

SOAR candidate hopes party sweep will help in run-off

By Shelley Smith

Although the ASUN presidency still is undecided, the Students Advocating Active Representation party apparently will dominate the senate for another year.

With the final vote tallied March 23, the SOAR party had elected 24 senators and the first and second vice presidents to the 35 seat senate. Last year 34 senators and all three executives were from the SOAR party.

However, the presidency still is in question because of a NU Board of Regents rule which requires that ASUN executive candidates win by a majority of the students voting.

After the final tally, SOAR presidential candidate Joe Nigro led Bud Cuca, presidential candidate with the Students for the University of Nebraska party 1,382 to 1,150.

Nigro did not have a clear majority vote according to Electoral Commission Director Susan Ugai. About 3,000 students voted, she said.

The SOAR party swept the Teachers College, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Engineering and Technology and the Committee on Fees Allocation.

Nigro said he was pleased with the senate election results and attributed the outcome to good campaigning.

"We got the candidates out to the people and they saw that we offered the best," he said.

Because the senate will be dominated by the SOAR party, winning the presidency is "a real good possibility for me," Nigro said.

If another party president was to win, Nigro said, that president could be placed in a difficult rule.

"Not working together would be difficult," he said.

However, Cuca said he could work with the people elected to the senate, and he added that any party predominance in the senate could hinder its effectiveness.

"That's why we only had 15 senatorial candidates," Cuca said.

Nigro said he couldn't project whether the SOAR senators would be bitter if Cuca was elected, but Cuca said if they were, they didn't belong in the senate.

"Hopefully, they were concerned enough about the students and the University of Nebraska to run," he said.

Four independent senators were elected, three from SUN, two from SAIL and two from OSI.

Senate results not available last week are:

Teachers College—Bob Knuth, Dale Wojtasek, Susan Johnson, Dan Tharp, Ann Gourlay

Nursing—Holly Miller

Architecture—John T. Kelly

Professional—Todd Adams

Graduate—Vernon Daniels, Doug Brenner, Phyllis Albrecht, Dave Long, Bob Schmidt, Mike Vaughn

Agriculture—Jane Svitak, Dave Von Pelt, Don Von Seggern

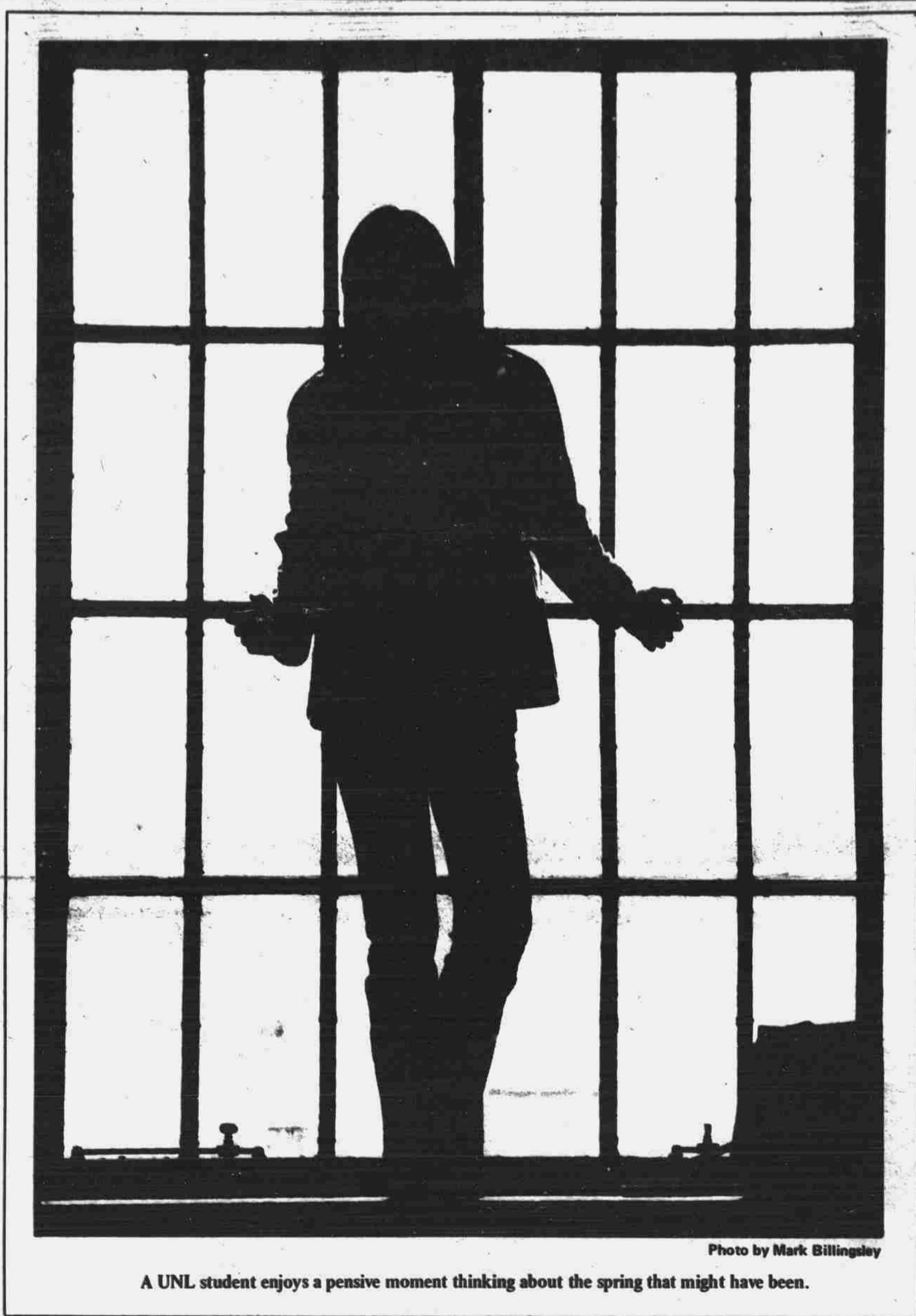


Photo by Mark Billingsley

A UNL student enjoys a pensive moment thinking about the spring that might have been.

ROTC cadets use break to find way over hill, over dale

By Gordon Johnson

The woods were calm, a perfect spring day with only an occasional breeze disturbing the peace of the trees.

The peace and tranquility of the woods is soon to be broken by the sounds of war. In the distance, the noise of brush being broken resounds through the stillness.

The defensive patrol knows that the attack is soon to come and digs in, ready to fight.

The offensive patrol knows the strength and location of the opposing force, but has the disadvantage of being in the open and exposed.

Suddenly shots reverberate through the woods as a five minute fire fight breaks out.

But luckily for these soldiers, the bullets being shot are blanks and the incoming artillery is only imaginary.

Performing this and an assortment of other military exercises is how UNL Army ROTC cadets spent five days of their spring break.

On March 23, 14 senior cadets and 14 junior cadets along with three underclassmen left for Fort Riley Kan. to meet up with 32 Kearney State College cadets for their annual spring field training exercises, FTX.

Colonel Bob Bachmann, professor of military science at UNL, said the purpose of the exercises is to prepare the junior cadets for a six week summer camp at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Many of the cadets, Bachmann said, have never trained with anyone besides the Lincoln cadets. Training with Kearney's cadets offers them more of the experience they will need this summer because it will force them to work with someone they do not know.

The training is set up and controlled by the seniors for the benefit of the juniors. The regular Army cadre are only there to evaluate the seniors and the training, Bachmann said.

Not mandatory

Attending the FTX during spring break is not mandatory, Bachmann said, but it is a big help for students when they get to summer camp to have some of this experience behind them.

Senior cadet Tim Lamb agrees that the training is valuable.

"You are going to learn more in four days here than I did in the nine months leading up to it," Lamb said.

One of the ways it helps to train the juniors is that it helps them become more serious about their training, Lamb said.

"It seems that when you get on a military post the military attitude is not as hard to maintain," he said.

The training day starts at 5 a.m. and many times does not end until 11 p.m. or 12 p.m. Cadets are given 15 minutes to get ready for their wake up exercises. The exercises last about 45 minutes.

Mess hall

After a quick half hour for cleaning themselves and the barracks, the cadets are loaded on buses and moved to the mess hall for chow which normally consists of chipped beef on toast, eggs, coffee, milk, juice and perhaps a waffle or French toast.

The cadets rated the mess hall food somewhere between dormitory food and mom's cooking. The only complaint heard about the food was that there wasn't much time to eat it before they were again

loaded on buses and taken to the woods for classes.

The students are sent on a six-mile orienteering course which tests their map reading skills.

Each student is given a mimeographed map with 10 points indicated by a dot. The cadets must find all 10 locations which are marked with a red and white striped marker one and a half feet square and located on a course six miles long.

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