

Turnout drops in 1977 election

By Marjie Lundstrom

While many UNL students patiently stood in ASUN election lines Wednesday, the majority of the UNL student body steered clear of the polls.

Voter turnout dipped below last year's 13 per cent, with only about 10 per cent voting this year.

ASUN ineffectiveness was the most frequent response given by students questioned about their absence at the polls.

Bob Reynoldson, 21, a senior finance major, said he did not think there were any good candidates this year.

"I feel we had a lot of problems with ASUN and the central administration this year," Reynoldson said. "There were people trying to undo some of the things Bill Mueller was trying to do."

"But I also feel Bill Mueller crawled under a log after awhile," he added. "He lost communication with the students, and that probably is why they had the biggest amount of problems."

Chuck Pool, a freshman journalism major, said he did not think ASUN was "that big of a deal."

"All ASUN did this year was fight instead of doing anything," Pool, 18, said. "I started getting interested when they were taken to court, but I didn't really understand it. It all seems like a big mumbo-jumbo."

Jane Grieser, a 23-year-old junior, said she followed ASUN issues and planned to vote in the first election.

"I was ready to vote," Grieser, a sociology major, said. "But after they canceled out the first time around, I just didn't. I guess apathy rose again."

One student, who did not want to give her name, said she did not vote because she "did not see any purpose in ASUN."

"I don't know of anything ASUN has done," she said. "I have talked to people in ASUN, and they feel the same way."

Nike Nevry, a business major, said he has never voted in an ASUN election because he has no interest in it.

"I have read about all the ASUN issues," Nevry, 21, said, "but I don't see that they have made any substantial changes in the past. And I don't see that they will do anything in the future."

Kim Pollard, 21, also said she thought ASUN was not effective.

"I don't think there is a whole lot ASUN can do," Pollard, a junior business major, said. "They don't have enough power."

Pollard added that she did not know any of the candidates and did not want to "vote for anybody."

John Roley, 22, a senior business major, said he did not vote because he was a senior.

"Since I am a senior, the elections don't concern me this year," Roley said. "I didn't pay any attention to the issues or candidates, and I would have felt guilty voting for anybody."

Roley added he did not think this year's candidates campaigned as extensively as in past years.

SUN party gets majority of votes in ASUN election

The Students for University Need (SUN) party almost swept the ballot in Wednesday's ASUN election according to unofficial election results released late Thursday afternoon.

Joe Stavas, ASUN electoral commission representative said results will become official sometime next week.

The electoral commission meets Monday afternoon. All complaints concerning the election must be filed at the ASUN office by 5 p.m. Monday.

The commission must resolve a number of ties between write-in candidates for the advisory and graduate boards.

Stavas said the commission is notifying the write-in candidates and predicted some ties will be eliminated.

The newly elected officials will be sworn in on April 20, barring any postponements arising from election challenges, Stavas said.

According to released totals, Greg Johnson became the ASUN president with 1004 votes. Opponents Eric Carstenson and Randy Musselman followed with 729 and 116 respectively.

Charles Fellingham, the SUN first vice presidential candidate, got 1324 votes, Mike Stein received 373, and Donald Thompson, 101.

Ken Christoffersen, SUN second vice presidential candidate, received 1323 votes. Harlan Milder gained 228 and D. Marcus Armstrong gathered 206.

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Mum's the word on presidency



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Interim NU President Ronald Roskens.

Despite speculation that he will be named NU president by the NU Board of Regents Saturday, interim NU president Ronald Roskens said he knows nothing about it.

Roskens said he has not yet been offered the job by the regents and would have to consider carefully before accepting the post if offered.

He said he would have to talk to the regents about the job, "what the job would be, what would be involved," before accepting the post if offered.

Roskens declined to speculate further about being offered the job.

Roskens has been interim president since Jan. 1 when president D.B. Varner left to become chairman of the board of the NU Foundation.

The regents are expected to make an announcement about the post at their meeting Saturday, although regents contacted have declined to verify any action is planned.

Lincoln Regent Ed Schwartzkopf declined to comment about whether the regents had reached a decision on the appointment and said only that the selection had been narrowed to a small number of candidates.

Scottsbluff regent Robert Simmons has complained publicly that the selection process has taken too long and said that students are suffering while waiting for the position to be filled. Contacted this week, he would only say that any selection would be announced by the regents.

Roskens is considered to be a prime candidate for the position. Reports say that six of the eight regents unofficially support him for president.

Some search committee members who were contacted also declined to comment on whether a selection has been made. The search committee was responsible for sorting and checking applications and making recommendations to the regents.

Bernice Slote, UNL English professor, declined to comment on the possibility that the committee might submit its report to the regents Saturday.

Vincent Berg, University of Nebraska at Omaha student representative on the search committee, referred all other questions to search committee chairman Paul Schorr. Schorr could not be reached for comment.

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Senators: Arts and Science

Winners in boldface type

Libby Swanson* 356
Scott Cook* 307
Barb Tanking* 276
Scott Ballentine 273
Sue Kess* 257
Mary Fejfar* 255
Norma Jean Blunck* 249
Susan Ugai* 249
John Kamp* 236
Clay Smith 170
John DeWulf* 157
Marc Davies 141
Rick Martin 136
J. B. Milliken 131
Doug Cray 126
Mark Allen 120
Royce Mueller 98
Andy Fitzmorris 96
Kris Madan 96
Dave Samani 91
Thomas Coyle 60
John Johnson 51
Agriculture College
Lyle George* 159
Bill Armbrust 136
Scott Mueller 107
Gene Bloom* 106
Brian Renz 103
Bruce Fuelberth 86
Agriculture College
Scott Hess* 37
Butch Earl 17
Business College
Michael Herman* 239
Ted McConnell* 207
Jane Matzke 177
Mike Brogan* 168
Bill Skoneki* 153
Ken Marienau* 142
Rick Joseph 124
Tom Geu 110
Jeff Fisher 96
Keith Winter 107

Michael Kathrein 90

James Vitek 51

Gary Krajewski 38

Engineering College

Roger Brodman* 105

Sue McClellan* 110

Kirk Kuhlman 88

Steve Wiley* 84

Kent Anderson 81

Perry Brandorff 53

Bruce Williams 51

Patrick Cave 28

Clark Wilson 23

Graduate College

Harley Lofton* 30

Bill Price 17

Bob Berg 16

Rick Hidegrand 14

Ron Block 10

Tie between 5

Professional College

William Cassell 13

Home Economics Senators:

Luann Tichy* 91

Sarah Effken 67

Cathy Koubek 62

Jody Gompert* 59

Teachers College

Paula Cope* 199

Sheila Jones* 197

Tony Waite* 187

Judi Siminoe* 186

Gail Kahookale 160

Advisory Board

Teachers College

Elementary Education

Cheryl Bush* 201

Katie DeSciore* 171

Secondary Special Ed.

Tie between 4

Secondary Bus. Ed., Phys.

Ed., Distributive Ed., etc.

Kibitz 3

Tie between 13

Home Economics:

Human Dev: and Family

Sharon O'Brien* 19

Tie between 2

Textiles, Clothing, Design

Cindy Lewandowski 4

Kim David 3

Education and Family Resources

Cathleen Carter 17

Dana Fletcher 17

Food and Nutrition

Karen Jensen 15

Arts and Science:

Life Science and Math

Don Wirth* 406

Journalism

Kim Hachiya 416

Social Sciences and Philosophy

Eric Samberg 416

Language

L. Anderson 14

Tie between 5

Fine Arts

R. Helzer 4

English

Tie between 3

Agriculture

Ag. Economics

Paul Hamler 28

Education, Mech. Ag.

Tie between 2

Ag. Honors, General Ag., Un-

declared

Tim Anthony 15

Charles Oellerman* 13

Animal Science

Brent Carter 26

Pre-Veterinary Science

Dan Sandau 12

Gen. Agronomy, Soil Science,

Plant Pathology

Joe Kenschaw 19

Food Science, Horticulture,

Entomology, Poultry Sci.,

Karen Graham 11

Natural Resources

Bill Schilling 25

*SUN candidates