



Gary Brantz, the disqualified homecoming title winner, offers a hand to Chancellor James Zumberge as queens Chris Evans, left, and Jinger Jorgensen look on.



Homecoming candidates look on as 1973 Queen Jinger Jorgensen crowns Chris Evans, the 1974 queen.

Brantz disqualified; wants apology from Tassels

Gary Brantz, homecoming queen candidate who was disqualified because he allegedly campaigned at the polls, says he is going to ask Tassels to apologize at the next home football game.

Chris Evans, a junior political science major from Beatrice, was crowned homecoming queen during halftime. Julie Moravec of David City was first runner-up and Libby Lawler of Papillion was second runner-up.

Brantz, who received about 140 votes more than the other candidates, and his campaign manager, Dennis Onnen, both say Brantz did nothing illegal.

Tassels members claim Brantz walked persons including homecoming queen candidate Nancy Stohs to the polling booth and asked them to vote for him.

'Didn't walk anybody'

"I didn't walk anybody to the polls," Brantz said.

Stohs said she and Brantz did walk to the polling place to find out if homecoming candidates

were allowed to vote. Brantz did not ask her to vote for him, she said.

Stohs said she agreed with the decision not to let Brantz be queen.

"I think they (Tassels) handled it well by not allowing him to be queen," she said.

Homecoming candidates were interviewed to determine which of them would be finalists. Brantz was interviewed, but said he "didn't make the cut."

ASUN approved

He then went to ASUN and got approval to run as a write-in candidate. From then on, Stohs said, Brantz and the other candidates "were not on equal footing."

Onnen said Brantz did everything "legally as far as I can see."

According to Onnen, there are "no specific regulations about how close a candidate can be to the polling place."

A letter sent to the candidates told them not to be "found near the polling places," Stohs said.

Tassels' president Carolyn Grice said no one is supposed to be within 200 feet of the polls. She said Brantz was within 200 feet of the ballot box and asked his friends to vote for him.

Grice further said that because it was not apparent to onlookers that Brantz was talking only to his friends, he was ineligible for homecoming queen.

'Didn't complain'

"Some of the girls running the polls tried to talk people into not voting for me, and I didn't complain about that," Brantz said.

"If they hadn't disqualified Gary for being too close to the booths, it would have been something else," Onnen said.

Asked if they would try to get the title by appealing the decision to ASUN student court, Brantz said he was not interested in getting the title.

"Homecoming was yesterday," he said.

"I was running for fun. They (Tassels) took all the fun out of it."

'Didn't cheat'

Brantz said he was concerned how people viewed his campaign.

"76,000 people think I cheated, and I didn't," he said.

If Tassels refuse to give him a formal apology, Brantz said he may take further action.

Chris Evans, who received the second largest amount of votes and was crowned homecoming queen, said she thought Tassels "handled the situation the only way they could."

She said she thought the person with the most votes should be queen, and pointed out that Brantz did go through all the interviews, but was not chosen as a finalist by Tassels.

Evans said she agreed with the idea of having a homecoming person instead of a homecoming queen.

Coed living experiment 'well received' at UNL

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles examining differentiated housing during its first year in UNL residence halls.)

By Rusty Rens

Abel Hall's second and third floors look no different from other residence hall floors on campus until you walk through the swinging doors midway down the hall.

Beyond those doors, sweatsocks give away to stockings, styling combs yield to curlers. Separate halls or separate floors have been replaced by mere doors as the line of demarcation between men and women.

Midway through their first semester, UNL's only two coed floors have been well received, floor residents say, and have sparked some surprising results.

Less visitation violations

Second floor student assistant (SA) Rick Johnson, a senior, said there are less violations of visitation hours than on the same floor last year when it was inhabited by males.

"Now we are a lot more conscious," he said. "We attempt to go along with the rules

in order to avoid problems. We want this to continue next year."

Each floor has 14 hour visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Two swinging doors in the hallways are locked during nonvisitation hours.

The coed floors were part of residence hall changes approved by the NU Board of Regents last spring after the Council on Student Life (CSL) recommended that alternatives to traditional dorm living be adopted.

The experimental plan allows men and women students to room in separate sections of the same floor, with each having their own lounge and bathroom.

The floors have two student assistants each and the governing councils include both men and women.

"This is not a big sex orgy thing," Johnson continued. "In fact, it's going the other way—toward developing better friend relationships."

SA's complimented

Senior Stirling Glenn complimented the SAs for insuring the success of coed living.

"I think the coed atmosphere also inspires a respect for the rights of others," he said. "The guys are not as likely to raise hell every night like they would last year."

"If we wanted to, we could go through the doors, but we were given this freedom so we regulate ourselves from violating the rules," sophomore Connie Whited agreed.

Third floor SA Bill Hebert said the only complaints he has received were concerning noise, which an SA "can expect no matter what floor he lives on."

"The noise is nothing catastrophic," he said.

Johnson concurred. "It's a different kind of noise. It's not stereos and running or hollering noise. It's a people noise. It's a freer atmosphere and more natural."

Third floor SA Chris Frodyma observed that more doors are open now than she has ever seen before.

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