

CTC party 'fed up with' output from ASUN

By Rex Seline
Being "fed up with ineffectiveness and a lack of constructive output from ASUN," led to the formation of the Cut the Crap Party (CTC), said CTC first vice presidential candidate Stephen Dager Tuesday.
CTC is the smallest of the three parties which acquired the necessary 500 signatures to run as a party in the March 19 ASUN elections. Presidential candidate Dave Ware, Dager and second vice presidential candidate Drey Samuelson are joined by 14 senatorial candidates and one advisory board candidate on the party ticket.

The candidates said the size of their party was affected by their decision to run only a week before the filing deadline. "In a week we couldn't get a full slate of people who we felt were qualified and agreed with us," Samuelson said. "Although we accomplished in a week, what some other would-be parties couldn't do in a month (by getting signatures)."
Want to be message
Dager said that the party wants to send a message to ASUN and "we want to be that message."
"We're not afraid of being rude or abrasive as long as we get things done," Ware said.

"We feel the present student government is of no use to the students, and I emphasize use."
An informal platform of five basic planks has been drawn up by the candidates including:
-a revision of the fees structure so that students pay only for activities they use.
-use the remaining student fee money as "seed" money to establish student co-operatives.
-the establishment of a commission to study and implement a full refund of tuition for the first week of classes for dissatisfied students.
-strengthening and restructuring of the University

Bookstore with return of profits through dividends.
-revision of the parking ticket system to bring it in line with normal city procedures.
Nuisance fee
The revision of the student fees structure would include a proposal to charge University Health Center users a \$2 "nuisance fee," Ware said. He said the proposal would lessen the dependence of the Health Center on student fee money and would discourage "a number of hypochondriacs who go in."
CTC also called for the athletic department to cover

more sport costs.
"The athletic department should be able to take over the funding of sports clubs like the soccer and rowing clubs," Samuelson said.

The party joined the Sons of Liberty (SOL) in blasting the composition of the Fees Allocation Board (FAB)



membership. Five FAB members are from the major organizations which receive fees money.

Ware admitted that ASUN may not have the power to have fees lowered but contended that it could work for their reduction and for the implementation of other proposals.

"ASUN should be able to use its power to shame and pressure them into lowering the fees," Ware said.

They proposed that fees be used to provide initial money for the establishment of co-operatives. The money could later be paid back.
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Cut the Crap party candidates for ASUN executive positions: Dave Ware, president; Stephen Dager, first vice president; and Drey Samuelson, second vice president.

Cambell: university more open now

Ann Campbell, Commissioner of Education for the State of Nebraska, spoke to a small group of UNL students Wednesday evening on her experiences as a state government lobbyist.
Last year, as director of Public Affairs at UNL, she worked closely with state senators to promote legislation favored by the NU Board of Regents.
While dealing mostly with budget bills and policy issues, she also kept an eye out for other types of legislation that affected the University.
"I kept track of bills in which the state colleges might infringe on University interests," Campbell said.
Campbell was a lobbyist for the Lincoln Public Schools and the Nebraska State Education Association before taking the job with the Board of Regents.
"Lobbying is a people

business—getting to know people," she said. "My role is chiefly information."
She said that most legislation is a compromise between good ideas with differing points of view.
As a public lobbyist she had to build a reputation of integrity and honesty to achieve her legislative goals, she said. She said she spent most of her time getting the proper information to the senators and explaining the Board of Regents position on bills.
"University business is more open now than ever before," Campbell said. "There's fewer secret meetings—less reluctance to give out information. They've come along way."
She said her general impression is that "education is not the top priority" in the Legislature.

"There's a general empathy, but no enthusiasm," she said. "Agriculture is first; even roads get ahead of education sometimes."
Working against her in the legislature were taxpayers groups and agriculture groups, and she often met complaints about the fact that she was paid by the taxpayers, she said.
Campbell said that argument made it tough for her and put pressure on her, but she said she saw things personally by thinking of her job as a job that needed to be done.
Campbell said that former senator Terry Carpenter did seem to have control of the legislative floor "but he supported education down the line."
"They say that politics is dirty," she said. "Well, if it is, it's because we allowed it to get that way."

ASUN candidates to debate

Three debates between ASUN executive position candidates will be held today.
At 2:30 p.m., representatives will debate in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union; at 7 p.m. candidates have been invited to speak at the RHA meeting in Schramm Hall. At 9 p.m., the candidates will debate in the cafeteria of Selleck Quadrangle.

Court to decide on ASUN party rule

The ASUN Student Court will announce today its decision on allowing candidate affiliations with the Amurica (AMP) or Pro-Apathy (PAP) parties to be printed on the March 19 ASUN election ballots.
Both groups filed petitions for party status to the electoral commission, but were disqualified because neither obtained the required 500 signatures, according to Electoral Commissioner Gary Hall.
Claiming that the requirement of 500 student signatures is "unconstitutional" and "unreasonable," the parties filed suit with the Student Court to obtain party status on the ballot.
The court heard the case Wednesday night in a forty-five minute session. Law students John Vihstadt and Dennis Martin represented the PAP and AMP parties and John Recknor represented the electoral commission.

Vihstadt said the 500 signature rule was unconstitutional, citing Nebraska laws which require only one per cent of the voters in the previous gubernatorial election to sign petitions forming a state party.
Applied to UNL, 21 signatures would be required since 2,115 students voted in the last student election, Vihstadt said.
Martin said the election commission ruling was also "unreasonable" since "it is rational to assume that students will only sign petitions to support a party if they are planning to vote."
If the same number of students, about 2,000, vote in this election as in previous elections, only four parties could be formed, he said.
"The case is not a question of legality but rather a political question, not to be decided by a court," Recknor said. "No constitutional rights were violated because students are not being denied the

right to vote and candidates' names are not being removed from the ballot."
Electoral commission member Paul Byerly said "there are no restrictions on the candidates if they want to affiliate with a party, form a philosophy and go out and speak."
Technically, as far as the electoral commission is concerned, he said, the 500 signatures are required to put the party on the ballot and "are not needed for posters or other campaigning."
According to Vihstadt, party recognition on the ballot is a significant benefit to a candidate.
Martin said "these two parties did make a sincere attempt to get the required 500 signatures" and by doing so "showed that they had a legitimate party effort and purpose."
AMP had about 300 and PAP about 270 valid signatures on their petitions, Vahstedt said.