

Student court ruling leads to write-in candidacy

By Rich Jurgens

A fifth candidate announced Thursday at a press conference that he will run as a write-in candidate for ASUN president.

As a result of ASUN's student court decision that the Josh McDowell speech was in direct violation of the NU Board of Regents' policy on religion, Lynn Rogers, a senior business major from Arlington, said he will be a candidate for ASUN president. Rogers said ASUN currently isn't protecting students' freedom of speech.

"There is censorship on who can speak and what can be spoken," Rogers said.

Freedom of speech is an important issue, Rogers said. Students are not given a choice in freedom of speech and ASUN is forgetting the basic principles of free speech, he said.

Rogers, who said he has been active in several state campaigns, said he would work with UNL administration and the regents to rewrite the policy on religion if elected.

Bud Cuca, ASUN president, agreed that

the regents' policy on religion needs to be revised. He said he couldn't understand why Rogers hadn't discussed the religion policy with the ASUN senate before.

As a Christian and a student, Rogers said he would approach issues in a new, more effective way.

"Student government should get beyond politics and serve fellow students and not just a select group," Rogers said.

Cuca said ASUN does serve the entire student body, citing the examples of maintaining library hours and the Kruger-rand issue. Cuca said it appears that Rogers

is running for ASUN president out of vindictiveness because of the student court decision concerning Josh McDowell.

Rogers said his campaign would operate through word of mouth and that his main objective now was to inform students how to vote. He said a ballot would not be valid if students didn't vote for a second and third choice for president along with their first choice.

Rogers, who will be running as an independent candidate, said he would be able to work with any new ASUN staff members.

Long-term economic planning needed—professor

By Suzanne Sayed

An economics professor from California State University in Sacramento promoted economic planning to a group of UNL economics professors and students Thursday afternoon.

Marc R. Tool, who is known as a holistic institutional economist, believes that strictly implemented economic planning is the best solution to the increasing inflation rate, unemployment and the majority of serious economic problems in the country. A holistic economist is concerned with all aspects of social progression, not just the economy.

Tool discussed the Humphrey-Javits bill which supports economic planning and said that it is this type of implementation that we must have in order to cope with problems the American economic society is currently facing.

However, he explained that when the bill was first proposed, it was badly distorted and violently criticized in many editorial columns.

"People are fearful of economic planning," he said. "They are apprehensive and don't realize that in actuality, short-term economic planning is already in effect."

The problem is that short-term planning programs have been used within institu-

tions and many people do not realize they have been implemented until "after-the-fact."

Tool said that since the beginning of WWI, short-term planning and attempts at planning have been in effect.

"We had to have an economic society to generate war goods," he explained. "We had to implement and allocate instruments and begin programs."

Tool classified the attempt as a qualified success, and described several other historical forms of planning.

He included such programs as the New Deal and WWII. WWII was one of the only relatively successful planning programs, he said.

He mentioned the WWII application of price administration, rationing, wage/price controls and the labor board.

Tool said there has been no completely successful single model of economic planning in the historical resume.

"Although what people don't realize is that we have been evolving and experiencing several types of economic planning," he said.

He emphasized that the United States needs a serious, responsive program of long-term economic planning.

"Carter has washed his hands of any attempt made at accomplishing just that," he said. "All that is left is an aborted effort

of a necessary implementation."

Tool said that although he understands the apprehension surrounding the Humphrey-Javits bill, he also realizes the need for it and that it has been shot down

only by ideological arguments.

"We still have 8% unemployment and 13% inflation which will undoubtedly rise," he said. "What would you propose to do?"

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