

Student Congress Candidates ... 2 Down, 1 To Go

Svara Quits; Only Beshear Remains

The Student Congress race is no longer in question with the withdrawal of Jim Svara and the three candidates running with him.

Svara, candidate for the SC presidency, officially withdrew from the race yesterday saying it would be unfair for him to run since he would not have the time to do the job.

Glenn Moore, Becky Anderson, and Ben Williams, all of whom were running with Svara on an unnamed party ticket, also withdrew.

This leaves Steve Beshear, the Student Party candidate for president, and his three running mates unopposed in next Tuesday's election. It is the first time in the memory of campus observers that the Student Congress post has been uncontested.

Announcing his decision to withdraw, Svara issued this statement yesterday:

"The plight of Student Congress is disturbing to anyone who has a modicum of social concern. Its failures do not cause concern because they are rampant corruption or grand evil machinations or Machiavellian self-seeking. If this were the case one could seek to correct it by a holy crusade aimed at stamping out the obvious evils. Rather, its short-comings are

due to attitudes, action and orientation which are not conducive to constructive action. It is not so much that Student Congress has done nothing but rather that it has failed to come close to its potential importance.

"The basic reason is that the leaders and members of Student Congress believe the group is a political body, but fail to understand what politics is. They consider politics to be the devious means by which one exploits the strength of the majority to push through programs which will enhance their electability, or the means by which a minority obstructs or disrupts in order to make the majority look bad and thereby increase their own electability.

"In short, the leaders and members of Congress base their actions on advancing the interest of their own party or themselves.

"Failures on a grander scale give rise to righteous indignation and decisive reform movements; those failures due to an inability to rise above pettiness and partisanship give rise to frustration and the impatient desire to correct Student Congress' faults by providing open-minded leadership.

"Politics is the art of resolving differences among factions or individuals for the purpose of achieving common goals. It in-

volves diplomacy, understanding, persuading, and compromising as well as the use of majority power or minority obstruction. This kind of leadership is needed if Student Congress is to come up to the standards of performance of other Student groups such as the Student Center Board, LKD, or any of the sub-governing groups.

"The common resolve to carry out a group's functions must come first; politics is the means by which this aim is achieved among different groups and individuals. Presently, politics has

been distorted to the point that it is the end of Student Congress.

"Because this is the case, I was disturbed when I found out the slate to be presented by the Student Party, especially the presidential candidate, Steve Beshear has been too much influenced by the example of party leaders Carl Mofecki and Paul Chelgren to be able to divorce himself from the way they look at Student Congress.

"After I discovered that there would be no other objective, experienced opposition to the Student Party, the prospect of continuing the partisanship and resulting inaction next year bothered me to the extent that I decided to enter the race. The decision was based on the feeling that I could provide the kind of leadership needed in congress.

"However, I did not give sufficient consideration to my ability to handle all the obligations connected with the office in addition to the other extra-curricular activities and academic goals.

"After a more realistic appraisal, I feel it would be a greater mistake to campaign for the office and then, if elected, be over-extended next year and have to withdraw. I regret that my action leaves the presidency

to Steve Beshear by default without allowing voters any choice. However, a candidate who does not have the time to do a good job if elected is no real alternative.

"Glenn Moore, Becky Anderson, and Ben Williams who entered the campaign with me as a slate have decided that my action has changed the conditions on which they entered the race to such an extent that they wish to withdraw as well.

"I regret that my decision will be received with disappointment from friends who urged me to run and with glee from the leaders of Student Party. They certainly have not deserved to win by default because of their performance this year.

"This word to the next president of Student Congress: it is up to Steve Beshear to remove from Student Congress the elements which have retarded its improvement. If he does not wish to give congress constructive leadership, few will care and the organization will remain on the periphery of student life with too little importance to students. If so, he will be free to continue playing congress' little games. If not, Student Congress may become significant."

The proposed constitution will also be on Tuesday's ballot.



JIM SVARA

MFL Schedules Conference

By LEN COBB
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The 17th Annual University Foreign Language Conference will meet April 23-25. Representatives will come from all over the nation.

The Conference opens Thursday night with a meeting of the International Arthur Schmittler Research Association convening under the chairmanship of President Robert O. Weiss, associate professor of German here at

the University. Individual language sessions will be held all day Friday and on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon an optional Horse Farm and Sightseeing trip will be conducted.

Different sessions will discuss Austrian Literature, Classic Languages, East Asian Languages, Medieval Studies, Slavic Languages, Spanish, French, German, Hebrew, and Italian.

Dr. Norman H. Binger, associate professor of German and a

member of the Committee on Arrangements, said at least 300 persons are expected to attend the conference.

President Oswald, in a note to the Conference, stressed the importance of languages in the world today. He wrote, in part, that "Today, linguistic ability is not only desirable but essential if we are to continue to hold our place in a world of shrinking distances and increased tension. Now the understanding of another man's ideas may mean life itself."

Applications Available For Centennial Posts

Applications are available for student Centennial subcommittees it was announced today.

The President's Student Centennial Committee will organize into sub groups with one or two of its members heading each sub-

ject to approval by the Uni-

versity Centennial Office and President John W. Oswald but cochairman Sandy Brock said the Student Committee will begin taking applications now.

Subcommittee positions are open to any student in the University, not just Juniors. The applications are available in the offices of the dean of men and the dean of women, the desks of the women's housing units, and the information desk at the Student Center.

Applications may be picked up now and must be returned to the dean of women's office, the dean of men's office, or the Student Center information desk before 4 p.m. Tuesday. Announcements will be made the week of April 27, Miss Brock said.

Application forms have a space available for the student's committee preference.

Subcommittees now planned and their chairmen are:

Scholarship, Trudy Mascia; Centennial Rings and Charms, John Stadler; Faculty and Class Evaluation, Ben Williams; Freshman Colloquium, Keith Hagan; Forums on Political and Current Affairs, Mary Marvin Porter; Conference for High School Seniors, Jim and Ann Armstrong; Public Relations, Bill Grant; Evaluation of Student Life, Kathy Kelly; Ceremonials, Ken Brandenburg; Exhibits of Research and Creative Work, Jim Wheeler and Annette Westphal.

The subcommittee will work with the Student Centennial Committee and the other major Centennial groups in planning and carrying out activities during the University's Centennial year, next year.

ROTC Cadets Set Review For President

The President's Review, an annual event held in honor of the president of the University, is planned for 8 a.m. Saturday by the school's Army and Air Force ROTC units.

With President John W. Oswald in the reviewing ranks will be Dr. M. M. White, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Col. Richard C. Boys, professor of Air Science, and Capt. John E. Schenker, acting professor of military science.

Commander of troops will be Army Cadet Col. William D. Myers, Arlington, Va. His staff will include Cadet Col. Wilson W. Rigg, Nicholasville, and Honorary Major Marilyn Orme, Mt. Sterling, both of the AFROTC wing; Cadet Major John D. Walker, Berea, and Honorary Col. Mary Gail McCall, Dallas, Texas, both of the Army ROTC brigade.

The Air Force cadet brigade will be commanded by Cadet Lt. Col. Mark V. Marlowe, Lexington.

The review will be held on the parade field in front of the Administration Building.



Mortar Board Officers

The new officers of Mortar Board, senior women's honorary are, from the left, Kathy Histon, vice president; Frances Fowler, president; row two,

Annette Westphal, Historian; Carol Jackson, treasurer; and Anna Laura Hood, secretary. Absent when the picture was taken is Sue Price, editor.