Disqualified candidates plan to contest decision

Nine members of the High People's Coalition party (THC/LSD) who were disqualified for the March 16 ASUN election will contest in student court their removal from the ballot, said Kirk Hemphill, THC/LSD presidential candidate.

The THC/LSD members are ineligible for the election because of improper signatures on their filing petitions, according to Election Commissioner Karen Tejcka.

Tejcka said commission rules state that each candidate must obtain 35 signatures from persons in the college they want to represent. The nine had signatures on their petitions from persons outside their colleges, she said. The nine disqualified candidates and their colleges:

Arts and Sciences: Paul Bejot, John Cunningham, Jerry Fairbanks, and Andrew Safarik; Engineering: Kevin Hyde; and Teachers: Deb Larkin, Katherine Masek and Robert Winkler.

Each THC/LSD member was given a petition and a copy of election rules, Hemphill said.

"Some of them noticed they needed people from their own college, some didn't," he said. "We told them it

didn't matter because we were going to contest it."

More candidates

Agriculture College Advisory Board candidates were inadvertently left off Wednesday's published list of ASUN candidates.

Candidates:
Agriculture College Advisory Board: Agriculture Economics: Paul Hassler, Tracy Grasz; Agriculture Education, Mechanical Agriculture: Scott Eveland, Keith Kubik; Agriculture Honors: General Agriculture, undeclared: Tim Anthony, Lonnie Koepke, Chris Raun (SUN); Animal Science: Brent Carter; Pre-Vet Science: Dan Sandall; General Agronomy, Soil Science, Plant Pathology: Mitchell Counce, Joe Keaschall, Charles Oellermann (SUN); Food Science, Horticulture, Entymology,

Schilling.
In addition, an error in the ASUN listing of candidates included a Harlan Miller, which should be Milder, running for second vice president, and Andy Fitzmorris and Clay Smith are added to the list of independent Senate candi-

Poultry Science: Karen Graham; Natural Resources: Bill

Hemphill said he thinks 35 signatures is an excessive number. He said the election commission has waived that requirement in past years.

The requirement is especially unfair to persons in professional and graduate colleges "when never more than 35 to 50 people vote in their election," he said.

None of the nine disqualified candidates was from the business or professional colleges.

THC/LSD members are preparing a brief which they will submit to ASUN today, Hemphill said. The Senate is obligated to forward their brief to student court, which will review it and determine whether it will come up for

trial.

Hemphill said his party will ask for an injunction to delay the election if student court does not make a decision before election day.

However, Tejcka said she does not think this will affect the election at all.

"Everyone else has complied with the rules," she said "I think this is just a minority."

She added that she thinks student court will realize it is necessary for potential candidates to obtain signatures from persons in their colleges because those persons are the constituency each candidate represents.

FAB hearings to seek student views

Student feedback is the main purpose for the open hearing schedule approved by the Fees Allocation Board (FAB) Thursday evening, according to Sherry Cole, FAB chairwoman.

She said student input is especially important in this year's decision concerning the proposed student fee increase.

"You hear a lot of comments, but they are hardly ever said to those who make the decisions," Cole said.

FAB accepted her suggestion to set aside time at consecutive meetings to hear major fee user's presentation, along with student organization recommendations. Students can now be present to comment on the major fee user's presentation.

The hearings scheduled are: Student Development Recreation, March 10; Nebraska Union, March 17; and the University Health Center, March 31.

Cole said the hearings would be a good way to gain student response, while providing FAB with a basis for better allocation recommendations.

The board expressed concern over the appointment of a new vice chancellor of student affairs at this point in the allocation process. Cole said the new vice chancellor would need to know what FAB is before recommendations could be made to him on the basis of the boards past fee reviews.

Jack Guthrie, Center for Students and Organizations program coordinator, said that since the new vice chan-

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cellor would be unfamiliar with some funding areas, he would need a reaction to the proposed fee increases from both FAB and ASUN before he makes his final recommendation to the NU Board of Regents, which must approve the recommendation.

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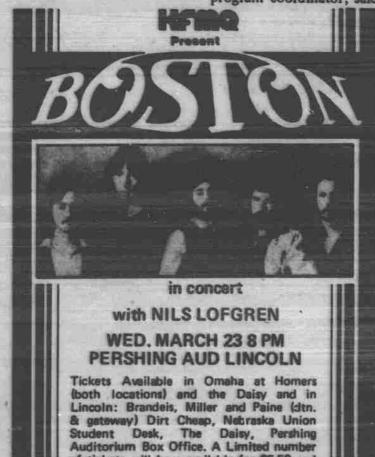


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