

USE candidates vow to work

By Susanne Schafer

How does a student attempt to correct the problems of a University? The United Effort Party (USE) asks in its platform.

USE executive candidates say they have a few answers—and the people who will show some spark in getting things done.

"No more plastic candidates for us," said David Howlett, USE second vice presidential candidate. "We found out real early in the campaign that we might have been playing games as 'the candidates' and that just doesn't work."

Ron Clingenpeel and Sharon Johnson, presidential and first vice presidential candidates, respectively, nodded in agreement.

The USE campaign is based on unity and experience, they emphasized, and that will be the bricks that build their rocky road to accomplishment.

"It is important that we (our party) is elected to together," said Howlett.

Johnson, pointing out that six of USE's senatorial candidates currently are senators, said the main problem in this year's ASUN Senate is that the majority of senators "did not know what they were doing." Johnson is a senator in the College of Home Economics.

"Our candidates are going into this campaign with specific ideas and programs that they want to carry out," Johnson said. One candidate is interested in revamping the Ko-op, she said, and another has plans for establishing a teaching methods course for graduate students who have had no teaching experience.

Jim Macomber, a senator running for re-election, is currently working through the senate to get D and F grades removed from transcripts when a student retakes a course, she said.

"We made damn sure when we chose our candidates that they would be the kind of people who would stick their necks out," Howlett said.

USE supports the constitutional amendment that will appear on the ASUN ballot and suggests that the nine standing committees within ASUN be consolidated into three

committees. An education, a students' rights, and a student services committee would each be headed by a paid chairperson.

USE also suggests that ASUN add a press secretary, an "administrative buffer" person to work with the administration officials, and a student organization adviser to be responsible for attending and acting as a liaison with such groups as the Council on Student Life, the Residence Hall Assoc. (RHA) and the Interfraternity Council. The students in these positions would also be paid. The executives have offered to take a cut in pay, they say, to fund this internal reorganization.

Educational reform is what students are most concerned about, in the opinion of Clingenpeel, and he said he sees an expanded role for the Center for Educational Change under his party leadership.

Housing concerns of students, both on and off campus, are dealt with in the USE platform. Besides supporting the present RHA-ASUN lawsuit against the Board of Regents over residence hall visitation policy and LB783, which would allow the consumption and sale of liquor on campus, the USE platform states it will pursue a "vigorous investigation...of legal action against the University for failing to provide adequate married student housing."

One of the USE senatorial candidates, Don Thompson, is a married student.

A renter's union, to be incorporated into the Consumer Aids Group, would be established, USE candidates promise.

USE also proposes that ASUN be given the power to allocate student fees and that the newly appointed Fees Allocation Board be made a subcommittee of the ASUN Senate, as is the procedure on the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) campus, the platform states.

Relations with neighbors, particularly the city of Lincoln, the UNO and the Medical Center in Omaha, are a concern of the USE executive candidates. They propose establishing liaisons with each of these entities.

The platform also hints at the establishment of an "all-University government" of students, faculty, staff and administrators.



Ron Clingenpeel



Sharon Johnson



Dave Howlett

Candidate debates

Poster plastering will switch to verbal vibrations as the ASUN executive candidates meet in debates scheduled for this week, according to Dennis Martin, campaign director for the United Student Effort Party.

Debates scheduled are:

Today, 12:30 p.m., Nebraska Union Main Lounge

Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Burr Hall, East Campus

Monday 8:30 p.m. At the Abel-Sandoz Residence Assoc. meeting

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