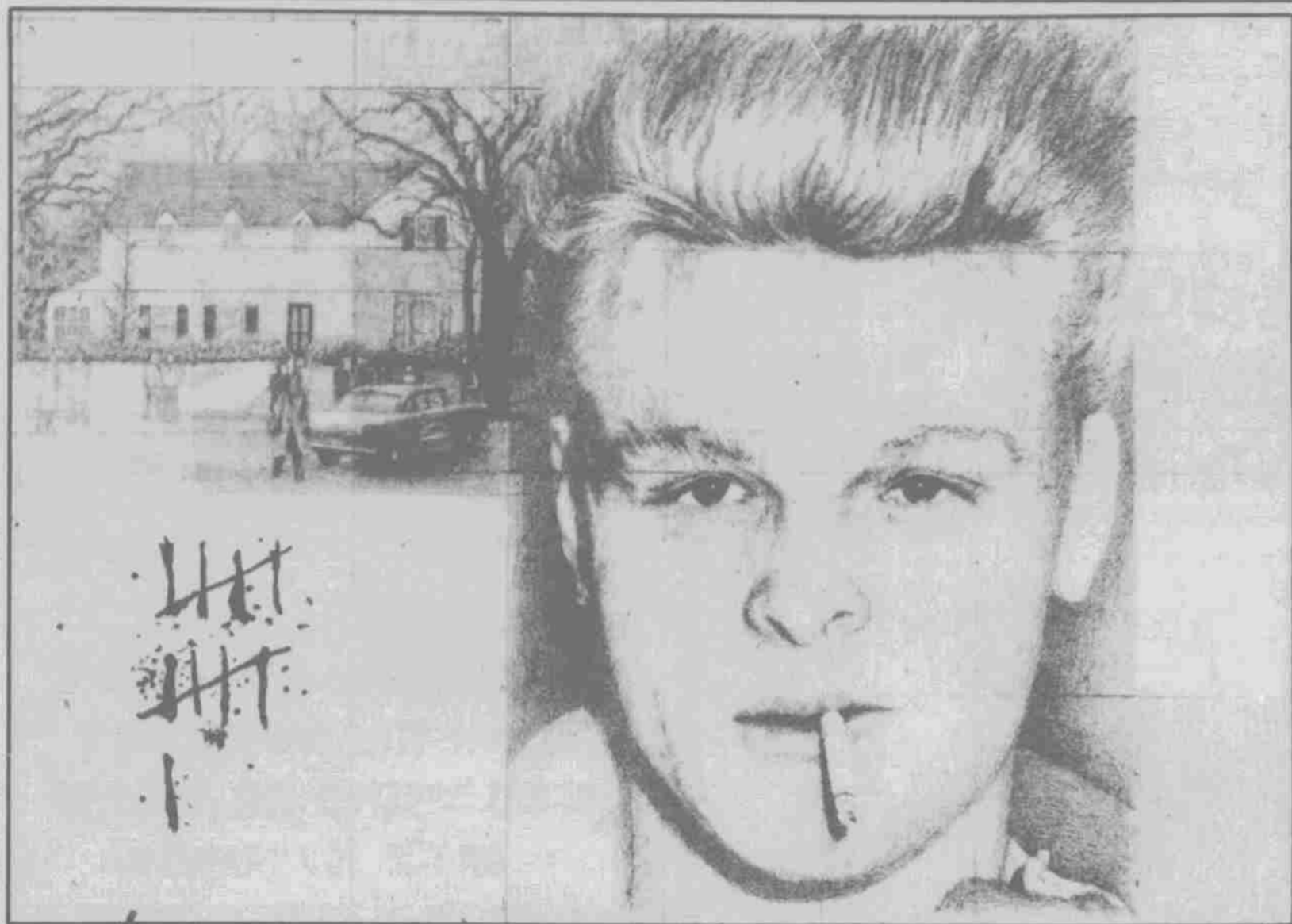
"ACTION sees the need to work with all three governing bodies — the Legislature, administration and the regents," she said.

ACTION also will form a study group comprised of ASUN senators, an economic professor and an accounting professor to study the university budget year-round and work with state legislators, Meyer said.



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ACTION members: presidential candidate Laura Meyer, right; first vice president candidate, Greg Krieser; and Kay Hinn, second vice president candidate.



By Billy Shaffer

STARKWEATHER

Murder rampage leaves eternal scar

Editor's note: This is the first part of a three part series on the Starkweather killings.

By Christopher Galen

It is said that, in time, all wounds heal. But even a quarter century cannot erase the scars of one horrible week in the life of a quiet Midwestern city, shattered by the murders of 11 people.

He was a local boy, born and raised in Lincoln, a city that seemed isolated from the cares of the rest of the world. But when Charles Raymond Starkweather was stopped, six men and five women were dead, and Lincoln residents would never look at their community in the same light.

The name "Starkweather" conjures up different images in people's minds. Most UNL students weren't born when the murder spree occurred in January of 1958. But for others, his haunting spectre lives today, 25 years later.

For a few, Starkweather is almost a folk hero — a reminder of the days of the past. Although many questions about Starkweather's tragic trail arose as a result of confusing and conflicting stories and testimonies, this much is clear — 11 innocent people were viciously murdered.

The following account of what happened 25 years ago this week is drawn primarily from a factual novel, "Starkweather," by William Allen. Allen got his material from a variety of sources, including interviews with Lincoln officials, relatives of those involved, reporters for the

Lincoln Star and Lincoln Journal, and an extensive examination of Starkweather by the late James M. Reinhardt, a former UNL criminology professor, titled "The Murderous Trail of Charles Starkweather."

In 1957, Starkweather, 19, was working as a garbage collector for his older brother Rodney. Because the rent for his small 10th Street apartment was overdue, he decided one night to make some money. He went to an all-night gas station on Cornhusker Highway late the night of Dec. 1, 1957, when he knew it wouldn't be busy. Wearing a mask and carrying a shotgun, Starkweather robbed the station cash register of \$108 and drove the attendant, 21-year-old Robert Colvert, to a dirt road north of Lincoln.

According to testimony later given by Starkweather, Colvert struggled when Starkweather pushed him out of the car, and the gun went off. As Colvert tried to get up, Starkweather shot him in the head and left him to die on Superior Street.

Although an intensive investigation by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department ensued, no one was arrested for the Colvert killing.

Starkweather spent much of the \$108 on his 14-year-old girlfriend, Caril Ann Fugate. Both sets of parents of the young couple disapproved of the relationship, but Starkweather and Fugate continued to see each other.

Soon after the robbery, Starkweather lost his job, and his relationship with Fugate's step-father and mo-

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Mayoral candidate Carper: Government by, for the workers

By Lauri Hopple

Being part of a nationwide awakening to the need for government change is one light in which Lincoln mayoral candidate Mike Carper sees his campaign. Carper announced his candidacy Tuesday at Lincoln's Clayton House Motel.

The Socialist Workers Party candidate stressed his belief in a government run by and for the working people.

"I am campaigning in Lincoln because the current government and the two-party system do not serve the interests of the majority — working people and farmers — in Lincoln or anywhere else," Carper said.

The present system benefits the wealthy, banks and corporations, he said.

If elected mayor, he said, changes "would not occur overnight. It would have to be a more nationwide change."

Carper favors increased worker control over companies and their jobs by being allowed to review company financial records. He also said unemployment benefits should equal full wages.

Carper said the closing of the American Stores plant in Lincoln that left 600 unemployed is an example of Lincoln's unemployment crisis.

A Lincoln native, Carper said he has been laid off from his job at the Burlington Northern car repair shop in Havenlock and will receive unemployment compensation until next month.

Government-run banks and a moratorium on farm and home foreclosures are Carper's solutions to the foreclosure problem.

"The farmers fighting to keep their land deserve the support of all working people, but they can't get a fair hearing from this government," he said.

As for changes in Lincoln's government, Carper said, "any gains that can be made will have to be made not just as my being elected mayor, but as far as an entire movement of working people to gain control of these systems, to gain control of the way city planning takes place."

As an example of citywide planning changes, Carper said that under his type of government, city utility services would not be run by private owners as they are now.

"It (the mayor's race) will be difficult to win. I think it can be done, realistically, but whatever the case is — if we win or not — I think the important thing is we'll be reaching a lot of workers with new programs and new ideas and an program for fighting back against a crisis that they're being forced to bear the burden of."



Mike Carper