

Don Ho gives campaign Hawaiian punch

By Joe Healey

The Don Ho Party reached its goal of appearing on the front page of the Daily Nebraskan in Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses the first day of the campaign, first vice-president candidate Ed Bennett said in an election eve interview.

Bennett, speaking for presidential candidate Jeff Jackson, said the Don Ho Party appeals to students sense of adventure. He said Jackson was out of town on non-campaign business.

"We are not your ordinary party," Bennett said. "We have provoked some bit of interest in ASUN."

That, Bennett said, was another Don Ho goal. The party also was able to reach a third goal, that of spending no money on its campaign.

If he had to do it over again, Bennett said he would try to get oil companies' endowments.

"Maybe they would help me make posters," Bennett said. Don Ho has used a word-of-mouth campaign to avoid spending money, Bennett said, and it has worked.

"People know who we are."

The search for additional Don Ho Party members was hard, Bennett said, because of the requirements for ASUN candidates.

"We went around looking for people with 2.0 grade point averages that we knew," Bennett said.

Bennett said he wouldn't drink before announcing himself as a candidate if he had it to do over, but otherwise he would make no changes.

Don Ho faced its biggest struggle during the campaign when people thought they were actually going to debate the Roo Party, Bennett said.

Bennett is a senior majoring in business and

broadcasting and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

"I'm going to own a large chain of banks, no ifs, ands, or buts about it," Bennett said when asked what career goals he had.

Bennett, from Hastings, attended St. Cecilia High School, where he was involved in student council, football, basketball, track and golf.

"I took an art class," Bennett said.

Bennett said he will use half the privileges of the ASUN president if Don Ho is elected, a campaign promise that presidential candidate Jackson has made. The only other experience from ASUN he will be able to use in his future will be working with people if he is elected, he said.

Bennett said he will await the election results at Sandy's, a local drinking establishment.

Candidates voice opinions on performing arts center issue

(Editor's Note: This is the last in a five-part series on the issues in the 1984 ASUN presidential campaign)

Question Four: What is your position on the new performing arts center? What can students do about it?

Fashin — (Responding: Presidential candidate Tim Burke and first vice-presidential candidate Mike Cassling)

"We're against how they want to do it now. Spending \$20 million would take away from the veterinary school and animal science lab. We'd like to see it paid for the same way the Bob Devaney Sports Center was.

United Students — (Responding: Presidential candidate Kevin Goldstein and first vice-presidential candidate Julie Meusberger)

"When you're looking at something like that, it would be an excellent asset as far as increasing the idea of having Lincoln as the cultural center of the state. The main area that we started to have problems with was the lack of student input.

"As a board, it's important not to turn down a \$20 million gift. We think that's the wrong sign to send. But, we personally view the other capital constructions (animal science project, bookstore) as more important to the university."

Don Ho — (Responding: Presidential candidate Jeff Jackson)

"Of course we're in favor of a performing arts center somewhere at UNL. See, that would give Don Ho a chance to perform in Lincoln. He doesn't like the Sports Center, and Pershing Auditorium is too old. The center would be

culturally based, and we're in favor of culture."

Roo — (Responding: Presidential candidate John Hazuka, first vice-presidential candidate Jim Horwath and second vice-presidential candidate Steve Paulsen)

"We need culture. But we think it should be built over the existing buildings there. That way, they won't have to tear anything down."

Unite — (Responding: Presidential candidate Mike Geiger and first vice-presidential candidate Heidi Burkland)

"We think we should stand against it. We can't even fund an animal science project that has been talked about for years, and yet we want to build this brand new center.

"We've talked to some students about it, and generally, they are opposed to it but uninformed. We would have to talk to administrators, legislators and (the NU Board of) Regents in conjunction with the Government Liaison Committee, and let them know how students feel about it. We should ask the senators to use the funding to finance the animal science project, or update the library. There are a lot of projects we have already that need that money."

AIM — (Responding: Presidential candidate Mark Scudder and first vice-presidential candidate Curt Oltmans)

"As a concept, it's great. But, the question is, can UNL afford the maintenance cost of \$1.5 million a year? If we can afford that, then it is in our interest to fund it.

Matt Wallace...

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According to Wallace, the UNL grounds department said the manpower usually needed to pick up litter after games was cut in half due to the program.

The money from the recycling campaign goes back into the university system, Wallace said.

Wallace was also successful in advocating the reopening of both Engineering and Love libraries on football Saturdays. This may not seem to be of major importance, Wallace said, "but it is a threat to academia."

Wallace said he learned to be less judgmental when working with others,

and enjoyed meeting people the most during the year.

Wallace advised the newly elected ASUN president to be persistent in his efforts, no matter what the issue.

"If the students on this campus feel strongly about an issue, he (the president) needs to echo those sentiments," he said.

"Criticism is part of this office," Wallace said, "but don't let the bad outweigh the good."

For those who don't win, Wallace urges perseverance.

"If you truly care about the organization, you won't lose touch with it," he said. "There are other ways to be involved with ASUN."

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