

Munson: I would be UNL's Christ

By Kent Warneke

The quiet campaign has ended. The charges, decrees, statements of intent and arguments that go hand-in-hand with the annual ASUN presidential elections have begun.

Wednesday afternoon in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union more than 200 students heard the issues and stances of the candidates vocalized in the first of three debates between the four ASUN senators.

A panel composed of ASUN President Bud Cuca, Daily Nebraskan Editor In Chief Rocky Strunk and Innocents Society President Bob Moodie asked questions, along with members of the audience.

LSD party candidate Tim I. Munson fielded numerous questions about his proposed methodology of implementing violence, terrorism and war and answered with statements that surprised and, at times, offended some audience members.

Munson said he would be responsible for all of the consequences if his methods were implemented.

"I would be, if you like, Jesus Christ, here at UNL," Munson said.

Elaborating on that answer, Munson said he was an atheist and that he was sorry if he offended anyone with his statement. Munson said he respected people's Christian beliefs, but he could see similarities in his position and the one Christ took.

Objectives stressed

STAR party candidate John Parsons and US party candidate Renee Wessels stressed their parties' proposals and objectives.

Parsons emphasized the need for students to actively

Dental school dean accepts Baylor job

By Val Swinton

The dean of the NU College of Dentistry, Richard Bradley, has announced his resignation to take a similar position at Baylor University in Texas.

Bradley, 54, probably will leave the university Aug. 1, although he said the actual date has not been officially decided.

According to Bradley, it was persistent recruiting by the Baylor Dentistry College Board of Trustees that finally convinced him to take the job.

He said he was contacted last fall by the board and was asked for permission to put his name on the candidate list. He agreed and was interviewed by the board in January. However, three weeks ago, he turned down the job offer, saying he preferred to remain in Nebraska.

But last week, several members of the board flew to Nebraska in a private jet to try and convince Bradley to change his mind, and Monday he announced he would take the job.

Bradley, who is currently making \$58,800 a year, refused to comment on how much he'll be making at Baylor.

Twice as large

Although Baylor University, a private school in Waco, Texas, has an enrollment about one-third that of NU, Bradley said Baylor's College of Dentistry is a separate entity, about twice the size of the NU College of Dentistry. The Baylor College of Dentistry is in Dallas.

Bradley came to the Nebraska College of Dentistry in 1959 and was promoted to dean in February 1968. He is a 1952 graduate of NU, and lived in Omaha and Iowa before returning to Lincoln.

Bradley's new title will be president and dean of the Baylor College of Dentistry, which "puts me in the final responsible position," he said. Bradley said he would answer only to the college Board of Trustees.

Answers to Vanselow

Bradley currently is responsible to the NU Medical Center Chancellor, Neal Vanselow.

Vanselow said that his administration tried to convince Bradley to remain in Nebraska.

"We did talk to Dean Bradley," he said. "However, Baylor has resources that aren't available at the University of Nebraska."

"He's going to be hard to replace," Vanselow added.

According to Vanselow, a search committee consisting of faculty members of the dentistry college, dentistry students and representatives of the dental alumni group will be formed. He said it could be several months before a replacement is found and the group might still be looking when school starts next fall.

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campaign in NU Board of Regents elections for candidates sympathetic to student views.

Parsons was asked if the time spent on campaigning would make him overlook his duties as ASUN president. He was also asked if there would be enough time to select candidates before the March 14 filing deadline.

"No it would not affect my capabilities as an ASUN president because it would not just be me campaigning," Parsons said. "I'm planning on working with an effective ASUN that will work to its capabilities and help me in this effort."

Parsons added that two candidates have been talked to about filing for regents and will be interviewed by ASUN before the filing deadline.

Alliance important

Wessels said she felt an alliance between ASUN and the Nebraska Legislature is very important.

"I can see real gains from working with the Legislature which will give us direct student involvement in the budgetary process," Wessels said.

Strunk asked Wessels and Parsons what steps would be taken to ensure responsiveness of ASUN and received different responses.

"There are a number of ways to improve this, such as making sure that various students are recruited for student research commissions," Wessels said and added the elected senators would also help effectively represent UNL student opinions.

Parsons said he would initiate programs in FINK week for residence halls, re-establish the presidential cabinet and better use the coverage by the Daily Nebraskan.

'Some friend'

It was Munson, however, who got the most response from the audience as he used quotes from the Daily Nebraskan and rebuttals of other candidates in his statements.

Munson said he doubted the effectiveness of Parsons' proposal to campaign for regental elections and charged that both Parsons and Wessels "spewed forth bland rhetoric."

"If Renee thinks we have a friend in the Legislature, and then they cut \$750,000 from our budget—that's some kind of friend," Munson said.

The fourth candidate, Jay Willhoft, appeared to be the forgotten candidate after opening statements and panel questions were asked.

Willhoft stressed the importance of leadership in ASUN, saying he could provide such leadership and said students should try and work with the present system at

UNL.

"No matter how many flaws or imperfections, we should try and work with what we have and try to make it that much better," Willhoft said.

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Late starter Willhoft faces climb

By Kent Warneke

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of profiles on ASUN presidential candidates. The profiles appear in the order candidates' names will appear on the ballot.

Jay Willhoft is facing an uphill battle.

A last minute filing of his letter of intent, a late start for his campaign, and a lack of time to form a political party have all contributed to the climb Willhoft must make in his quest for the ASUN presidency.

But Willhoft says all that does not really matter. "I'm asking people to vote leadership, to vote the issues, not to vote for somebody because they recognize them," Willhoft said. Willhoft is an independent candidate for president.

The junior political science and history major from Lincoln said UNL students have been given a voice in a process that has many flaws and shortcomings, but it is the students' responsibility to decide how to use that voice.

"We're all pursuing the same basic end, so we have to build on what we have," Willhoft said. "But nothing can work unless people participate in this process."

The current Union Board member said he would like to see 30 percent of UNL students vote in this year's ASUN elections March 12.

Student apathy is not so much the problem, as is inactivity of students, he said. The issue is not that students don't care, but rather that they are frustrated and don't know how to participate actively, he said.

Conscious effort

A conscious effort has to be made to talk to students as he has, Willhoft said, and to be informed on problems that are concerning students.

"Nobody, not administrator or other students, is going to get ill feelings from trying to do a little investigating to inform yourself," Willhoft said.

Willhoft said he admires current ASUN president, Bud Cuca, but doesn't agree with everything Cuca and this year's senate have done. He cited the ASUN legislation concerning the Krugerrands as an example.

The first ASUN bill, requesting the return of the coins to their donor, was right in the respect that it emphasized moral issues, Willhoft said. The African People's Union also had a right to express their views, he said.

"I respect their views, but not at the expense of 2,000 students in the engineering college," Willhoft said. "We should look at the issue of the quality of education and weigh the views of the people that ASUN directly represents."

True feelings hidden

Issues were twisted around in such a sensitive matter, and as a result true feeling of students concerning the coins were hidden for a while, he said.

Willhoft said he feels the old philosophy of cleaning up your own backyard before criticizing another's holds true in this case.

The decision to get more actively involved in student government was his own initiative, he said. It was an attempt to get other students involved.

"I'd like to have my chance to encourage students to involve themselves in student issues," Willhoft said, who has served on the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board and the Commission on Educational Quality.

There is a silent majority of students on campus that definitely need to be involved, Willhoft said. He said he sees no way to gauge those students' interests, but that doesn't mean they're not part of the system.

Willhoft said students need only two things to participate — a student I.D. and a little initiative.

Listening needed

"The only way to encourage people is to listen and to solicit their opinions, and they try and determine what is right with integrity and knowledgeable judgment," Willhoft said. "And I'm willing to do all of that."

Willhoft said there has been a lot of antagonism between the ASUN president and the NU Board of Regents, part of which is inherent with the structural system.

"However, human dignity dictates respect, no matter what age or level of experience, and I would especially respect someone with over 40 years of experience over me," Willhoft said. "What I'm concerned with is the amount of antagonism put in by ASUN to the point that it becomes counter productive."

Willhoft said the key to his campaign is to get more people to participate, both in the elections and student government itself.

"No matter who wins the election, the person who does win will then benefit by the increased participation," he said.



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