

Students complain to Electoral Commission

The first three post-election complaints were denied by the ASUN Electoral Commission at a Monday hearing.

Kyle Davy, Jim Schriener and Kenneth Wiseman, all candidates for Engineering and Architecture Senate seats, charged John Brice and Bill Schwartzkopf with infractions of campaign poster rules.

Gary Schleiger, speaking on Schriener's behalf, requested that both candidates be disqualified from the election. He argued that disqualification would prevent similar violations in next year's elections.

The Commission decided not to take action in the case. Electoral Commissioner Dave Bingham explained that rules on poster destruction are vague and "we did not wish to read things into them." Bingham said the Commission would make suggestions as to what might be done to alleviate the problem in future elections.

Schleiger indicated he would take the case to Student Court.

Susie Stuart and James Deuel, both unsuccessful ASUN contenders, also made complaints to the Commission charging that mistakes on the ballot had hurt their campaigns. Stuart's affiliation with the University Coalition party was left off the ballot and Deuel's name was misspelled.

Deuel, who asked for another vote, and Stuart, who requested that the Electoral Commission reimburse her campaign expenses of \$19.14, both lost their appeals.

Bingham noted that they could also take their cases to the Student Court if not satisfied with the Commission's decisions.

According to Bingham, the Deuel appeal was turned down because he did not attempt to contact the Commission after a sample ballot appeared the Monday before the election. Bingham said that a number of Deuel's ballots were corrected during the election and the vote difference between the corrected and the misspelled ballots was too small to give him the election.

Deuel reported that he disagreed with the Commission's statements and decision but was undecided as to what action to take.

Stuart's appeal was denied because the Electoral Commission is not allowed to use any of its student fee money for campaign expenses.



Needle, you say

Bale stacking, a sport every cowboy remembers, is tried by an Alpha Gamma Rho member Tuesday as part of Western Days on East Campus. Other activities this week will include a quarterhorse show and rodeo. See story on page 8.

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Cardwell and the Courier

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Editor Tom Cardwell had been working almost nonstop for a day and a half, and was grabbing a few precious minutes of sleep on his couch. The NU senior took 15 minutes to wake up and begin talking about one of the campuses newest newspapers.

Over tap-water-temperature instant coffee, he described how putting out an independent student newspaper, The Courier, has taken over his life:

"Take my weekend, starting sometime Friday evening and ending sometime Monday morning, and cross it off my chart. Throw in another two or three nights during the week, and you've got it."

Not quite. Add a substantial amount of Cardwell's own money for phone calls, transportation and so on. Slice his class schedule from 14 hours to 3 hours. And consider that he also works during the week at another job.

Cardwell said that he, assistant editor Kent Davy, and Steve Berkheimer are doing these things to themselves, or for themselves, because "we don't feel a student should be forced to pay for a newspaper that espouses a particular viewpoint."

The Courier, formerly the CUE Courier has progressed from a one-paged mimeographed "editorial sheet" to a four-page, offset-printed tabloid with advertising.

Cardwell said the Daily Nebraskan usually reports the news objectively, but he accused the paper of occasional lapses into "mission reporting." This means, he said, the paper sometimes adopts an issue, such as PACE, and slants the coverage in its favor.

His complaint is not necessarily that the Daily Nebraskan prints biased news, but that students are forced to subscribe to the paper. Each student pays \$1.25 out of student fee money each semester to partially fund the Daily Nebraskan. Backing for the Courier has come from the Committee for Undisrupted Education (CUE), a statewide group of conservative students, faculty and other Nebraska citizens who formed as a reaction to last spring's antiwar activity on campus.

A CUE member, Cardwell said an all-student University chapter is applying for official recognition as a student group.

The editorial policy of the Courier, while tending to coincide with that of CUE members, is his own, Cardwell explained.



Editor Cardwell...wants Courier to be issue-orientated paper.

"CUE has the role of a publisher," he said, "but if any strings ever come from the CUE backing, that is when I say goodbye. Most people on the paper could care less about CUE," he said, adding that only two or three of the staff are CUE members.

Cardwell said he wants the Courier to be "an issue oriented paper," and avoid such labels as "conservative" or "radical," which obscure the reporting of the issues. His intention is to draw sharp lines between the editorial page and the news pages, he said, and provide "objective coverage of campus-oriented issues."

Besides producing a self-supporting paper, Cardwell, an electrical engineering major, said he wanted the Courier to stress reporting "what students want to do in life—such as E-Week—things more meaningful than the games ASUN plays."

Cardwell said the Courier is planning to publish during the summer, and if the paper becomes more established, perhaps by the fall semester he will be able to return to a more normal academic life.

The Courier's future is still uncertain. Once the initial CUE financing is gone, the paper will need to support itself by advertising and subscriptions, he said.

Smokers will finance new NU fieldhouse

by GARY SEACREST
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It probably won't be named the "Carvane Fieldhouse" as one lawmaker suggested, and Gov. J. J. Exon might even veto the whole idea, but the Nebraska Legislature Tuesday gave final approval for a cigaret tax hike that will finance, among other things, a new fieldhouse for the University.

By a vote of 34-11, lawmakers enacted LB 87 which increases the state's cigaret tax from 8 cents to 13 cents a pack and earmarks all of the estimated \$ 7 million revenue per year for three construction projects.

The first \$695,000 of revenue from the tax hike will go to finance a recreation-activities building at the Beatrice State Home for mentally retarded children.

Then the remaining revenue will be split—half going to the long-planned state office building and half going to finance the NU fieldhouse.

No firm estimate has been made on the costs of the fieldhouse, but unofficial guesses start at \$10 million as a base figure. Cost of the state office building has been calculated at \$15 million or more.

A minimum of 33 votes was necessary for passage of the bill to make it immediately effective upon the approval of Exon or as soon as the bill is filed with the Secretary of State should Exon choose to let it become law without his signature.

It looked for a moment Tuesday that the effort to win the 33 votes had failed.

The electric voting machine showed the final tally to be 32-13. However, Sen. J. J. Waidron of Callaway rose to switch his vote from a "nay" to "aye" providing the needed vote to attach an emergency clause on the bill, which was introduced by Sen. Roland Leudtke of Lincoln.

Then Omaha Sen. Richard Proud, an opponent of LB 87, jumped up to change from "nay" to "aye" so he could seek a reconsideration Wednesday. By being on the majority instead of losing, side, Proud can move in the future for reconsideration.

It has also been speculated that Exon may veto the measure.

Proud later recommended the athletic building be named the "Carvane Fieldhouse" in honor of Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff and Devaney. However, Proud later withdrew the resolution after a light hearted discussion on the floor.