

Two Omahans elected to RHA

At least two UNL students felt "relieved and happy" about the results of Wednesday's Residence Hall Association (RHA) elections.

Residence hall voters elected Omaha sophomore Mike Gibson RHA president. Karen Meisel, also a sophomore from Omaha, was elected vice president.

Gibson, a journalism and political science major, said it was "a relief to be done with campaigning." He has represented Harper Residence Hall in RHA since January.

Gibson said he would like to increase student awareness of RHA actions. The current RHA administration has effectively used posters, petitions and questionnaires, he said.

Increased involvement

Increased student involvement and communication between the residence halls is another of Gibson's priorities, he said. He said he hopes to aid communication with regular newsletters and meetings with residence hall presidents.

"The (residence) halls have many problems and solutions in comment that they don't know about," he said.

Meisel, a math major who was vice president of Julius (Cather-Pound residence hall complex government), stressed cooperation of the residence halls in solving common problems.

"RHA should get involved in campus issues that affect everyone," she said. "It is important to take a stand on

things other than residence hall issues. We are a big majority on campus."

See themselves as unit

Meisel said she especially would like residence halls to see themselves as a unit, not as separate complexes. Hall governments should get to know each other, she said.

A constitutional amendment also on the election ballot failed to pass, according to election commission Paul Harano. The amendment simplified appointing and election procedures, he said.

Voter turnout was down slightly from 1976, Harano said. About 16 per cent of the residence hall students voted, he said, adding that voter participation was down 63 per cent from last year in the Abel-Sandoz complex.

Other candidates for RHA president were Dottie Farris, Pound Hall, and write-in candidate George Woolsey of Burr Hall. Wendy Buettow of Pound Hall was a candidate for vice president.

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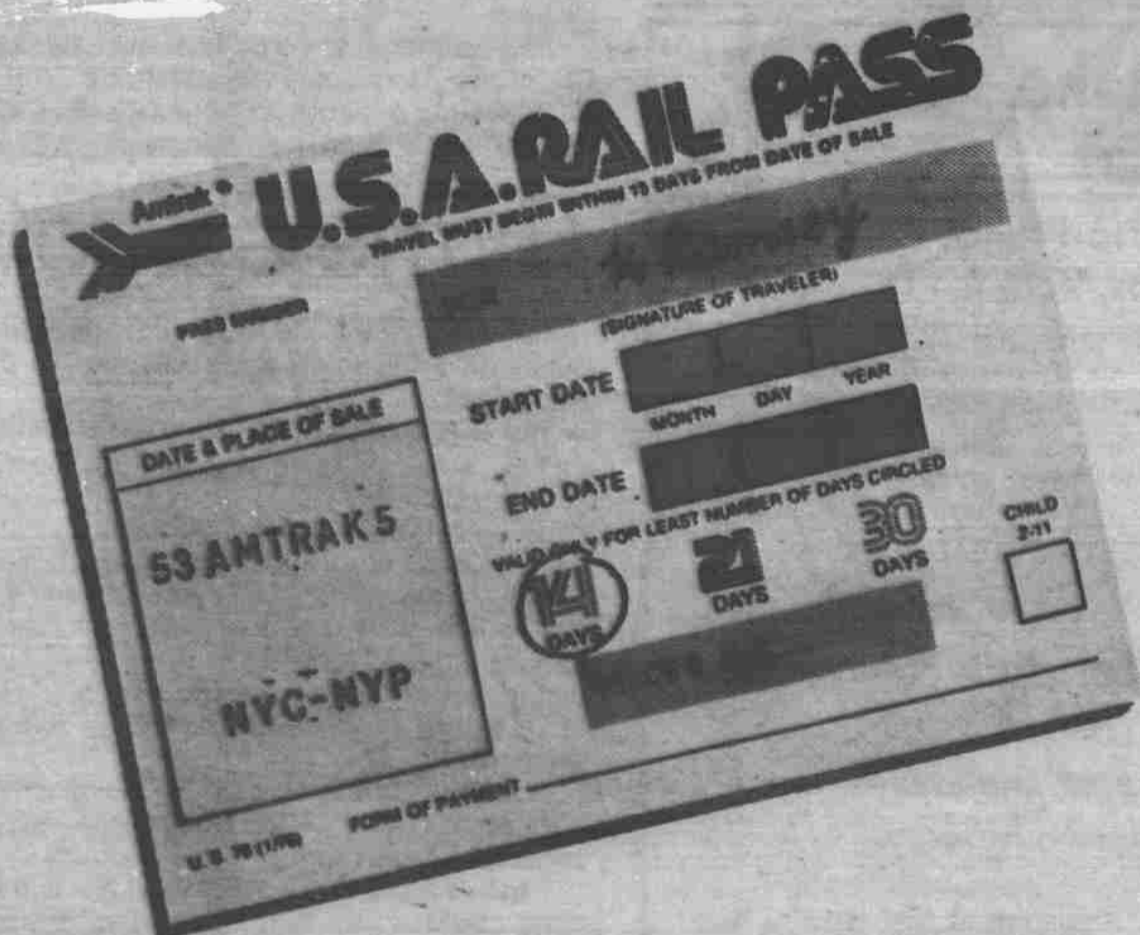
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