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Student Court rules Organic Act as 'unlawful'

By Bryant Brooks and George Miller

The ASUN Student Court Tuesday cancelled a student referendum originally scheduled for today, which would have placed before UNL students an Organic Act to transfer rights, powers and duties of the ASUN Senate to the Coalition for University Reform.

The court also rules that Fred Kray, a junior law student from Tavernier, Fla., must be instated as ASUN senator from the Professional College. Kray's two write-in votes in the March 17 ASUN general election were not certified by the ASUN Electoral Commission on grounds that "certain improprieties and suspicions accompanied the Professional College election and the two votes that named Kray."

A unanimous decision by all participating justices declared the Organic Act "an unlawful attempt to delegate the powers entrusted to ASUN by the ASUN Constitution."

Justice Don Wesely, an ASUN senatorial candidate, did not participate.

The court's opinion, written by Chief Justice Doug Voegler, senior law student from Schuyler, stated that each ASUN official has "taken an oath to support that (ASUN) Constitution. Any attempt to give away, or delegate away, or assign away completely the powers, functions, duties, responsibilities, etc. vested in ASUN by the ASUN Constitution is an unlawful, unconstitutional delegation of power and cannot stand."

Form Coalition anyway

Although the Coalition this year is unable to take over ASUN's role in student government, Coalition representatives Paul Morrison, Scott Cook, Mark Young and Dennis Martin said an open meeting will be held 3 p.m. Thursday in the Nebraska Union to form the Coalition anyway.

They said the Electoral Commission will set up election guidelines for Coalition assembly and board elections, which are scheduled for the last week in April. But Coalition meetings and elections will be run according to the Coalition's constitution.

Martin, a junior law student from Elgin, said the Coalition was not a government but a lobbying and service force. Students can decide next year whether the Coalition should replace ASUN Senate, he added.

The court's decision concerning Kray's election to ASUN Senate, stated that the Electoral Commission "failed to display... beyond a reasonable doubt, that the two votes received by Fred M. Kray for the position of ASUN senator from the Professional College were subject to suspicion sufficient to warrant the commission's refusal to certify his election."

Kray's council, Steve Porr, a junior law student from Omaha, said he was "happy but not ecstatic" about Kray's instatement into ASUN Senate, because "the court avoided some constitutional issues they might have spoken more strongly on."

Denied 'equal protection'

Porr was referring to a case decided concurrently with Kray's which was brought to the court by junior law students Gerry Arnold and Richard Roberts.

The two contended that they had cast the two votes for Kray and that when the Electoral Commission failed to certify Kray's votes they denied them "equal protection under the law." "Due process of law" also was denied

because, in Arnold's words, "neither me nor Kray was given notice that his case was going to come up before the Electoral Commission hearing April 2 and they didn't tell Fred why the votes weren't counted."

The court also dismissed petitions filed by a group of graduate students to enjoin the ASUN Senate from proceeding on any business because it was defective in content.

"Of course, in so doing, we do not in any manner pass upon the substantive merits which petitioners tried to raise via these defective petitions," the court's decision stated.

Pending before the court is a suit filed by Ron Stephens on behalf of himself and five other graduate student candidates elected in the March 17 ASUN elections. The defendants' suit appeals the Electoral Commission's ruling that the graduate student election was invalid.

Student Justice Don Wesely said Tuesday afternoon that no date for a hearing had been set.

Slice of FAB pie sought by 56 clubs; most money slated for organizations

By Barbara Lutz

Fifty-six UNL student organizations are asking for a slice of the approximately \$2.5 million in student fees expected for 1976-77, according to Fees Allocation Board (FAB) Chairman, Don Wesely.

But "student organizations are a very small portion of who gets student fees," Wesely said. About \$200,000 will go to student organizations and the remaining \$2.3 million will go to organizations like YWCA and Teachers College Advisory Board, which are not "student organizations, per se," he said.

Nevertheless, they still benefit students, he said. FAB has not yet made any allocations, which are scheduled to be announced by the end of the month.

Wesely, a junior majoring in University Studies, said 21 new organizations made requests this year who did not ask for student fee money last year, but some organizations which received money last year did not renew their requests. FAB received a total of thirteen more requests for money this year than last.

Rodeo club was the only one of 48 organizations requesting fees last year which was denied funds, he said. Rodeo Club "had a large amount of money and didn't need it," he said.

Enrollment a factor

Wesely said FAB will have between \$2.5 and \$2.8 million to allocate, depending upon fall enrollment and the possibility that fees will increase by \$3.50.

Student fees are assessed by credit hours.

A full-time student carrying 12 hours paid \$61.50 each semester in student fees for the 1975-76 school year.

After the ASUN Senate recognizes a student organization's constitution, it is "immediately eligible for funding consideration," Wesely said.

The deadline for requests this year was Feb. 17.

FAB subcommittees study each group's request and make recommendations to the full board, he said.

Ken Bader, vice-chancellor for student affairs reviews FAB's decisions, and passes them to the NU Board of Regents for final approval.

Eight students, two faculty members and two staff members make up the three-year-old FAB. Three students are selected by the Council on Student Life and five are selected by ASUN Senate, Wesely said.

Senate biggest user

Most organizations raise a majority of their budget themselves, he said. They rely on student fees to make up the difference.

The biggest fees user which doesn't raise any money itself is the ASUN Senate, Wesely said. ASUN was given \$35,000 in student fees in 1975-76.

Other major fee users and their allocations last year are the Daily Nebraskan, \$32,700; Union Program Council, \$59,000; and Cultural Affairs Committee, \$25,700.

Wesely said after the major fee users have received their allocations, about \$60,000 is left for the remaining 52 groups.

"The most distressing and most surprising change from last year," Wesely said, is that Black student organizations didn't ask for funds this year. Also, most East Campus organizations are asking for money this year," he said.

Disagreement

FAB members disagree on how these funds should be allocated, he said. "I recommend we give to the student organizations what they ask," Wesely said. "Others on the board want to give them what the administration gives us."

FAB members use several criteria to distribute fees, Wesely said. "We examine the value and benefit the group can give to the student body. We want projects not just for their organizations, but valuable to the whole campus population," he explained.

"We try to make sure funding can't be raised on their own, but we can't audit their books," Wesely said. "We don't turn away hardly anybody," he said.

Wesely said HEMP (Helping End Marijuana Prohibition) and Pro-Life have tentatively been denied funds for 1976-77 because the organizations are "too political." This is the first year either of these organizations have asked for student fees.

FAB hears many complaints after fees are allocated, he said, but because there is "minimal participation by students" in determining distribution of funds, it is "illogical for students to complain if they don't tell us" how they want the money spent.



Democratic presidential candidate Frank Church tells a Nebraska Union crowd Monday that unemployment can be cured by removing incentives for big businesses to invest abroad. The Idaho senator, campaigning in his first primary May 11, also said trust can be restored to government by making intelligence agencies account-

able to the law. Church, chairman of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee, said intelligence agencies should not "fight fire with fire" by responding to covert Soviet Union tactics with shady dealings of their own.