

## Candidates' speak of responsibility, disobedience

By Patty Pryor

Residence Hall Association candidates and their parties met in an open forum Monday night at Abel Hall.

Candidates for each position were allowed to speak for one minute, with presidential candidates speaking for three minutes.

Russ Snygg, presidential candidate with the CARE (Concerned Adult Residents for Excellence) Party, said his party intends to prove to the regents that students are adults, and are capable of handling responsibility.

RHA needs to operate responsibly through the proper channels, he said, to accomplish what residents want done.

Snygg also wants to reduce "turmoil" among RHA members, which, he said, is caused by futile attempts to follow complicated parliamentary procedure.

If elected, he plans to introduce a simplified version of Roberts' Rules to RHA, which will provide a more relaxed atmosphere during meetings.

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Ane Jensen, presidential candidate with the CLASS (Campus Leaders and Student Support) Party, said her previous RHA experience will help her serve as an effective president.

During her one and a half years in RHA, Jensen served as FINK chairman; a member of ASUN's ad hoc committee on the proposed radial highway; and chairman of both the RHA Programming Committee and the RHA Judicial Board Committee.

Student leaders need to reach out and listen to student concerns in order to be effective, she said.

Robin Lynch, independent presidential candidate, said a lack of communication between students and RHA needs to be remedied.

RHA representatives should attend floor meetings to directly hear students' concerns, she said.

Residents should also be more involved in RHA committees, she said, and these committees should deal with more specialized areas of concern.

Lynch would also like to close the communication gap between hall residents and Greek house members by working more closely with the Panhellenic and the Inter-Fraternity Council offices.

Bill Flack, presidential candidate with the X Party, said his is the only party with a real philosophy, and called the other candidates "interchangeable parts."

The X Party, he said, is prepared to use other methods to gain improvements in residence halls, after conventional attempts at change have failed.

Previous ways of dealing with administrators have proven ineffective, Flack said, and his party is willing to try a new approach, which includes possible lawsuits and massive disobedience. The X Party is

running four representatives on its ticket, Flack said. Representatives are usually appointed by individual hall governments.

## Alcoholism awareness essential for treatment

By Patty Pryor

Alcoholism costs the United States \$43 billion annually, ranking it with heart disease and cancer as a major health problem, according to John Doyle, National Council on Alcoholism board chairman.

Doyle spoke in the Nebraska Union Sunday night as a part of "Alcohol Awareness Week," sponsored by the Student Y.

Awareness of an alcohol problem is the first step in any treatment, Doyle said.

"Until you know you have something wrong with you, you're not going to do anything about it," he said.

Calling alcoholism a "disease of denial," Doyle said alcoholics are "prone to blame anything else they can think of for their problems.

"They need someone to call the problem to their attention, to tell them they're not using alcohol socially, like most people do," he said.

However, alcoholics and those around them are reluctant to admit they have a problem because of the "terrible stereotypes" associated with the disease, Doyle said.

## Violations alleged in campaign

By Mary Louise Knapp

Two complaints were filed Monday with the ASUN Electoral Commission charging that a member of the VOTE (Viable Opportunity for Total Efficiency) Party violated Electoral Commission rules.

Mike Kratville, the VOTE party's candidate for second vice-president, against whom the complaints were filed, denied any wrongdoing.

Kratville added he has filed counter-complaints against the SURE (Students United for Responsible Education) Party, charging that the SURE party violated election rules.

Dan Renn, press secretary for the SURE party, said he filed a complaint against Mike Kratville, the VOTE party's candidate for second vice president. "concerning a violation I witnessed," Renn did not comment on the nature of the violation.

An alcoholic often will be literally "protected to death" by friends and family members too afraid to acknowledge the disease.

Increased social acceptance of alcoholism as a treatable disease is necessary, Doyle said, and this is being achieved through local councils, which number more than 200 across the country.

NCA's role, he said, is to create public awareness of the problem so the stigma can be erased and so alcoholics can be helped.

According to Doyle, 3.3 million American teenagers are alcoholics. Introducing alcohol education at an early age would be a good preventive step, he said.

Because so much is spent on liquor advertising, he said, young people are exposed to alcohol in a glamorous and appealing manner.

"When you have alcohol weaved through the social fabric, as it is in college, alcoholism awareness is especially difficult to teach, he said.

"It just seems a shame," he said, "that you can't get the message of alcoholism education across."

Sue Jepsen, a deskworker at Neihardt Residential Center and a campaign worker for the SURE party, said that she also filed a complaint against Kratville. Jepsen said she witnessed Kratville removing posters on a Neihardt bulletin board that were covering VOTE party posters, and placing them over SURE party posters.

"I'm not admitting anything," Kratville said in response to the complaints. Kratville said he removed SURE posters which were illegally placed and had taken them to the ASUN office.

Kim Weiland, director of the Electoral Commission, said the commission will hold a hearing on the complaints today. The Electoral Commission has the power to request in Student Court that persons accused of certain complaints can be prohibited from holding office for the remainder of that calendar year.

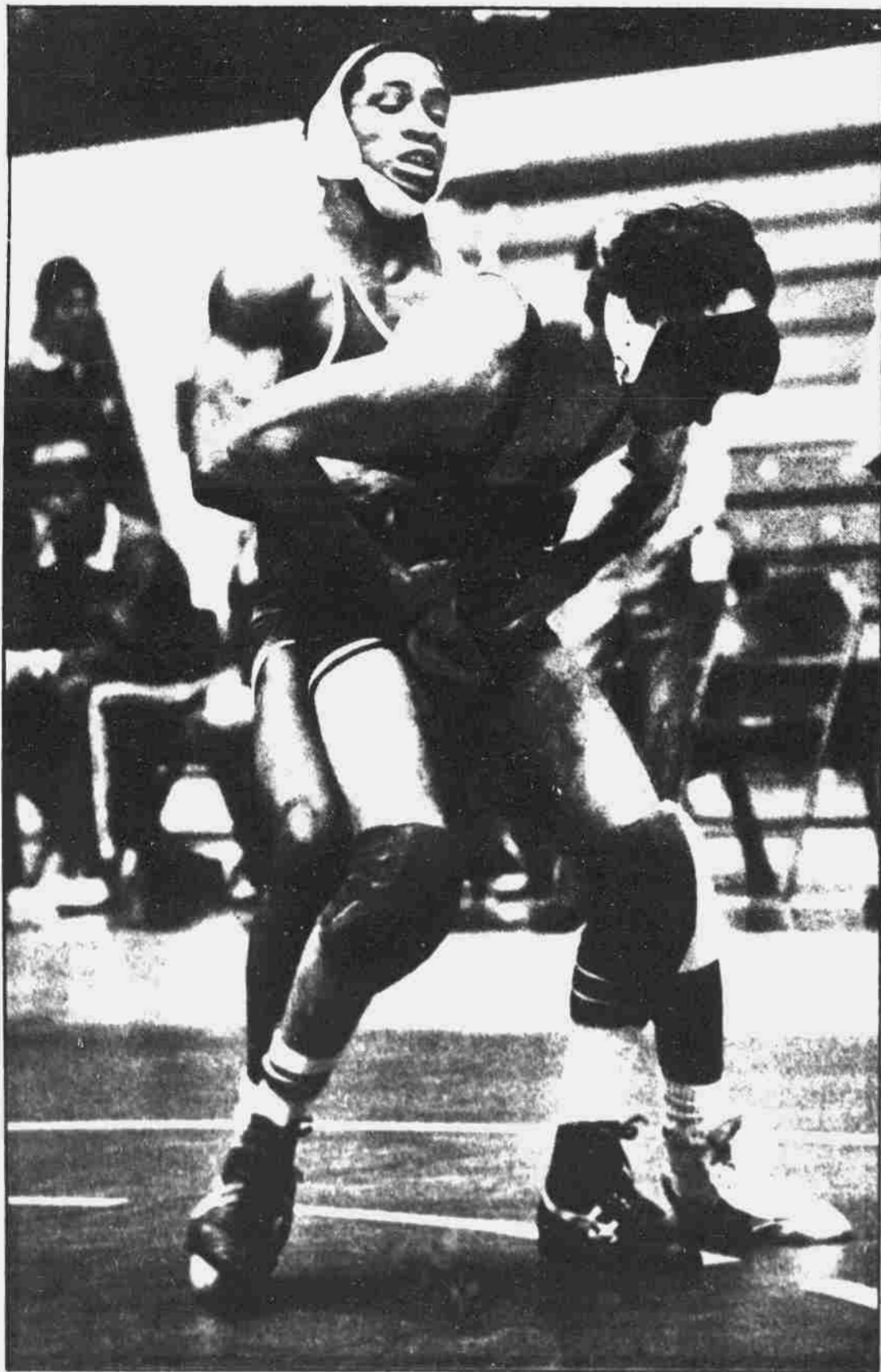


Photo by Jon Natvig

Wrestler Johnnie Selmon, the first Husker to win a Big Eight wrestling championship in 19 years, attempts to take down Northern Iowa's Rick Morkel Feb. 16. For more on Selmon's performance at the Big Eight Wrestling Tournament last weekend at Stillwater, Okla., see Page 5.

## Independent announces bid for RHA presidency

Independent candidate Robin Lynch announced her bid Monday for Residence Hall Association president.

More active and involved participation by RHA members would help make the organization more effective, she said.

"RHA has the potential to do a lot more than they have been," she said.

If elected, Lynch said she would have executives attend floor meetings because that is where the residents' ideas are usually heard.

RHA representatives also should be more active, she said, because too much apathy currently exists within the council.

Representatives from each of the halls should be invited to executive meetings, she said, to help strengthen each member's involvement in RHA.

By heightening representative participation, residents will be more easily encouraged to join in RHA's efforts, Lynch said.

"In dormies' minds, RHA doesn't do a lot," she said. "But it's just that they (residents) are not informed (about what is done)."

Lynch said she would like to restructure the committee system within RHA to include more residents. The committees now are just one-man operations, she said, and more resident involvement would change this.

Closer communication also needs to be established with ASUN and the NU Board of Regents, Lynch said.

Regents should eat with residents in the hall cafeterias more often. In addition, writing letters to the regents is a "terrific way to get something done," she said.

Lynch said she is running to provide a choice between the X and CLASS parties, the first two parties to announce candidates for RHA.

Apathy is difficult to overcome, she said, but any attempt must be made through accepted methods.

Lynch, a sophomore secondary math education major, has served as Schramm RHA representative and Schramm Hall treasurer for the last two semesters.