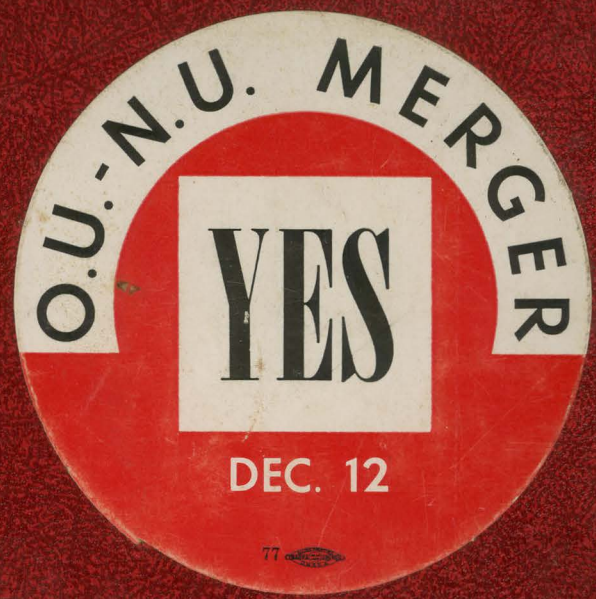


O.U.-N.U. MERGER YES!



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**BALLOT NUMBER 1
OFFICIAL BALLOT
UNIVERSITY OF
OMAHA
SPECIAL ELECTION
DECEMBER 12, 1967**

**Omaha University -
Nebraska University
MERGER**

"SHALL THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA TRANSFER AND CONVEY ALL THE CAMPUS PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA, AND TO BE UNDER THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, ALL AS PROVIDED BY LEGISLATIVE BILL 736 OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION, NEBRASKA STATE LEGISLATURE, 1967?"

- YES
- NO

**BALLOT NUMBER 2
OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF OMAHA
SPECIAL ELECTION
DECEMBER 12, 1967**

**\$4,000,000 Police and Fire
Training Bonds**

SHALL THE CITY OF OMAHA BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR A POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND POLICE AND FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES TO IMPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIME DETECTION AND FIRE PROTECTION IN THE CITY OF OMAHA, THE APPROXIMATE COST TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF OMAHA IF THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROVED TO BE APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000,000) PLUS INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAID BONDS TO BE PAID FROM THE FUND FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF OMAHA AS PROPOSED IN THE NOTICE OF ELECTION?

- YES
- NO

**BALLOT NUMBER 3
OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF OMAHA
SPECIAL ELECTION
DECEMBER 12, 1967**

**Charter Amendment Providing for
Police Personnel and Equipment and
Raising the Tax Levy Millage Limit.**

SHALL THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OMAHA, 1956, AS AMENDED, BE AMENDED BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE XI AUTHORIZING THE OMAHA CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE FORCE AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) ANNUALLY TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY OF THE CITY OF OMAHA AND TO INCREASE THE TAX LEVY MILLAGE LIMIT BY ONE AND ONE-HALF (1½) MILLS AS PROPOSED IN THE NOTICE OF ELECTION?

- YES
- NO

**BALLOT NUMBER 4
OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF OMAHA
SPECIAL ELECTION
DECEMBER 12, 1967**

**\$4,500,000 Street and
Highway Bonds**

SHALL THE CITY OF OMAHA BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,500,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COST OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, THE APPROXIMATE COST TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF OMAHA IF THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROVED TO BE APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,500,000) PLUS INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAID BONDS TO BE PAID FROM THE FUND FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF OMAHA AS PROPOSED IN THE NOTICE OF ELECTION?

- YES
- NO

The above are copies of the Official Ballots to be voted at the University of Omaha Special Election and City of Omaha Special Elections to be held December 12, 1967.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1967.

MONTE TAYLOR
Election Commissioner

**BALLOT NUMBER 5
OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF OMAHA
SPECIAL ELECTION
DECEMBER 12, 1967**

**\$2,650,000 Park and
Recreational Bonds**

SHALL THE CITY OF OMAHA BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,650,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COST OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS, NEW PARK LAND, REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING PARKS, GREENHOUSES, ICE SKATING RINK, TENNIS COURTS, COMMUNITY CENTERS, SWIMMING POOLS, GOLF COURSES, PLAYGROUNDS OR ANY COMBINATION OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING EQUIPMENT FOR SAME, THE APPROXIMATE COST TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF OMAHA IF THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROVED TO BE APPROXIMATELY TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,650,000) PLUS INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAID BONDS TO BE PAID FROM THE FUND FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF OMAHA AS PROPOSED IN THE NOTICE OF ELECTION?

- YES
- NO

**BALLOT NUMBER 6
OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF OMAHA
SPECIAL ELECTION
DECEMBER 12, 1967**

\$1,500,000 Sewer Bonds

SHALL THE CITY OF OMAHA BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, EXTENDING AND EQUIPPING OF STORM SEWERS, COMBINED SEWERS, RELIEF SEWERS, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, OR ANY OTHER RELATED SEWER CONSTRUCTION, THE APPROXIMATE COST TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF OMAHA IF THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROVED TO BE APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) PLUS INTEREST PAYABLE ON SAID BONDS TO BE PAID FROM THE FUND FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF OMAHA AS PROPOSED IN THE NOTICE OF ELECTION?

- YES
- NO



Taylor prepares flags for polling places . . . while Mrs. Ronald Vrbanac of his office checks voting place for a caller.

—World-Herald Photo.

57,000 to Decide for City?—

Bonds, Merger Drive Ending Today

Editorial, "For the Six Issues," Page 22.

The campaign for approval of six proposals at Tuesday's special election was winding up today.

The weather was not expected to keep voters from the polls. The Weather Bureau forecast considerable cloudiness Tuesday, with a high temperature of about 40 degrees. There is a slight chance of precipitation by Tuesday night.

Election Commissioner Monte Taylor predicted that

about 57 thousand Omahans will vote, about 40 per cent of those eligible.

Mr. Taylor said the election will cost between 50 thousand dollars and 60 thousand dollars. The City of Omaha will pay five-sixths of the cost and the University of Omaha one-sixth, he said.

Mayor Sorensen Monday urged Omahans to vote "yes" on the six proposals as a "giant step forward for Omaha."

He estimated that 265 million dollars worth of private construction now is in progress in Omaha and added: "We

can't expect private industry to continue at this rate unless the public supports it with police protection, improved streets and sewers and parks."

The election, he said, "presents a rare opportunity for the people of Omaha to improve public facilities without increasing taxes."

Mr. Sorensen's statements were among the closing shots in the campaign for approval of:

—The proposed merger

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of the Universities of Omaha and Nebraska.

—Bond issues totaling 12,650,000 that would provide a new Police Department headquarters and street, freeway, sewer, park and recreation improvements.

—A City Charter amendment to raise the general fund levy ceiling from 16 mills to 17½ mills to provide funds for hiring and equipping one hundred additional policemen.

O.U. President Kirk E. Naylor collected money Monday morning for the Salvation Army in downtown Omaha and also plugged for approval of the merger.

O.U. students were telephoning Omahans, urging them to vote and to approve the merger. The phone campaign will continue Tuesday.

Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce members campaigned for the proposal on downtown street corners. Their wives were to hand out brochures supporting the proposals Monday evening at two shopping centers.

The Mayor and six citizens were to appear on a five-minute program on WOW-TV at 6:25 p. m. Monday.

Mr. Taylor said the polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. and bars will be closed during those hours.

For the Six Issues

The six issues in tomorrow's special election are in a real sense special. The problems of sewers, highways and parks and of police protection and police and fire facilities crowd upon us.

The central problem is money.

It is unrealistic to try to raise all the money needed by an increase in the property tax levy.

The sensible answer is an increase in the city's bonded indebtedness, one which will not strain the city's credit or crowd the debt limit.

The problem of the University of Omaha is just as urgent. An under-financed municipal university is in danger of going downhill swiftly. Merger with the University of Nebraska is the way to save it.

We believe it should be clearly stated that all six of the special issues eventually will cost tax money. No community gets something for nothing, nor should it expect to.

We herewith summarize the World-Herald's position on the issues:

Ballot No. 1. The transfer of property and management of the University of Omaha to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and the creation of the University of Nebraska at Omaha would give the school a bright future. It would settle uncertainties for faculty and students, cut tuition, make orderly growth possible, bring the advantages of interchange of faculty and courses with the University of Nebraska, serve this area's needs in professional and technical fields as well as in moderate-cost liberal arts education. We urge a "yes" vote.

Ballot No. 2. A strong police force is necessary to keep life and property reasonably secure. Omaha cannot hire enough policemen to achieve this without more money. We believe an increase of 1½ mills in the property tax ceiling is an acceptable price to pay. We advocate a "yes" vote.

Ballot No. 3. The old police station is outworn and outgrown. It no longer can support adequately the functions of a modern metropolitan department. It is a handicap to effective-law enforcement. The Fire Department also is handicapped by lack of a training center for advanced and experimental fire control and prevention techniques. We strongly support a "yes" vote on a four-million-dollar bond issue for a new police station and Fire Department training center.

Ballot No. 4. The \$4,500,000 bond package for streets and highways is part of a continuing program to keep abreast of needs, including Interstate connections, acquisition of right of way, viaducts and street widening. Every one who uses Omaha's streets is aware of these needs. We urge a "yes" vote.

Ballot No. 5. The proposed \$2,650,000 of bond money would buy new park land, develop present parks, ballfields, golf courses. It would make possible a roller-ice rink, more swimming schools and tennis courses and would benefit all parts of the city. We recommend a "yes" vote.

Ballot No. 6. Omahans have been steadfast in supporting sewer bond issues. City Hall has done a creditable job on sewers with funds available. But much needs doing, much is in the emergency category in areas where sewer conditions range from antiquated to intolerable. We urge a "yes" vote for the \$1,500,000 sewer bond proposal.

Finally, we urge all citizens to consider the six proposals carefully, make up their minds and go to the polls tomorrow.

12-11-67 p.m.



Mrs. Paul C. Gallagher

8405 Indian Hills Drive

"A city is made up of more than people and houses and buildings. In order for the citizens of a community to lead a normal and happy life, they must have the advantages of good schools, parks, streets and adequate provisions for their health and welfare. The 6 proposals on the ballot on Dec. 12th are vitally necessary if Omaha is to continue to be a good place in which to live. I ask that you join with me in voting "YES" on all 6 ballots on Dec. 12."

VOTE YES

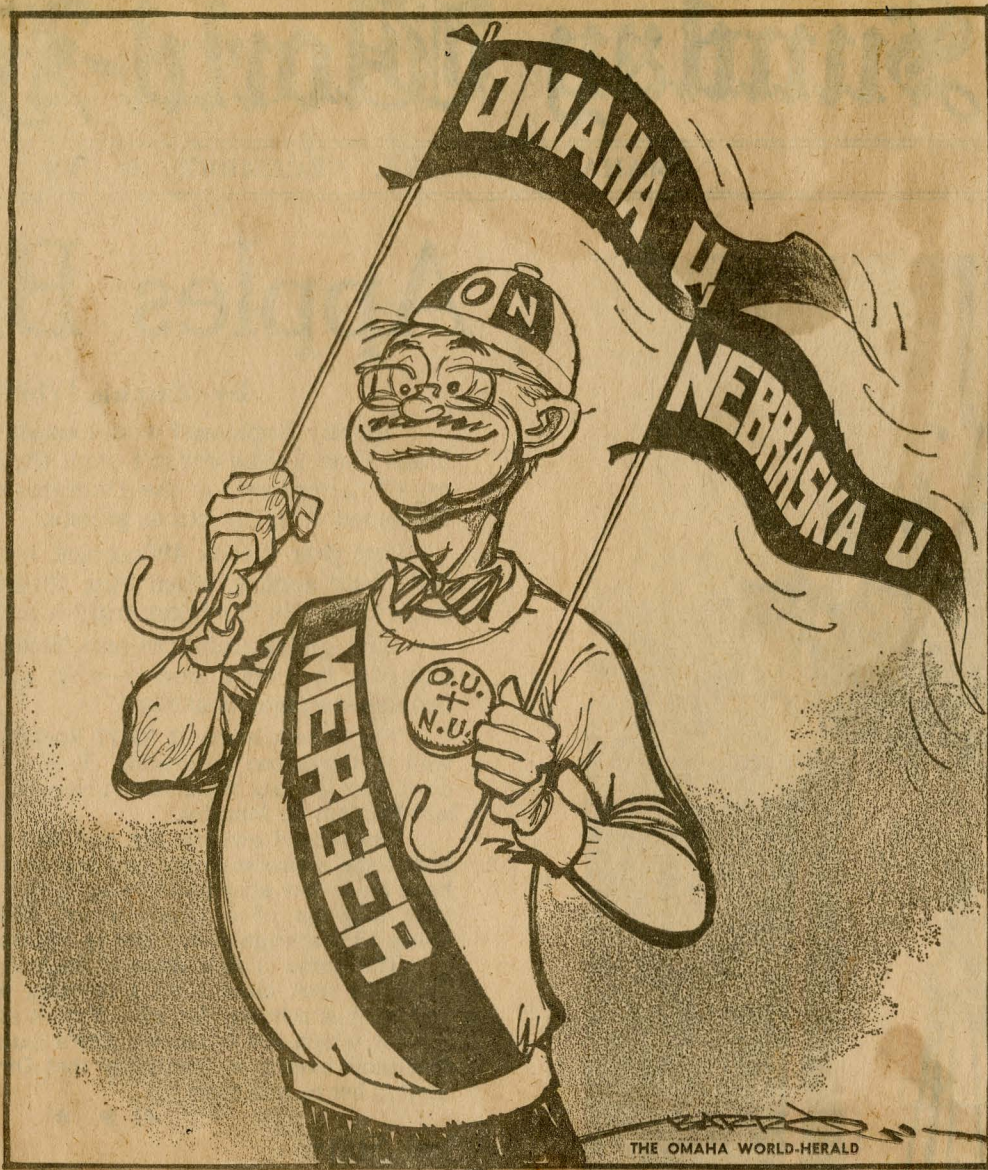
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THE OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

Give It the Old College Try

**A "YES" VOTE
CAN LOWER
YOUR TAXES**

You are paying a city tax, right now, to support the University of Omaha. A "yes" vote on the OU-NU Merger will eliminate this tax.

A "yes" vote will also reduce tuition. Omaha residents are paying \$18.00 a credit hour right now. When the Merger passes, the tuition rate will go to \$15.00 a credit hour.

What could a "no" vote mean? Higher tuition. And eventually, higher city taxes.

**VOTE "YES" for the
OU-NU MERGER
Ballot No. 1. December 12**

UNIVERSITY MERGER COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN: S. L. CATE
TREASURER: RAY F. SLIZEWSKI

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John F. Wachter
307 So. 51st Ave.

"The special election on Dec. 12th presents a real opportunity to the citizens of Omaha. It's the opportunity to vote for better police and fire protection, better streets, needed sewer improvements, new parks and recreational facilities, and the merger of Omaha U. and the University of Nebraska — all with no increase in taxes. I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity and vote "YES" on all 6 ballots."

VOTE YES
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12-9-67

The OU-NU Merger

10 Douglas County State Senators say "yes"

Ten Douglas County State Senators who have heard the debates and know the facts, will vote "yes" for the proposed Omaha University-Nebraska University Merger. The Senators' names appear here:

Senator William Bloom
Senator Edward R. Danner
Senator Sam Klaver
Senator Eugene T. Mahoney
Senator C. F. (Pat) Moulton
Senator Harold T. Moylan
Senator Richard F. Proud
Senator Florence B. Reynolds
Senator William Skarda
Senator George Syas

These Senators have studied the facts. They know a "yes" vote will eliminate the city tax you are paying to support the University of Omaha. They know a "yes" vote will reduce tuition. And they know a "yes" vote will help maintain a quality education for students.

VOTE "YES" for the OU-NU MERGER Ballot No. 1. December 12

UNIVERSITY MERGER COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN: S. L. CATE
TREASURER: RAY F. SLIZEWSKI

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'Let's Discuss Before Vote'

Pedersen Criticizes Convocation Plan

State Senator Henry F. Pedersen, Jr., leading opponent of the proposed merger of the Universities of Omaha and Nebraska, said Friday the implications of the merger should be discussed before the election, not after.

His statement came after O.U. President Kirk E. Naylor announced a student-faculty convocation next Wednesday to discuss implications of the election results. The election will be Tuesday.

Mr. Pedersen said a debate on the merger with Dr. Naylor on radio and television "would have been a perfect opportunity to discuss the implications of the merger before the election."

Mr. Pedersen asked Dr. Naylor to join him in such a debate, but Dr. Naylor refused.

12-9-67



—World-Herald Photo.

Campaigning Christmas Tree

12-11-67

The Home Economics Club at the University of Omaha sponsored the annual "Hanging of the Greens" Sunday night. About 50 students decorated

the Administration Building, 3125 South One Hundred Seventh Street, and Andrea Cole, 600 South Seventy-sixth Street, placed a

"Merger Tree" on Dr. Kirk Naylor's door. Voters will decide Tuesday whether the University of Omaha and the University of Nebraska are to be merged.

Make State Pay for Omaha U.

Omaha. Omaha University has a plant worth perhaps 15 million dollars, paid for by the taxpayers of Omaha.

Does it make sense to turn this valuable property over to the state as a gift?

If the transfer is made, Omaha should collect from the state the full value of the property.

R. D. Cresap.

Of the Cars in Elmwood Park

Omaha. O.U. wants a merger to reduce costs. Have you ever driven through Elmwood Park and the O.U. parking lot and noticed the expensive cars the students drive?

Doris L. Skoge.

Each University Would Be Stronger

Omaha. A more or less indifferent alumnus of the University of Nebraska, I am amused at the arguments presented against the merger—fear of increased taxes, bigness, loss of autonomy, etc.

A few additional mills would not impoverish most Nebraskans. Bigness does not automatically mean cold and impersonal relationships between professors and students. There can be decentralization and co-operation between the faculties.

Each university excels in certain departments and merger would enrich both. It would keep many Omaha young people from having to live in Lincoln, and attract some from near-by towns. With raised status, fewer students would go out of the state. We might even attract outsiders.

Henry G. Mendelson.

12-8-67 pm

The Case for University Merger

129-67

Omaha.

The University of Omaha needs to merge with the University of Nebraska. Twice Omaha voters have rejected increasing the two-mill levy for the university operation. To depend upon contributions has proved uncertain and insufficient. Therefore, the university had to become municipal.

In order for the university to progress, build up its equipment, needed buildings, and to maintain the high standard of the university and the good faculty there—vote yes.

If the student tuition is increased more, many students will be priced out of their education. A large per cent of the students now have part-time jobs.

Mrs. W. H. Campen,
U. of O. Alumna.

Main Loss: Two-Mill Levy

Omaha.

One statement that has been made is that O.U. is not in any financial difficulty as it has \$2,500,000 on deposit in banks. In checking with the information department at the university one discovers that this money is either already committed to projects such as the new science building, is part of the operating budget, or is a reserve which is necessary because the university cannot legally go into debt.

The recent favorable accreditation has also been misinterpreted. While it is true that O.U. has a fine faculty, how many of these professors will stay if nothing is done to alleviate the school's financial plight?

It has been intimated that the taxpayers will lose a 15-million-dollar investment. This statement fails to consider that:

—The main thing the Omaha taxpayers will lose will be the two-mill levy and the burden for financing will be spread throughout the state.

—The "taxpayers" have really never been a significant factor in capital improvements. The Administration Building was built by the WPA, the library by the Eppley Foundation, the student center with student activity and alumni funds, and the Engineering Building by 50 per cent Federal matching funds.

Allegations have been made that "outstate" interests will not support O.U. This statement fails to recognize that four million dollars has already been appropriated by the Legislature in addition to tacit commitments for capital improvements for the campus.

David J. Olson,
O.U. graduate assistant.

Should Be Ashamed of Arguments

Omaha.

We should be ashamed of the arguments offered for the merger.

For example, the two-mill levy has been latched onto to offset other increases. Reduced tuition certainly means more taxes.

It will be interesting to hear the explanations when the new tax levy is announced.

John O. Roller.

Indorsement — The Omaha Council of Parent Teacher Associations has indorsed the proposed mill levy increase to hire one hundred additional policemen. It earlier had indorsed the Omaha University-Nebraska University merger and the police and fire building and parks bond issues.

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ELECTION SPECIAL

Dr. Kirk Naylor Pres. of Uni. of Omaha and Chancellor Clifford Hardin of Uni. of Nebraska discuss the O.U.-N.U. Merger.

4:00 P.M.

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Negroes Protest History Curriculum

128-67 pm

Some Negro students at the University of Omaha staged a protest Thursday against the history curriculum while other Negro students were rallying support for the O. U. merger with the University of Nebraska.

About 25 men and women held an hour-long teach-in in the history department because the school does not offer courses in Negro history.

The protest was sponsored by the Afro-American Council for Action. James Dow, a junior majoring in political science, said he and Michael Maroney, a freshman, were co-chairmen.

Ernest Chambers, a barber with militant views on civil rights, joined the students for part of the teach-in. He also met with Dr. A. Stanley Trickett, chairman of the history department.

Mr. Chambers said he wants the O. U. history curriculum to provide "fair and adequate representation of black people and their contribution to the world and American civilization."

Dr. Trickett said it is O. U.'s policy to treat all segments of American life fairly. He said changes in the curriculum take time. All schedules through next fall, he said, are already made up.

Mr. Chambers said he wants the school to start



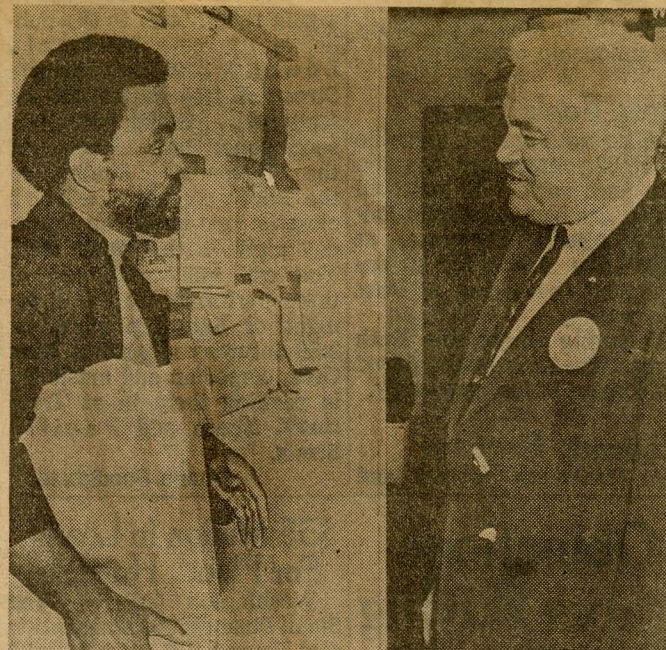
Dow

Maroney

teaching Negro history next semester, which starts February 5.

Mr. Dow said his group has been asking for Negro history courses "for three weeks." "All we've got so far are snow jobs."

Most of the teach-in was devoted to discussions of Negro history.



—World-Herald Photos.

Chambers, left, and Trickett . . . "Fair representation."

Members said another teach-in tentatively is scheduled for 10 a. m. Saturday in front of the Douglas County courthouse.

The talks included charges of "discrimination" by O.U. in hiring "top echelon people" and in accepting Negroes into fraternities and sororities.

O.U. President Kirk E. Naylor denied the charges at a rally called by the Negro-dominated Student Committee for the Organization of Public Effort to promote the O.U.-N.U. merger.

"I do not know in fact of any discriminatory practices," said Dr. Naylor. "If I find any, in fact, I will attack them with every ounce of strength I have."

He said fraternity and sorority "rushing activities" are "free and open to any one if they're voted in. That's a prerogative that belongs to the organization."

He said he has received "no complaints" about the fraternity and sorority practices.

Dean Robert D. Harper said the College of Arts and Sciences has had a few applications from top level Negro

teachers "but not as many as we would like to have."

He said O. U. received only one application last year from a Negro with a doctor of philosophy degree. "We made him a very attractive offer, but another school hired him," Dean Harper said.

Dr. Naylor said he is "philosophically not opposed" to adding Negro history courses.

"But you have to have the funds, facilities and the faculty for new courses," he said.

"We hope it may be possible after the merger to find a specialist in Negro history that we could share with the University of Nebraska," Dr. Naylor said.

The SCOPE meeting was conducted by Negro students Deforest Reed, Archie Godfrey, Malcolm Adams and Rudy Smith. They said they have about one hundred Negro and white students in their organization.

Mr. Godfrey said his group will distribute five-thousand cards promoting the merger this week end.

Fifteen Negro business and professional men were at the SCOPE session. All indicated they will support the merger at the polls Tuesday.

Sam Cornelius, director of the State Technical Assistance (anti-poverty) Agency, asked Dr. Naylor whether the university "will work with student leaders or permit any vocal outsider to say 'I'm the leader of the students?'"

"The students' recommendation will carry far more weight," replied Dr. Naylor.

O.U. Film Series About Negroes

A series of nine films on Negro history will be shown at the University of Omaha in February, officials announced Wednesday.

Dates for the film festival have not been set.

The film series, "History of the Negro People," was prepared by the University of Indiana. 12-7-67 pm

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Merger: The Place to Start

Omaha's voters will decide Tuesday whether they will retain the University of Omaha at a quasi-frozen financial level or permit it to merge into a state university system serving the entire state as well as the city.

Twice Omaha has refused to finance desperately needed expansion plans of the University. But the school, like any institution of higher education, cannot remain stagnant. It must move forward to keep pace with the times.

It seems the only way to do so is to merge with the University of Nebraska as the first step toward an integrated state-wide system of higher education.

Merger in itself may mean little, though it is the necessary beginning point. What will count most, in the long run, will be the

quality of education provided by the merged universities to the youth of Nebraska. That in turn will depend on the willingness of the taxpayers to support quality education for their state.

Nebraska has been said to suffer from "brain drain," meaning that its talented youth seek other climes for education and productive work. Perhaps this is because Nebraskans have yet to conceive of higher education as the best investment they can make in the state's future.

We can make a new beginning in higher education in Nebraska. We must. The place to start is with the merged University of Nebraska at Omaha—after a resounding YES vote to ballot No. 1 Tuesday.

O.U. Is Given \$9,000 Grant

Law Enforcement Seminars Ahead

The University of Omaha has received a nine-thousand-dollar Federal grant to hold law enforcement seminars, President Kirk E. Naylor announced Thursday.

In addition, the Nebraska Higher Education Facilities Commission has recommended to Federal officials that O. U. be given \$32,772 in Federal funds to buy television, science, education and fine arts equipment, Dr. Naylor said.

O. U. will have to match the grants dollar for dollar. Money is available in the current budget for this purpose, he said.

Dr. Naylor also said that he is "delighted" with the way the merger campaign has been going. The election is Tuesday.

A student-faculty-alumni convocation has been scheduled for 8:30 a. m. Wednesday to "discuss the implications of the merger vote," he said.

'Bids on Project Weren't Required'

A telephone poll of O. U. regents is not a proper way to formally approve a construction project, according to W. Ross King, O. U. attorney.

Regents vice-president Samuel Greenberg said Wednesday that the regents approved a \$21,570 expenditure for a new parking lot by telephone. He said the regents agreed to the action by phone after it was approved by the board's resources and direction committee.

The project was started swiftly without bids and without approval at a board meeting, because regents wanted it finished before the weather turned bad, Mr. Greenberg said. Mr. King said the regents are not required to call for competitive bids on such a project.

12-7-67 pm

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Tony Schneider

7306 Webster

"I hope that every voter will take the time to read the "Vote YES" booklet before Dec. 12th. It explains the need for a "YES" vote on all 6 ballots in order to keep Omaha a good place in which to live and raise our families. It explains how we can have a better university, a new police headquarters and fire training facility, better police protection, improved streets and sewers, and more parks and recreational facilities—all with no increase in taxes."

VOTE YES

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Everroad: O.U.-N.U. Merger Will Start 'Industry on Hill'

He Says It Will Bring \$20 Million a Year

Lieut. Gov. John Everroad Wednesday urged Omahans to approve the merger of the Universities of Omaha and Nebraska because it would add a 20-million-dollar-a-year "industry" to the city.

"If you vote yes," Mr. Everroad told the Omaha Optimist Club, "you're really going to see an industry on top of that hill."

The Lieutenant Governor, who presides over the Legislature, said he "didn't think too highly of the merger until

I saw what it could do for Omaha and Nebraska."

He said all O.U. needs is more living quarters. These could be built, with no tax increase, through revenue bonds which could be retired by student fees, he said.

12-7-67 pm

12-12-67 am

Anti-Merger Letter Angers O.U. Officials

Voters Will Decide Today On University Issue

University of Omaha officials Monday evening strongly criticized an unsigned letter being circulated which calls for a vote against the proposed O.U.-University of Nebraska merger.

Their criticism came as campaigning slackened for today's special election at

Call 341-7555

Where do I vote? Are you asking yourself that question today while other Omahans go to the polls to help decide the future of the University of Omaha and, to a large degree, of the city itself? If you are, the answer is as close as your telephone. Dial 341-7555 or 341-0300 and ask for polling place information. A member of the staff of Douglas County Election Commissioner Monte Taylor will tell you the location of your polling place. The service is available until eight tonight.

which Omahans will decide the fate of four bond issues, a City Charter amendment to permit the hiring of more policemen and the university merger.

About 57 thousand Omahans — 40 per cent of those eligible — will vote on the six proposals, Election Commissioner Monte Taylor predicted.

The polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. and taverns will be closed during those hours, Mr. Taylor said.

Each of the proposals will be on a separate



'Vicious'

Copies of the anti-merger letter were mailed Sunday, using envelopes sent through an automatic-addressing machine.

O.U. President Kirk Naylor said he is sure Omahans will recognize the letter for "just what it is — a vicious, unscrupulous and irresponsible last-minute attempt to sabotage honest consideration of a vital issue."

"The fact that the party or parties who issued the letter did not sign it proves beyond doubt the worthlessness of its contents," Dr. Naylor said.

Election Commissioner Monte M. Taylor said the letter was a definite violation of Nebraska's Corrupt Campaign Practices Act, passed by the Legislature in 1965.

He said the letter was "an example of exactly what it (the law) is intended to control."

Mr. Taylor said there is a possibility Federal laws were violated, since the campaign literature was circulated through the mails.

Robert M. Spire, O.U. Board of Regents president, said he regrets "that any anonymous and inaccurate report is being sent

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around. The actual facts are overwhelmingly in favor of the merger as a great benefit for Omaha."

Calling the merger "absolutely necessary for this community," Mr. Spire said "it is not fair to voters to be confused by inaccurate statements" in the letter.

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'Inaccuracies'

The letter is full of inaccuracies, they said, citing (1) its comment that the O.U. plant and equipment is worth 30 million dollars and (2) its comment that if the merger is approved, "students will have to commute between Omaha and Lincoln."

Dr. Naylor said an engineering survey has placed the value of O.U. buildings and equipment at 10 million dollars. He said he did not know the value of O.U.'s 52 acres but a 30-million-dollar figure is a "gross exaggeration."

Dr. Naylor said it is "absolutely false" to say students on the Omaha campus would have to take any courses in Lincoln if the merger is approved.

State Senator Henry F. Pedersen, Jr., leading opponent of the merger, said he did not write the letter and had not seen one. Mr. Pedersen estimated the value of O.U. buildings, equipment and land at "conservatively, 15 million dollars."

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Second Letter

Ralph Bradley, University of Omaha public relations director, said the letter was the second anonymous one he has seen.

More than a month ago, one was distributed which called the proposed merger a "swindle" labeled merger leaders as "moral and intellectual bankrupts" and offered similar comments, Mr. Bradley said.

Asked how much money the merger committee had spent, Mr. Bradley said the amount was "less than 10 thousand dollars." All was in the form of private donations, he said.

Political Cowardice

Election-eve distribution through the mail of an unsigned circular urging Omahans to vote against the University of Omaha merger unquestionably was a violation of the state law requiring that political literature bear the names of those responsible for it.

Its distribution was an act of political cowardice. We hope that the pertinent authorities, county or Federal, make a diligent investigation to find those responsible. With the elections coming up next year, an arrest and conviction for this offense might have a salutary effect.

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Don't Drop It

As the technically aggrieved party, the University of Omaha has the initial responsibility to file a complaint under the corrupt campaign practices law about the unsigned anti-merger letter that was circulated on the eve of the special election last week.

Douglas County Election Commissioner Monte Taylor says that he is "strongly inclined" to file a complaint himself if the university doesn't.

Some one should. Overlooking such a flagrant violation now would invite further abuses in the 1968 elections.

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The official results, "yes" votes first:

University of Omaha merger—40,207 to 10,782.

Police headquarters and fire training tower—36,210 to 14,573.

Increased mill levy for more policemen—30,946 to 19,620.

Street bonds—31,828 to 18,749.

Park bonds—29,040 to 21,649.

Sewer bonds—32,293 to 18,105.



—World-Herald Photo.
Sorenson, right, votes in favor of all six issues . . . Edward L. Phelps, Jr., is election inspector at Brownell-Talbot School.

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Vote Circular Getting Study

Election Chief Inclined To File Complaint

Election Commissioner Monte Taylor said Friday he will confer next week with University of Omaha officials about a circular that is alleged to have violated state corrupt practices laws.

The unsigned paper attacking the merger with Nebraska University came out the day before the Tuesday special election.

"If the university doesn't complain, I am strongly inclined to," Mr. Taylor said.

Normally a corrupt campaign practices charge is filed by a candidate who has been the victim, Mr. Taylor said, and usually only if he loses. The merger carried handily. However, Mr. Taylor said the law involved is a new one, passed by the Legislature in 1965.

"With another election coming in 1968, perhaps this should be carried on through, even though the merger won," he said.

The law provides that pamphlets on a candidate or issue should be published or distributed without listing the name and address of the person or committee responsible.

County Attorney Donald L. Knowles said he has received no complaint. He said he thinks that the matter probably should be handled by the Omaha legal staff since the election was a city election and the law is a misdemeanor.

Voter 'Chill' Matches the Chilly Wind

But Taylor Still Sees Turnout of 57,000

Anti-merger letter circulated at eleventh hour, Page 2.

By Larry Wilson

Omaha voting places were lonely Tuesday morning.

But Douglas County Election Commissioner Monte Taylor stood by his total vote prediction of 57 thousand, counting on an after-work surge.

"I might have been a little high in my prediction," he said.

The polls remain open until 8 tonight. No returns will be available until after that hour.

Voter interest in the six crucial issues up to early this afternoon was as cold as the wind that whistled through the city under overcast skies.

Six Issues at Stake

Up for decision are the four bond issues, the University of Omaha-University of Nebraska merger and the Charter amendment to authorize a 1.5-mill levy hike to hire more policemen.

All polling places opened on time despite a wave of last-minute reports of illness among election workers, Mr. Taylor said. Flu and colds were blamed.

"Many election boards were hit pretty hard by illnesses," Mr. Taylor said. "We had substitutes ready but not enough." However, he said enough were found to open all the polling places.

A World-Herald spot check at noon showed light voting in all parts of the city.

"It is the lightest I've ever seen," said an inspector at Rockbrook Cleaning & Laundry, 10810 Prairie Hill Drive. "Only 52 had voted. Normally we have close to three hundred by this time."

In the same Westside area, Paddock School had recorded only 32 votes.

'Pretty Light'

At St. Cecilia School, 3907 Webster Street, a door closed and locked about 8:30 a. m., creating a problem for several early voters. Eventually, the faulty door was discovered when would-be voters rapped on windows. A custodian made repairs.

Other early afternoon reports:

Mount Olive Lutheran

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Florida Identifies

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lated that it was attempted robbery.
Lucy Eckenrode, 17, told police she awakened and saw her brother toppling from behind the steering wheel onto the ground. She said a tall, thin man by the car, fled on foot.



Vote 'Light' On 6 Issues

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Church, Twenty-eighth Avenue and Sharon Drive — "Pretty light. Forty-two have voted."

Near North YMCA, 2311 North Twenty-second Street — "Real, real slow. Eleven have voted."

Zion Lutheran Church, 4001 Q Street — "Very slow. The count is only 28."

Bethel Lutheran Church, Forty-fifth Street and Woolworth Avenue — "Pretty slow at 30. We noticed several people have voted, though, who didn't come in for the 1966 general election."

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 6099 Western Avenue — "Low. We have 50 now but usually one hundred by this time."

At the last city election in 1965, the turnout for the primary was 88,861. At the general election, 99,718 ballots were marked.

The vote was 70 thousand on the Omaha Plan in 1958. And in 1963, about 36 thousand voted on whether to raise the University of Omaha mill levy.

Monroe Junior High School conducted a mock election and all six issues carried by sizable margins. Principal Jack Hallstrom said that in previous elections the vote has been generally accurate in reflecting citywide sentiment.

The results, reported by City Council President Bill Ballard and Shirley Lang, faculty sponsor—first figure "yes" and second, "no."

Merger, 865-196; four-million-dollar bond issue for police, firemen, 828-223; police man power amendment, 814-239; \$4,500,000 highway bond issue, 815-238; \$2,650,000 park bond issue, 852-239; \$1,500,000 sewer bond issue, 828-226.

Ill Vet Leaves Bed To Vote for Merger

Voting for the proposed merger was Robert Wayne Smith, 22, who was serving in the Army in Thailand until about three weeks ago.

Ill with the flu, he got out of bed at vote.

Mr. Smith, of 601 South Sixty-eighth Street, said registering to vote was one of the first moves he made after returning home.

He already has registered for second-semester classes at O.U., which start in February. His brother Try, 19, attends O.U.

Mr. Smith's polling place, appropriately, was in the Joslyn music annex on the O.U. campus.

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Hardin meets students . . . From left, Steve Mareno, Rich Johnson, Phil Taylor, Ed Kasada and Mike Nemecek, O.U. Administration Building is in the background.

School Now About 20th In America

Hardin Sees All-State Unity in Merger

Other details, Page 8.

By Fred Thomas

Plans for the New University of Nebraska at Omaha began to jell Wednesday.

N.U. Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin, speaking at a convocation in the University of Omaha Field House, said Tuesday's voter approval of the N.U.-O.U. merger was "firm expression of optimism in what can be accomplished through a co-ordinated university system."

Chancellor Hardin told 25 hundred students and faculty members that they can expect next fall:

—Co-ordinated plans between the O.U. campus and the N.U. Medical Center campus.

—A few more graduate courses at O.U.

—The start of a universitywide graduate faculty and some doctor of philosophy courses on the O.U. campus, allowing Omaha-area residents to work on a Ph.D. without moving to Lincoln. For the most part, however, the same faculty members will teach the same courses next fall, Dr. Hardin said.

More specific plans will evolve from meetings between officials of the two institutions, the Chancellor said.

"The central purpose of this campus will not change materially," Dr. Hardin said, citing O.U.'s role in the educational, cultural and social growth of Omaha.

He said the merger campaign—which resulted in voters endorsing the proposal by almost a 4-to-1 margin—had another benefit. It brought, he said, an "unprecedented understanding" among Nebraskans of the purpose and goals of O.U.

O.U. President Kirk Naylor said the merger means O.U. officials can move ahead immediately with plans for a five-story science building.

To celebrate the merger, he added, post-holiday classes will start January 3 instead of January 2.

None of the 301 precincts went against the merger. The total vote was 40,035 in favor, 10,753 opposed.

The merger, which takes effect next July 1, creates about the twentieth largest university in the nation.

School officials estimate

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Gruening Urges U.S. To Arm the Israelis

New York (AP)—Senator Ernest Gruening (Dem., Alaska) proposed Wednesday that the United States enter a mutual security treaty with Israel as part of a three-point plan to bring peace in the Middle East.

Temperatures

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Mr. Sorensen was out of the city Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

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After the city moves to an

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Gold Speculators Rushing to Buy

Paris (UPI)—Speculators bought gold at near-record prices Wednesday and put a further drain on the United States supply of gold.

Gold dealers in Paris said 2,600,000 worth of gold was sold on the French markets, 200 thousand dollars less than the record sales that followed Britain's devaluation of the pound.

Dealers reported in London and Zurich, Switzerland, that demand for gold was also "very high" on those markets.

Speculators who rush to trade their paper money for gold are, in effect, attacking the American dollar. The United States is committed to supply half of the gold sold on European markets.

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Hardin... Master plan after July 1.

O.U., N.U. March in Step After 4-to-1 Merger Vote

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that the university next fall will have more than 29 thousand students, with almost two-thirds on the Lincoln campus and the rest in Omaha.

Dr. Hardin, who will become top administrative officer of an institution valued at 150 million dollars, said a committee of faculty members of both campuses will be appointed in about 10 days to "supervise the mechanics of the merger."

Naylor at Head?

Chancellor Hardin said he anticipated that Mr. Naylor would be named "chief executive officer" of the Omaha campus sometime next April.

Dr. Hardin said he is unable to estimate when a master plan for the Omaha campus will be completed, but it won't be before July 1.

The merger means Omahans will no longer pay the two-mill property tax to support O.U. It also means tuition on the Omaha campus will drop next fall from 18 dollars to 15 dollars a credit hour for Omaha students and from 28 to 15 dollars for students from elsewhere in Nebraska.

Pedersen: 'Respect It'

Randy Owens, president of the O.U. Student Council, said he wanted to thank voters "for supporting the growth of higher education in Omaha and in Nebraska."

State Senator Henry F. Pedersen, Jr., of Omaha, who waged a virtual one-man campaign against the merger, said:

"The people have made their decision. I hope that it's a wise one. I respect their decision."

Heaviest support came in the Fourteenth Ward, southwest of Sixty-second and Pacific Streets, where the merger was approved about 6-to-1. Senator Pedersen lives in this ward.

N.U. has 18,067 students this term, O.U. 8,730 full-time students.

\$134 Million Value

N.U. officials said the actual value of the university's land, buildings, improvements, equipment and construction in progress is \$134,937,000. That includes both Lincoln campuses, the medical campus in Omaha and outstate properties.

N.U. owns a total of 15,570 acres, with 532 acres devoted to academic instructional programs and most of the rest to agricultural research, officials said.

The University of Omaha has a 53 1/2-acre campus, plus a 160-acre farm northwest of Irvington.

The O.U. campus plant, including equipment, cost \$10,372,504. The farm's value was estimated at 50 thousand dollars at the time it was donated, in 1959, and hasn't been appraised since.

The school was incorporated in 1908 and became municipal in 1930.

Students Phoned 5,000 to Vote

The University of Omaha's volunteer telephone brigade rested on its laurels Tuesday night.

By 8 p. m., when the polls closed, O.U. students, teachers and their wives had completed one of the busiest one day get-out-the-vote campaigns in the city's history.

Warren Wittekind, executive secretary of the O.U. Alumni Association, said they

placed about five thousand calls to Omahans, urging them to vote for the merger.

Tiemann Calls Vote 'Tribute to Omaha'

World-Herald Lincoln Bureau, 501 Federal Securities Building.

Gov. Norbert T. Tiemann Wednesday hailed the decision of Omaha voters to merge the University of Omaha with the University of Nebraska into what he called "one of the greatest schools in the country."

He said the result was "as anticipated, but the majority was greater than we had expected."

He called the decision "a tribute to the people of Omaha who saved a fine institution and made it better."

State Senator Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff called the merger "the greatest thing that ever happened to Omaha."

Mr. Carpenter, who introduced the merger bill, added:

"Certainly between the University of Omaha and the University of Nebraska School of Medicine, Omaha can become one of the greatest educational complexes any one could expect to have."

The merger, he continued, should solidify the state and bring Omaha and Lincoln closer together.

He said Omaha, with its 12-member delegation, and Lincoln with seven senators, should end their rivalry and get together in the common interest of higher education.

"All Omaha needs now to come into the Twentieth Century is urban renewal," he said. "That will never happen until Omaha's leaders get behind it."

Other comment:

Lieut. Gov. John Everroad — "The merger will mean higher quality education for future generations and a great economic boost to Omaha and surrounding counties. It also imposes a great obligation on every citizen in that Nebraska must continue and accelerate its drive to attract new industry to provide jobs for the graduates. Nebraska must not allow the 'brain drain' to turn into a 'brain drain' in coming years."

Omaha Vote Favors NU, OU Merger

Omaha (UPI) — A proposal to merge the University of Omaha and the University of Nebraska won a decisive "yes" vote in Tuesday's special Omaha city election.

Also passing, but not by quite the same bulge, were five other key issues:

A charter amendment to authorize a 1.5-mill levy increase to hire more policemen; a proposal for a new police headquarters and fire training facility; a \$4.5 million highway and freeway bond issue; a park bond issue, and a sewer bond issue.

The merger, which logged nearly 4 to 1 acceptance, was hailed by Nebraska Chancellor Clifford Hardin as a "needed tool to meet many of the state's needs."

"The vote coupled with LB736 authorizing a merger indicates that not only the people of Omaha but the entire state wants to continue to make higher education more effective and to make greater educational opportunities available to all of its young people," Hardin said.

It was apparent from the early returns that most, probably all, the issues would pass. And that is the way matters turned out.

The results with 296 of 301 precincts reported:

	Yes	No
Merger	39,131	10,501
Headquarters	35,162	14,199
More Police	30,143	19,116
Highway Bonds	30,923	18,238
Park Bonds	28,227	21,046
Sewer Bonds	31,432	17,659

O.U. Counts Gains From Merger

University of Omaha officials Wednesday began adding up the first tangible effects of the O.U.-University of Nebraska merger. President Kirk E. Naylor said O.U. will become eligible for four million dollars in state funds July 1, when the school officially becomes the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He said this includes three million dollars appropriated by the Legislature for O.U.'s operating costs in 1968-69 and one million for a new classroom-office building. The merger will offset O.U.'s loss of \$1.5 million in state funds.

Omaha World-Herald, Thursday, Dec. 14, 1967

Merger Tasks Start Today; City Elated by Grand Slam

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Mayor Says Result Shows Confidence

Long Step Forward, Says Drive Leader

Elated city and campaign officials hailed Tuesday night the decisive approval of the five city issues at the special election as a vote of confidence in Omaha and its government.

"I know I speak for the City Council, our administrative staff and certainly myself when I say we are very grateful for this vote of confidence," Mayor Sorensen said.

Richard W. Johnson, chairman of the Citizens Committee, called approval of the

Vote Falls Short

The total vote was 50,803, more than six thousand short of an estimate of 57 thousand made by Douglas County Election Commissioner Monte Taylor before the election.

A spurt in the late afternoon and early evening sent the total past 50 thousand, Mr. Taylor said. At one time during the day he thought the turnout would be only 45 thousand.

But the total, about 35 per cent of voters registered, compared favorably with those in other special elections in which no candidates were running, Mr. Taylor said. Only 28 per cent turned out in a special election in April, 1963, on a proposed increase in the O.U. levy, he said.

four bond issues, totaling \$12,650,000 and the proposition to hire more policemen, a "long step forward in the progress of Omaha."

He said approval of the measures would help Omaha attract industry. "This shows our people are back of the city," he said.

The five proposals were approved in 11 of the city's 14 wards.

South Omaha Wards 5 and 7 turned down the proposition to hire more policemen and bond issues for street, park and sewer projects. Ward 6, also in South Omaha, rejected the police measure and the street and park bonds.

Approval of the five measures never seemed to be in doubt from the time the first returns were received shortly after the polls closed at 8 p. m.

Early returns showed the \$2,650,000 park and recreation bond issue was not doing as well as the other issues. But it quickly gained and wound up with a 57 per cent favorable vote, the smallest margin of the five issues.

The proposition to hire more policemen came in the form of a City Council amendment.

Approval of the amendment authorizing a 11% increase in the general fund tax rate—rising from 16

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4-1 Approval Brings O.U. Quick Action

Hardin Plans Meeting To Lay Groundwork

The job of merging the Universities of Omaha and Nebraska will begin today, N.U. Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin said Tuesday night.

First steps, he said, will be to (1) examine programs on both campuses to see how they dovetail and (2) get records in shape to conform to state accounting procedures.

Dr. Hardin, obviously pleased with the overwhelming voter approval of the merger, said he and O.U. officials will begin planning today while he is here for an 8:30 a. m. student-faculty convocation in the Field House.

Voters approved the merger. None of the 301 precincts went against the merger. The total vote was 40,035 in favor, 10,753 opposed.

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The vote contrasts with the last two times O.U. officials turned to voters. Proposals to increase the O.U. mill levy in 1963 and 1966 were beaten with more than 56 per cent of the voters rejecting them each time.

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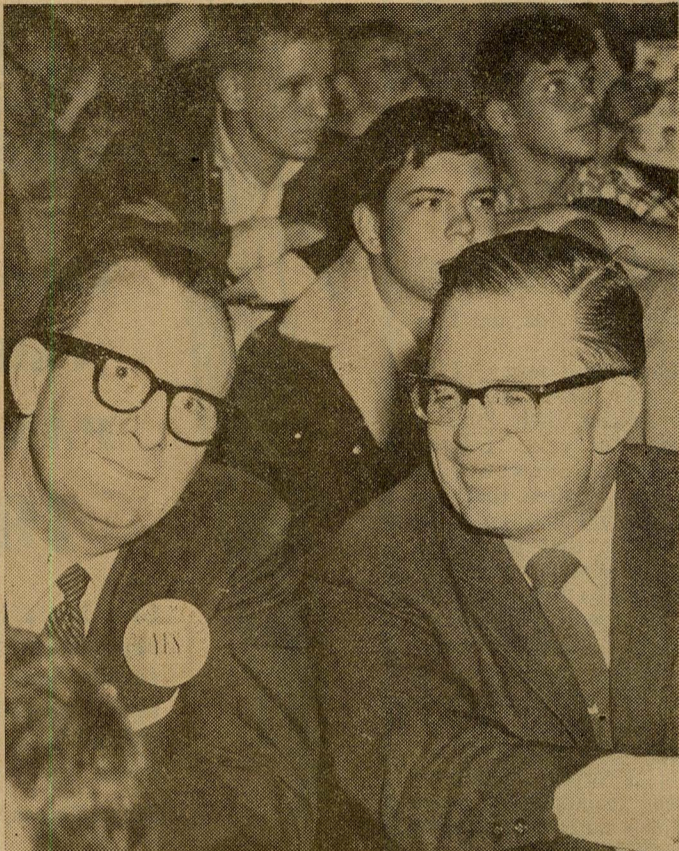
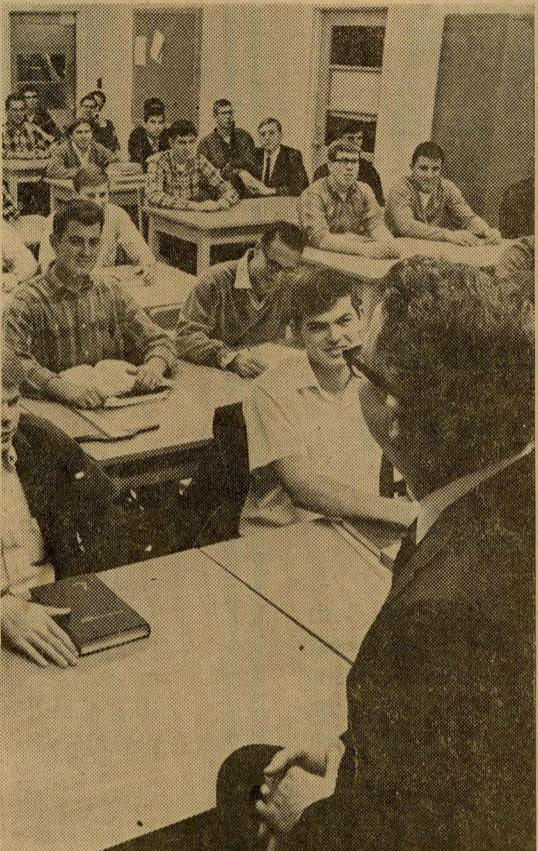
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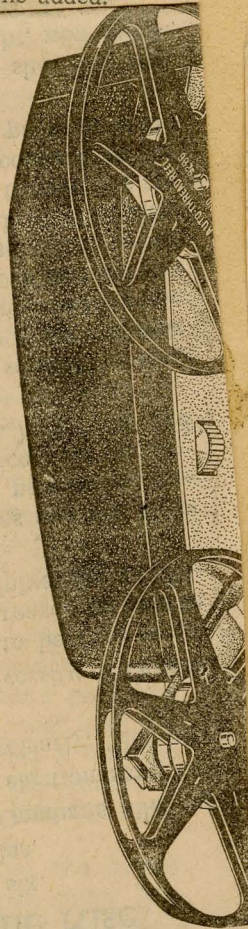
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