



ASUN President Ann Henry...said she plans to shake ASUN from apathy.

Henry hopes for fast start on Goya program, budget

by Steve Strasser

Ann Henry, a 20-year-old pre-medical major from Lincoln, has a small plurality of a record low ASUN election vote and the platform of the Get Off Your Apathy (GOYA) party behind her as she starts her term as student government president.

If those seem meager tools with which to fashion ASUN into a respectable government, at least Henry should enjoy support from the student senate: 21 of the 35 members of the new senate were GOYA candidates.

Henry's 11-vote victory margin is the only mandate her GOYA party platform has, yet she plans to start work immediately on GOYA proposals such as the student regent bill, educational reform and the student lawyer.

Henry also said in an interview that she plans to apply her party's slogan to the ASUN senate itself, shaking it loose from its usual apathy.

In order to get an early jump on her program, Henry said she would start immediately to draw up the ASUN budget for next year, aiming at July 1 as a date to submit it to the UNL administration.

The traditional date for submission of the new budget is August 1. Bruce Beecher, former ASUN president, did not submit his budget until September and some student organizations didn't receive money until January.

Henry said she hopes to get off to a faster start.

"We'll push, if we need to, to get people going this spring," Henry said. "We want the new committee chairmen to find out what they're interested in and start working now, not next fall."

She said she hopes to get the ASUN Budget Committee involved in drafting the new budget, in order to provide a wider range of input into the process. Traditionally most work on the new budget is done by the executive staff.

Henry said her most immediate concern was bringing State Sen. Richard Marvel's student regent bill to a vote in the Unicameral. The bill was killed in committee on March 16, but was

resurrected and placed on general file on March 28.

Henry was co-chairman of the ASUN Legislative Liaison Committee which is seeing the bill through the Legislature.

"There's a chance it will pass," Henry said, "but not much of one."

The question of the feasibility of a student lawyer, the most heated issue in the campaign, has been answered by the election, it is feasible, Henry said.

She said ASUN's Legal Rights Committee was in the process of getting a professional lawyer to draw up the plan, which would provide a student-fees-sponsored lawyer to work for ASUN.

"We're going to make sure our proposal is legal before we go ahead," Henry said. She said the proposal would "hopefully" be ready in two weeks and that it would be included in the new ASUN budget.

Henry said GOYA's educational reform planks, which included reforms in the advisor-advisee relationship between students and faculty and creation of a centralized career advising office, would be a high priority.

"We've got to start working on ed reform now," she said. "But it takes a lot of time and hard work to make these proposals gain acceptance."

Henry said ASUN would start an intensive "sell-job" this spring to persuade students to join the ASUN Ko-op.

She said the machine that produces Ko-op identification cards would be brought to UNL living units regularly and that ASUN would sponsor a hard-hitting campaign to sell freshmen on the Ko-op idea next fall.

To increase student participation in government Henry said she also hopes to establish ways to directly contact freshmen next fall in an effort to get them to join student government.

She said she believes one way to do this might be to acquire files on freshmen indicating the new students' areas of interest. ASUN could use these files when recruiting student help.

Fired YWCA director takes counseling post

Twig Daniels, executive director of the UNL Student YWCA until June 30, said Wednesday that she has accepted another counseling position on a trial basis.

Daniels was fired March 8 by the Lincoln YWCA, which pays her a \$8,200 yearly salary. The reasons listed included: not enough stress on fighting racism,

a national YWCA priority; incomplete financial and membership records; too much concentration on women's rights and abortions; and dwindling Student YWCA membership.

Daniels said her future job will include problem pregnancy counseling, marriage counseling and possibly instituting sex education programs in

Nebraska public schools. She has accepted it on a three-month trial basis, she said.

A Student Y committee has been established to find a replacement for her, she said.

Daniels said she feels her involvement in controversial projects probably contributed to her dismissal. She worked on the purchase of birth control handbooks which upset the Board of Regents last year; served as faculty sponsor for the UNL Gay Action Group; and was active in problem pregnancy counseling and the Nebraska Organization for the Repeal of Abortion Laws.

Daniels answered the other Lincoln YWCA complaints against her.

She said the group had helped the UNL Afro-American Society organize, and allowed it to use the Student Y office for a year.

The Student Y also was one of the first groups on campus to attack Greek houses which had denied membership to blacks, she said.

Concerning financial records, Daniels said this was the first year the Student Y was directed by the city YWCA to keep financial records, so any incomplete information may have been because students did not understand what was to be included.

She said a number of students also said they felt the records were an attempt to control the Student Y.

The Student Y has 200 paid members, Daniels said. This is down from 500 or 600 five years ago, according to Dorothy Smith, Lincoln YWCA executive director.

Daniels said the Student Y image has shifted from that of a club to "more of a service, referral and counseling service." So, although membership is lower, she said Student Y participants still number about 500 to 600.

She also said students are not as interested in joining organizations as they once were.



Student YWCA executive director Twig Daniels...has accepted another job after her March 8 dismissal.