

## Ihne, Lundquist win RHA election by 7 votes

By Marian Lucas

Seven votes separated the winners from the losers in Monday's Resident Hall Association (RHA) elections from which Sue Ihne and Karen Lundquist emerged the victors.

Losers Ray Walden and Kathy Whittaker have appealed to RHA's election committee for an additional hour of polling time at Cather-Pound-Neihardt Residence Center. The status of that appeal is not yet known.

Walden, a member of Neihardt Residence Center government, claims that ballots were misplaced for one hour during lunch at the Center's polling place, which he said made it impossible to vote.

### 20 per cent voted

About 20 per cent of the students voted—twice as many students as voted in the recent ASUN elections.

Outgoing president Tim Evensen said of the election, "It turned out to be a popularity contest." "I'm surprised they (Ihne and Lundquist) won. Ray (Walden) had a better campaign."

Evensen attributed the low voter turnout to abbreviated campaigning time and the date of elections—the day after spring break.

"The residents didn't have enough time to get to know the candidates and what they stood for," he said.

The RHA constitution required that elections be held in March and the RHA Council was afraid to go against the rule, Evensen said.

Ihne said votes from Abel-Sandoz, where she was secretary last year, won the race, although she said she believed she and Lundquist ran a good campus campaign.

### New committees

Ihne is calling for a new RHA framework which would have representatives work continuously on RHA matters, rather than just at bimonthly meetings.

"RHA hasn't been able to get anything done this year," said vice president-elect Lundquist.

"I felt that this year there was a time lag between meetings. RHA lost the continuity that an organization like this needs," she continued.

Ihne said there is a need to decentralize the residence halls and that through a new committee proposal, this can be done.

She intends to create three committees in order to break down the strict allegiance that residence hall representatives have previously shown.

### Social committee

The first committee will be composed of social chairmen from all residence halls, so functions between halls can be planned. A culture and

education committee will be formed so speakers, films and performing artists can be brought to all complexes. Finally, a special issues committee that will act as a task force will be created.

"It will solve many of RHA's problems if we can get the representatives to agree on the committee proposal," Ihne said.

Lundquist, Abel-Sandoz president this year, said alcohol and visitation issues could "come on strong" this year now that they can be appealed to the chancellor.

"If we can get the support of Ken Bader, (vice chancellor of student affairs) and Richard Armstrong, (director of housing), through proposed meetings, it will make it a lot easier," Ihne said.

### Enforce rules

Ihne said as long as administrators require freshmen to live on campus, they should find a way to enforce the rule. She added that it is RHA's job to pressure the administration to change that rule.

"RHA is for what the students want and what the residence hall government needs. They need a leader to control all the meetings," Ihne said.

Walden said after the election returns were in that he wanted to see if Ihne's administration will be as "bleak as her campaign posters indicated."

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## Regents approve religion cards

The NU Board of Regents decided at its March meeting to continue including religious preference cards in UNL registration packets and added that the cost for processing and handling must be paid by someone other than the university.

But the question as to who that someone will be remains unanswered.

Previously, the Campus Pastor's Association (CPA) paid about \$750 to print the cards, CPA Chairman Lorry Doerr said.

Now, nonuniversity money will have to be used to cover handling and postage costs too, he said. He estimates this cost could range from \$1,500 to more than \$3,000.

### Rate costs

CPA will have to pay for postage only if rates increase or if the weight of the card makes the postage exceed the first class rate presently used for registration packets, according to Ken Bader, UNL vice chancellor for student affairs.

NU President D.B. Varner volunteered

at the meeting to get private donors to pay for the service. He also suggested that the University of Nebraska Foundation might finance the cards.

In addition, Doerr said UMHE probably could cover the additional costs, but the ministers would have to decide if the cards "were of high enough priority to do this."

### Financial burden

Lincoln Regent Ed Schwartzkopf said he thinks putting the financial burden on the ministries could be harmful to the smaller denominations. He also said he wants UNL to continue using the cards and added that he would help get the money if necessary.

"We (the regents) would like to keep it as nearly the same as it is now, providing it complies with the Buckley amendment and the Constitution," he said.

The Buckley amendment is an extension of the Family Rights and Privacy Act which allows parents to examine their children's school files. The amendment extends the act to include

college students and allows them to have access to their files within 45 days after they request them.

### Redesigning cards

In order to make sure the cards comply with the amendment, they will be redesigned making "it clear completion of the cards is voluntary and making provisions so each student will have to signify the release of the information on the cards," Doerr said.

The details pertaining to card design and the cost of handling and postage will be determined later this month, Gerald Bowker, director of academic services said.

"After we decide what changes must be made in the cards, then we'll get together with the attorneys and make sure they (the cards) comply with the Buckley amendment," he said.

The cards might not be included in the summer registration packets, but they probably will be ready in July for the fall registration, he added.

## Bader: ASUN student fee control unworkable

By Ron Wylie

Campaign promises made during the recent ASUN election concerning the elimination of student fee financing for extra-curricular activities didn't seem to excite the UNL Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, nor did the idea to bring student fees under the control of the ASUN Senate.

"There's no way in the world anyone could have produced on a promise of doing away with funding for activities," Kenneth Bader explained during an interview last week. "Any group elected on that

promise would have discovered upon taking office, that they needed those fees."

Bader said he wanted his position clear on the issue of student control of fees through a unit like ASUN.

"From the standpoint of the best interests of the campus community," he said, "it is best not to have the fee allocation under the quasi-political arm of student government."

### Unworkable

Bader admitted that ASUN might have more standing in the community if it controlled student fees, but said such a plan was unworkable for the UNL campus.

"The situation when I arrived in 1972 was a moratorium on ASUN expenditures directed by the Board of Regents, because of certain items of funding in years before," he explained.

At that time, he said, he heard from representatives from all parts of the campus community, most of whom expressed concern about the political nature of ASUN. "They ought not be in a position to determine the use of student fee money," Bader contended.

Removal of allocation power from ASUN was one of the prime requisites of any plan for the equitable distribution of student funds, Bader said, "and was integral to the proposal that finally emerged."

### Student members

But if ASUN was not to be the organ of distribution, Bader said, "The basic tenet of my plan was to create a Fees Allocation Board (FAB) consisting predominantly of student members."

"This membership would not be representative of any one interest," he said, "but would come from the major fee users, including ASUN."

From the start of the FAB, it was clear that individual board members would not represent their vested interest, Bader contended, but would be concerned with the whole campus community. He

denied that FAB members helped each other at the expense of smaller fee users not represented on the board.

"It's been my experience that they have taken the best interests of the campus into their consideration," Bader said, "I can't think of one instance where vested interest was served."

### Student interest

Concerning the use of student fees, Bader said, "I don't want to perpetuate anything the students don't want or anything I feel is not in the best interest of the student body...so, if the students don't want something like a health center, fine."

The only condition he puts on some matters, he said, was one of quality for acceptable programs. "That means, if we're going to have a health center, we're going to have a good one, not some band-aid station."

Bader said he expects the Unicameral's appropriation to be less than what the university asked for which will mean cutting back some of the services his office provides.

### Belt tightening

"I know that if the university has to tighten the belt in academic programming," he explained, "the belt will be tightened in student services programming, even though a large part of my programs deal with self-supported, self-generated income."

Bader said he would support a raise in student fees if others on campus see the need for it. "We just raised fees last year, and if inflation hadn't bothered us, that \$10 increase should have been good for at least three years."

Bader said he couldn't predict what might happen to the student fee rate.

"We're only making a go of it next year because of cost-savings internally," he explained.

If a raise in student fees is deemed necessary, Bader said he would take the matter to the FAB and ask that they hold open hearings on the subject.

