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Students must pay the high price of ASUN's mistake

The best laid plans of mice and men...

ASUN made a horrendous mistake when it set up a booth in the union to take requests for absentee voter registrations.

ASUN failed to get Lancaster County Election Commissioner Bill Davidson to set up a voter registration booth. So ASUN set up a booth to take absentee requests.

Davidson refused to take the absentee requests forms used by ASUN because they were not authorized by his office.

ASUN admits its mistake and will end up taking a lot of heat for its error.

And the cold hard facts remain; about 150 to 200 students were not able to vote. This is unforgivable and the penance is a badly damaged reputation.

Davidson said he must deputize all workers who register voters.

ASUN has contacted students by phone or letter to tell them they must request absentee ballots from their home counties.

Yet, this was a futile effort. Most of the letters reached the students too late. ASUN should not have taken the absentee requests to the commissioner's office an hour before the deadline on Oct. 27. ASUN should have thoroughly researched its project before it got started.

Yet in all fairness, ASUN did ask the League of Women Voters if it would take registrations if Davidson deputized them. The League said it would.

Davidson said, however, that ASUN was too late in its request and that his office did not have enough people to work in an ASUN booth.

He also said the League was not qualified to take the registrations or administer the oath.

What does it take to be qualified? And how

hard is it to take someone's name, address, party affiliation and give an oath?

Our feelings are that Davidson made it as hard as possible for ASUN to get students registered. Why should an election commissioner do this? What else has he got to do?

It is our opinion that Davidson should have worked with ASUN, there was no reason not to.

ASUN intentions were good but it's lucky for the group that it was not prosecuted.

Beta Sigma Psi Fraternity's Miss Legs and Mr. Knobby-Knees contest is one of those fun things students do to raise money for AUF. But it is blatantly exploitive of the human body. Students vote with money for their favorite pair of legs or knees. Only the legs and knees show.

If the contest really wants to rake in money, they ought to just have a Mr. and Ms. nude UNL contest.



A BUCK FIFTY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS...

Drunken evening's rules: beware of morning after

By Pete Mason

Last weekend, while attending a party, I had ample opportunity to observe the drinking habits of the average university student. From my observations I can only conclude that there are lessons which beg to be taught. It may be that I was just not exposed to a truly representative sample of Nebraska college youth, but it seemed to me that very few of them really knew how to do it well.

Travolta impersonations until a more appropriate time.

3. Wear warm clothing. When you find it necessary to sleep in alleyways, ditches or front lawns, it helps to be wearing suitable garments to fend off the night air, especially during the winter months.

4. Never lie down on a crowded dance floor. Not only are you a bother to other guests but you risk serious injury to your tongue. It usually takes from three to six weeks for the imprint of platform shoes to disappear from that particular organ.

5. Never make romantic advances if you have had more than eight drinks. It simply doesn't work and may do irreparable damage to your ego.

6. Do not mix! This is the most often abused rule of drinking. Stick with one beverage. Some of the more dangerous mixes are White Russians and beer; Brandy Alexanders and Zombies; and Harvey Wall-bangers and Ripple (This particular mixture has been known to cause people to turn inside-out, necessitating the services of a skilled surgeon or a plumber).

7. Do not drive while or after drinking. Also do not attempt skydiving, diamond-cutting or defusing a bomb.

8. This final rule is for mornings after only. It is broken down into six parts.

a. Upon awakening, do not panic. ARE NOT DEAD!

b. Move your muscles, slowly and deliberately, one at a time, beginning with your eyelids and ending with your toes. DO NOT, I REPEAT, DO NOT TRY TO GET OUT OF BED! Of course if you find you are not in bed, use your common sense. If you find yourself in the middle of Com-husker Highway it will be imperative to roll out of the way of oncoming morning traffic.

c. Try speaking. You may find this difficult at first because of the peculiar growth on your tongue but with practice it will become easier. Be patient.

d. Slowly get out of bed. The accent is on "slowly." Abrupt movements have been known to result in blindness or uncontrollable weeping.

e. Take two aspirins with a large glass of milk. Avoid all exotic "cures"; there are none.

f. Go back to bed. Avoid making rash promises. In three or four days you'll undoubtedly feel like doing it again.

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I want to thank all the students who participated in the RHA 100,000 Penny Drive and the Harper-RHA Trivia Bowl, both those who participated and those who reorganized the projects. The 100,000 Penny Drive coordinators Margaret Johnson and Karen Schrader deserve special recognition. Over 400 people participated in the Trivia Bowl in some way and more than the equivalent of 49,000 pennies were collected in one week for AUF. I hope the residence hall students continue to stay as involved in their campus as they were on these two projects.

Bill Skoneki
RHA President

'Illustrious' ASUN

In an effort to make it as easy as possible for students to register and to vote, our "illustrious" ASUN provided students with absentee voter registration forms. These forms are valid only if mailed from outside of the county in which the voter is trying to register in, according to state law. ASUN negligently forgot to see if they were doing things legally. As a result approximately 300 students could not vote

in the election. Three hundred votes can influence whether a candidate wins or loses, and ASUN will have to face the fact that they are responsible for this.

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Enjoyed film

Ms. Sheldrick apparently overlooked the many points of Woody Allen's experimental departure from comedy, *Interiors*.

If noting else the realistic and instructional mouth-to-mouth resuscitation sequence was a noteworthy item, commenting in a roundabout way on Allen's morbid preoccupation with death.

All too often self-appointed critics seem to hide behind panning a movie they fail to appreciate or understand.

If you can't say something nice about something, don't say anything at all. (Cliche.)

I liked the film and I may see it again.
Peg.

Peggy Christensen
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"FIRST DOWN"
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SO YOU WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL, HUH?

OH NO, BOBFATHER! I NEED THE AID OF ONE AS POWERFUL AS YOURSELF TO END MY TWO-WEEK STRUGGLE...
YOU WANT TICKETS TO THE OKLAHOMA GAME?

NO, THAT'S NOT IT, EITHER. MAYBE EVEN YOU AREN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH TO HELP ME...
NOW YOU SEE THAT BRONZE STATUE ON TOP OF THE CAPITAL BUILDING?

GNER! WHY BOBFATHER, IT'S YOU!! BUT WHO'S STATUE'S THAT NEXT TO YOU?
OH... HUM... THAT'S JUST JOHNNY RODGERS.