

daily nebraskan

thursday, march 18, 1976 vol. 99 no. 99 lincoln, nebraska

inside today

Money moving: The Nebraska Legislature approves amendments to the NU budget and moves LB690 to select file. p.2
Money moves: But it is going to take a few more stamps to make sure your preregistration packet pays its way to the Bursar. p.5

Mueller, Greeks carry ASUN vote



Photo by Kevin Higley

A few of the 2,890 students voting in Wednesday's ASUN elections ready their student ID cards at the Nebraska Union voting booth. Slightly more than 13% of UNL students voted.

Independent presidential candidate Bill Mueller had a substantial lead in ASUN preliminary election results early Thursday morning, according to ASUN Electoral Commissioner Ray Walden.

Mueller, who was endorsed by the Greek slate, had a preliminary vote total of 906. University Student Awareness (USA) candidate Scott Cook was second with 518 votes.

Independent first vice-presidential candidate Paula Haeder, also endorsed by the slate, led that category with a preliminary total of 643 votes. Alliance of Concerned Students (ACS) candidate Rachel Young apparently was second with 552 votes.

New Student Coalition (NSC) second vice-presidential candidate Dennis Martin showed a substantial preliminary lead with 1,021 votes, followed by USA candidate John Welch with 678 votes.

Walden said he was surprised at the preliminary election results.

"As the thing turned out with the Greek slate sweeping the executive spots and it's starting to look like they took the Senate positions too, the Greek slate had an influence, he said. "To that I attribute the higher voting turnout, about 1,300 higher than last year."

Walden said although the figures are preliminary ones, he "can't see a reversal" for any of the executive winners. An estimated 2,890 ballots were cast, he added.

Mueller, ASUN president-elect, said he was "very, very surprised by the vote."

"Students probably said more (in the election) than they have on this campus in a long while," Mueller said. "I think students voted for a change. . . for a student more like themselves."

He said being endorsed by the slate and being what he called "an outsider" (not an incumbent) were "very helpful" in his victory.

"The slate had a large effect," Mueller said. "Greeks got out and voted like they never had before, but I also obviously had some independent support."

Mueller said he has not found a first priority yet, but said he will be "brainstorming" with those who are elected executives and senators.

Cook said his first reaction to the results of the election is that "a few controlled" the election results.

He added that he hopes ASUN Senate will be able to

continue the credibility and interest "that it has been able to gather this year."

Defeated NSC presidential candidate Ron Sindelar, who showed 381 votes, said he thought the Daily Nebraskan "was very effective in eliciting support for the Greek ticket," with its publication of stories about the Greek slate in Wednesday's issue.

Paul Morrison, ACS presidential candidate, said both he and NSC candidate Sindelar "had worked our asses off. We know what we're doing in ASUN."

"I question whether Bill Mueller knows anything about it," he continued. "I'm disappointed the Greeks went out and voted like that. ASUN is supposed to represent the students not the fucking Greeks."

Morrison said he would file an election appeal with the ASUN Electoral Commission first thing Thursday. He said he had "three strong cases to have the election nullified."

"By God, I'm not going to sit here and let somebody as incompetent as Bill Mueller take over the realms of ASUN," Morrison said. "Bill even admitted during the campaign that he knows nothing about ASUN."

Stupid Americans Party (SAP) candidate Young, who tied with Morrison, said that he was a bit upset by the way the election turned out and that he was upset by the Greek slate.

If he had known there was going to be a Greek slate, he said, he would not have run.

Independent presidential candidate Mark Blongewicz, who received 132 unofficial votes, said he thought Mueller's victory was "a sad state of affairs when people vote along the lines of an endorsement of living units instead of voting because of the issues."

Judith-Anne Sadler, Independent presidential candidate who trailed the other candidates, said she thought that "after all the publicity (about the Greek slate) I felt it would go to a straight party ticket or the Greek slate."

She said if it is true that Greeks and non-Greeks really do not get along, that next year's Senate "should be fun."

—President—Bill Mueller, 906; Scott Cook (USA), 518; Ron Sindelar (NSC), 381; Paul Morrison (ACS) and Mark Young (SAP), 312; Mark Blongewicz 132; and Judith-Anne Sadler, 98.

—First vice-president—Paula Haeder, 643; Rachel Young (ACS), 552; Susie Reitz, (USA) 517; Britt Miller (NSC), 432; and Dave Waskowiak, 361.

—Second vice-president—Dennis Martin (NSC) 1,021; John Welch (USA) 678; Scott Buckley (ACS), 439; and Jeff Taebel (SAP) 372.

Apparent thievery of Daily Nebraskan being investigated

By Gail Smith

Questions about the apparent theft of large quantities of Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan remained unanswered late Wednesday.

The papers were discovered missing about 11:30 a.m., said Editor-in-chief Vince Boucher.

Boucher said he found no newspapers in most City Campus buildings after he discovered the apparent theft. It is unlikely they were removed by the normal distribution process, he said, adding that he thinks the removal of the newspapers was a theft, not a "prank."

"Negative reaction that Daily Nebraskan editors have received leads me to believe the theft of the newspapers possibly may be related to some of our coverage of the ASUN election," Boucher said.

Boucher said an anonymous man telephoned him at the Daily Nebraskan office Wednesday about 4 p.m. and said only "look what we can do."

More papers ordered

After the apparent theft was discovered, Business Manager Jerri Haussler said, she notified Campus Police and ordered 8,000 additional copies of the paper printed, which were distributed by staff members to 11 City Campus buildings.

Randy Gordon, Daily Nebraskan managing editor, said "poll workers at the election site at Nebraska Hall told me they had seen some persons remove the Daily Nebraskan in large quantities from the distribution box at the west entry."

About 16,000 copies of the paper are printed for each publication day, Haussler said, and about 13,200 of those are distributed to City Campus buildings. She said she knew of no large quantities of papers taken from East Campus buildings.

Campus Police Lt. Robert Edmunds said he alerted officers on both City and East campuses to watch for persons removing large quantities of the newspapers delivered after the apparent theft was discovered. Officers observed no unusual activity, he said.



Photo by Ted Kirk

The disposal of these Wednesday editions of the Daily Nebraskan in a Dempsey Dumpster between Burnett and Oldfather Halls is being investigated by Campus Police. The apparent theft of these and other Daily Nebraskans was discovered Wednesday morning.

However, he added that officers found some loose newspapers in trash cans inside buildings and in large trash cans outside buildings.

Considered a crime

Boucher said some Daily Nebraskan staff members found tied stacks of papers in outdoor trash cans.

Edmunds said he is sure the apparent theft would be considered a crime and an investigation is underway. There may be a crime against the Daily Nebraskan because of the cost of replacing the papers, he said, and a crime against students who were deprived of the papers.

There are no suspects now, he said, but if suspects are found, a report will be sent to County Atty. Ron Lahners.

Lahners said Wednesday afternoon that he would have to research the law before he knew what crime and penalty, if any, would apply to this type of case. He said

"appropriate action" would be taken.

The first edition and the additional copies printed Wednesday cost about \$4,200 including salaries, printing and other costs, Haussler said.

The actual cost of the incident is undetermined, she said.

\$100 reward

The Daily Nebraskan is supported partially for the 1975-76 school year by \$34,000 in student fees, according to Don Wesely, chairman of the Fees Allocation Board.

"It's the students in the end who are ripped off, not the Daily Nebraskan," he said.

The Daily Nebraskan is offering a \$100 reward for persons calling the Nebraskan office with information leading to the prosecution of persons involved in the apparent theft, Boucher said.