

SURE sweeps Senate spots in ASUN race

By Tom Prentiss

The Students United for Responsible Education Party swept the ASUN Senate races held last Wednesday and landed many candidates for various advisory boards.

Rick Mockler's SURE Party captured 26 of 32 senate seats. SURE ran candidates in 29 races and three graduate college seats went unfilled.

Kim Weiland, ASUN Electoral Commission chairperson, released the election results Saturday at 4 p.m., some 92 hours after the polls had closed on Wednesday.

Weiland said 2,703 students voted. Daily Nebraskan files show this turnout to be lower than in past years. In 1980, 3,880 students voted and 2,950 voted in 1979.

Weiland said results of the State Student Association survey, Fund B allocations and the Recreation center questions will begin being tabulated today. She could give no estimate for when they would be done.

Counted by hand

She said it was evident the computer was not reading some of the cards in the

program. Ballots for each race were then separated and counted by hand, Weiland said.

The Electoral Commission had ordered a thicker, higher quality card to be used in the election but received a thin, lower quality card instead, she said. Not enough time remained to go back and get a special card designed for the election, according to Weiland.

With continuous runs through the computer, Weiland said, the cards had a tendency to become weaker and warp, which caused problems in running the cards through the computer.

For the run-off election, Weiland said ASUN has some better quality cards on hand. But they don't have enough so some cards that caused the counting problems may also be used.

SSA is issue

Mockler faces Steve McMahon of the Viable Opportunity for Total Efficiency Party (VOTE) in a run-off election this Wednesday. A debate between the two

candidates will be Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

McMahon said he thinks the proposed State Student Association will be the issue that distinguishes Mockler from himself.

McMahon said Mockler is a supporter of an SSA but that he has reservations about it. He said it would cost too much money and that there are too many unanswered questions about it.

Senior Willie Waters, McMahon's campaign manager, said the run-off is an "entirely different election." He said there has never been such a clear choice of the candidates.

Waters, who managed past ASUN President Bud Cuca's campaign in 1979, said he planned to "pull another Cuca" by getting McMahon elected.

SURE's Dan Wedekind received 1,257 votes for first vice president and will face VOTE's Wendy Wiseman in the run-off.

Doran Matzke of the SURE Party won the second vice presidential spot outright, receiving 1,308 votes.

One senatorial run-off will occur between two VOTE Party candidates. Mike Klusaw and Greg Meehan are in the running for one seat in the UNL School of Journalism. Each received 30 votes. Karie

Keown of the SURE Party was first with 45 votes.

Seven SURE candidates were elected as Arts and Sciences College senators. They were Kathy Roth, Bridget Corrigan, Fran Grabowski, Tim Chandler, Becky Stingley, Dave Mumgaard and Marcie Hagerty.

SURE won all four spots in the Teacher's College. Debi King, Nadine Heiss, Joel Heim and Cheryl Ann Hoelting were elected.

All three Agriculture College senators came from the SURE Party. Jim Emanuel, Dan Wickman and David Bracht were elected.

Independent Sharon Kriewald was also elected to the board.

Elected to the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board were SURE's Julie Kunce, Julie Jordan, Tim Davis, Jeff Lonowski and Carol Cook Geu. Elected from the VOTE party, were Tim Howard, Kathy Janowski, Suzette Sulter and Jeffrey Weak.

Joel Johnson was elected as an independent.

Home Economics Advisory Board members will be Gwen Knoebel, Lorie

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Candidate for run-off labels opponent's group as elitist

By Ward W. Triplett III

Although he finished with 629 votes fewer than received in last week's election, ASUN presidential candidate Steve McMahon said Sunday he is hoping to "pull a Bud Cuca" in this Wednesday's run-off election.

"Two years ago, Bud Cuca found himself in the same position as we (McMahon and vice presidential candidate Wendy Wisemann) do now. Wednesday, we feel that we are going to pull a Cuca."

Cuca won the run-off election. McMahon said there never has been a clearer choice than there is between himself and Mockler.

Mockler, the SURE Party candidate, has taken special care to surround himself with an "elite" group of students, McMahon said.

"Rick would essentially be ruled by this power elite, and anything that came out of ASUN would be to their favor."

McMahon added that Mockler's experience in ASUN has been with administrative detail, but McMahon said he has been with students.

He also said Mockler is from the same group that elected current ASUN President Renee Wessels.

"I don't think the students were happy with Wessels, and Mockler is the elites person this year. If he wins, the power elite

will have been successful in keeping student government in their hands for another year."

McMahon said he is representative of the rank and file students, people who have gotten nothing out of student government. He announced endorsements of the VOTE Party by UNL students Michelle Loseke, Dave Jonson and Jodi Courtney.

"These people have no fancy titles, and claim no ability to speak for others. But they are the backbone of this campus, and they represent the kind of students that I will represent."

McMahon emphasized the lack of support his stands have from the power elite by holding his press conference in a room that he said contained all the elites who supported him: an empty phone booth.

"Rick is supported by those who are willing to put political games before the desires of the rank and file students, McMahon said. An example is SSA. The SURE Party is behind it lock, stock and barrel. But there are too many questions surrounding it for me to feel that we can jump into it this soon."

"Since the (ASUN) Senate is controlled by SURE, I think it is important to have the most important positions controlled by Wendy and myself to have another opinion in ASUN and to make sure the SSA isn't just ramrodded through."



Photo by John Natvig

In a scene reminiscent of *Raging Bull*, Jim Havens of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity looks for the good shot on Terry O'Neil of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity at the 1981 All Greek Fight Night last Friday. Havens lost the bout after three rounds. Proceeds were donated to the Cedars Home for Children in Lincoln.

Professors question U.S. actions in El Salvador

By Beth Headrick

While analyzing the situation in El Salvador, a UNL associate professor of history and philosophy of education compared the land in that country with its current economic ills.

San Salvador, a city of 500,000 and the capital of El Salvador, is in a valley next to an active volcano, Edward Nemeth said.

"The peasants in the city are poor and the lower you go geographically, the poorer the people are. But like a graph of social levels, the higher you go on the volcano, the nicer the houses get, and the further removed people are from what's going on below."

Between 1968 and 1970, Nemeth traveled to El Salvador working for the Organization of Central American States, consulting on a textbook project.

"El Salvador has a long problematic history," he said, "and I have a problem with whom the U.S. is aligning with."

Nemeth is referring to the civilian-military junta, a moderate-centrist force between the right wing (the former ruling power in El Salvador) and the left wing (peasant fighters made up of Jesuits, Christian Democrats, Marxists and Socialists).

Until 1979, El Salvador was ruled by 14 families, a strong militia and one man, Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero. Jose Napoleon Duarte was elected in 1972, the only democratic election that country held in this century.

The army didn't allow Duarte to take office and he was exiled. After the 1979 coup, Cuarte became president of the junta.

Former President Jimmy Carter supported the junta as a moderate force, mostly giving economic aid, in the hopes of precipitating land reforms. The Reagan administration has increased aid, mostly in the form of non-combat advisers and military aid.

Professor David Forsythe, political science, said this aid is badly timed. He said sending military assistance looks like the United States is supporting the military there, not the junta, which barely has the army under its control, he said.

It may encourage the army to take things into their own hands, Forsythe said.

It'd be much wiser to have all four factions, the army, the rightists, the leftists and the junta, to sit down with the United States and find political solutions for the problems, he said.

Forsythe said he agreed with Nemeth that the problems in El Salvador go beyond those of Soviet and Cuban intervention in the form of military aid to the leftist guerrillas.

Few people in the United States knew or cared about El Salvador until this crisis came up, he said. The major weakness in the Reagan administration is a misinformed idea of international communist aggression as being the problem, he said, but it's the local conditions there that are the cause of the killing.

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