

Party's near sweep surprises president-elect

By Rex Seline

The morning after the election newly-elected ASUN President/student regent Jim Say was still recovering from the surprise of his party's near sweep of ASUN elective offices and the after effects of his election night revelry.

"We never thought it would happen," Say said. "We had heard the vote might be split and that we might lose a few senate seats. We had thought East Campus might have made a bigger contribution."

The party had expected East Campus voters to split more between USE and the Sons of Liberty Party (SOL), according to Say.

Say's United Student Effort Party (USE) dominated the elections and garnered every position their candidates ran for.

Second year victory

Joining Say in the executive sweep were party mates Mary Jenkins as first vice president and Paul Morrison as second vice president. Their victory marked the second year that the USE party won the executive positions.

USE candidates learned of the victory at an election celebration at the Chateau Lafleur apartment clubhouse. The announcement reportedly prompted the dunking of the executive slate in the clubhouse pool for "our version of the Tidal Basin incident," Say joked.

Say's immediate plans before he assumes office are to "get better acquainted with what's been going on in the past," he said. "But we won't start working on our plans until maybe after spring break."

"We need a vacation," second vice president-elect Paul Morrison said.

Orientation

According to vice president-elect Mary Jenkins, the new executives are going to have to sit down with their predecessors to get oriented.

"You can't be thrown right in because you wouldn't know exactly what you're doing unless you had been in before," Jenkins said. "I'm going to sit down with Sharon (Johnson, outgoing ASUN first vice president) to get oriented."

"I also need to take a Robert's Rules of Order (parliamentary procedure book) home with me over vacation and sleep with it," she added.

Elaborating on his early Thursday morning statement on the reason for the USE success, Say credited the victory to student confidence in party members.

Receptive to change

"The people who voted for us must have gathered that even though we didn't have a strict platform, we're going to get things done; we can think for ourselves," Say said. "Without a platform, we'll be more receptive to change. We aren't obligated to try to institute our platform completely, we can listen to others."

Jenkins said she was surprised at the small voter turnout. The turnout, less than 10 per cent of the student body, was reportedly the lowest in recent history.

"With the polling places in the dorms, I thought the turnout would be larger," Jenkins said.

Morrison added that he thought the large number of candidates would generate a larger turnout.

Reason to communicate

"It's just all the more reason that we should try to communicate better with the students," Jenkins said.

People don't care about ASUN because they don't know anything about it, according to Morrison.

Having ASUN senators speak to residence units twice a month is one of the programs that Say said he hopes to begin. The effort would be to inform the students about ASUN activities. The possibility of mailings to off-campus students for the same purpose is being investigated, according to Jenkins.

In his second vice-presidential duty as committee coordinator, Morrison said he might set up a community relations committee to deal with such matters.

Other priorities for the new administration include completing appointments to committees and various student positions, according to Jenkins.

"I don't think they've ever been done in time (prior to the end of the spring semester)," Jenkins

said. "It causes problems and we have to make half-term appointments, if we don't finish soon."

To achieve this goal, the executives will propose to the senate that a majority of senators serve on the appointments committee until the end of the semester, instead of splitting into other senate committees.

Say indicated that he is willing to accept some of the issues that the other parties brought up during the campaign, "even though they may not have had the electoral support."

"I gather that the fees issue is one of the most complex things on campus," Say said. "So far we have no set plan as to what we'll do on it because we don't have the total background behind fees yet."

Lower drinking age

Jenkins indicated that there will also be an effort made to lower the drinking age to 18 for 3.2 per cent (alcohol per volume) beer.

"It'll have to be a big statewide thing, like the student regent lobbying," she said.

Say contended that lowering the age will teach responsibility to those who could then drink.

Morrison said he will look into a restructuring of executive committees when he assumes office.

"We're thinking about going back to having the eight subcommittees directly under the second vice president (as opposed to having three other committee chairmen between the subcommittees and the second vice president)," Morrison said.

Say also commented that outgoing ASUN President Ron Clingenpeel's call for "three in a row" may not have been premature.

"We're thinking about trying to keep the party system going throughout the entire year, Say said. "Not in terms of establishing a straight party vote but as a place for research into student issues; a resource center for people who were involved in student government in the past."

"It's sort of a group that would like to continue together."

Say and the newly elected executives and senators will take office April 2.

Football ticket sales start after break

Full-time UNL students will be permitted to purchase football tickets during the week of April 7 to April 11 at the ticket office in the south stadium.

Part-time students who will be full-time in the fall are required to purchase tickets in the fall.

Students desiring single seat tickets should present student identification and \$17 to a ticket cashier. Each student receives a receipt and will draw a lottery number. Ticket orders will be filled with the lowest lottery number being filled first.

For block section student tickets a representative of the group will present

identification cards and \$17 for each person in his or her block. No additions will be made after initial order. Personal checks will be accepted for only the amount. No two-party checks will be accepted.

A receipt will be returned to the representative for each student in the block.

Starting Aug. 26, each student who purchased a single ticket or is a member of a block section must come to the Coliseum. Upon presentation of receipt and identification card indicating he is a full-time student will be given his ticket. Each student is required to sign for his own ticket.

Ticket orders will be checked against lists of students receiving free admission to the games. Athletes, band and concession members are not permitted to purchase student tickets.

Students purchasing tickets in the spring who quit school will be permitted a full refund if the ticket office is notified in writing by Sept. 5. Students applying for refunds after the first home game but before the second home game will be refunded \$9.75. No refunds after the second game.

Tickets refunded will be sold to upperclass students buying tickets this fall.



Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers

Committee holds bill that would give Fort Robinson to Indians

By Jim Zalewski

The "shameful history of mistreatment of Indians" could be partly resolved if the lands and buildings of Fort Robinson are returned to their rightful owners, the Sioux nation, according to Sen. Ernest Chambers.

LB424, introduced to the Legislature's Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee by Chambers, would return Fort Robinson State Park and Recreational Area in northwestern Nebraska to the Sioux nation 72 hours after passage of the bill.

"This bill was introduced to give a disadvantaged group of people an opportunity to present their case to the Legislature," Chambers said. "We hope to establish the validity of the principle that the government will keep its word."

Indians own fort
Chambers referred to the

Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868, which ceded to the Sioux nation the land north of the North Platte River and west of the Missouri River to the Big Horn Mountains.

According to the terms of the treaty, the Fort Robinson lands would belong to the Indians, Chambers said.

"Just because injustices have happened in the past doesn't make them just today," he said.

Citing rulings set by U.S. District Court Judge Warren Urbom which said the Indians have been mistreated and shoved aside, Chambers said it is up to the Legislature, not the courts, to decide the rightful owners of the land.

Treaty still legal

"The critical issue is not the legal description of the land, but whether the initial transfer was legal in the first place," Chambers said. "The 1868 treaty is still a legal and valid

document."

The state had no right to acquire the federal land, according to Alex Lunderman, a Sioux representative from Omaha. He said the Sioux nation had claim to the land as soon as the fort ceased to exist as a federal military installation.

"The state is interfering with the U.S. Congress at Fort Robinson," Lunderman said. "We want the government to at least once honor their treaty. I've never seen a poor landowner, but we are."

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Newspaper takes break

This is the last issue of the Daily Nebraskan until students return from spring break. The Daily Nebraskan will resume regular publication April 2.