

Executive candidates explain views

As in the past, The Daily Nebraskan will interview all candidates for the executive positions in ASUN. Today, interviews with candidates for second Vice-president are published. First vice-presidential and presidential candidates will be interviewed in next week's rags.

Sue Lutton

The University sports one of the most archaic educational systems of any university in

the area, according to Sue Lutton, ASUN second vice presidential candidate.

"Education programs this year have been progressive and I see changes coming," the Service Party candidate said. "But more coordination and student backing is needed for real success."

ASUN must develop ability to coordinate programs and efforts with faculty members and administration personnel because that is where the

power lies, Miss Lutton, a junior, noted.

But ASUN must also gain student backing so the organization can truly speak for the students, she added.

"The student voice is important," Miss Lutton said. "But the administration has not been acutely aware of it."

Miss Lutton said that she believes the main way to gain a student power base for ASUN is through service programs.

"Student fees provide \$30,000 a year to support ASUN," she said. "Students deserve something tangible they can see and use."

"With a base of student support, the faculty and administration will no longer just sluff off ASUN," she said. "They will have to recognize ASUN's existence and importance. ASUN can gain power."

Bill Smitherman

The ASUN second vice presidency is a carte blanche which can be made into an effective position, according to Bill Smitherman, New University Party's candidate for second vice president.

"I think the second vice president should be a communicator between the student body and ASUN," he said. "He

should also innovate student services and especially coordinate and provide resource information for committees."

The ASUN leadership should be innovative in appointments to committees, Smitherman said. "But the leadership should also give direction, support, background and ideas to the committees."

Smitherman also said that dynamic leadership and an active ASUN will destroy student apathy toward the governing body. He described the snowball effect, more ASUN action, more student support and increasing influence for ASUN.

Smitherman, a junior, said he sees a university senate in the future with a broad power base.

"However, it is best to effect necessary changes with the present government structure," he said. "ASUN should work to create a broad based all university senate."

And ASUN does have some value and power now, according to Smitherman. He cited ASUN's ability to keep issues alive as it did "faculty evaluation. He noted that now the Teaching Council is considering university-wide evaluation.

Mark Theisen

Students should see ASUN through action, according to Mark Theisen, ASUN second vice presidential candidate.

A University Coalition party candidate, Theisen said services such as the record store and greater communication with student leaders would make ASUN more active and more valuable.

"We will depend on talks with student leaders to get ideas," he noted. "Communications will bring input into our platform."

Communications must also be improved among ASUN committees, Theisen, a junior, said. He added that he felt committee organization had fallen down.

"ASUN has the power to appoint people to committees," he stated. "If the organization appoints responsible students a lot can be accomplished through these committees."

Theisen said that many of the changes carried out in the last ASUN session were accomplished by individuals.

"If you can get an individual turned on about a subject, he will do his own lobbying and work to get a project accomplished," Theisen said.

But as an ASUN second vice president, Theisen would place top priority on the establishment of a university senate. However, he added, some solely student body, whether elected or appointed, would always be needed.

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