

By two-to-one margin

Mockler wins run-off for ASUN presidency

By Val Swinton
and Diane Andersen

Rick Mockler saw it as no small irony that the ASUN was discussing the proposed State Student's Association Monday night when the announcement was made that he had defeated Steve McMahon for ASUN presidency by a vote of 981 to 476.

Mockler's SURE Party supported the SSA while McMahon and his VOTE Party opposed it.

"It was probably the most controversial item in the entire campaign," Mockler said.

Mockler, currently an ASUN senator, added with a

smile, "We just passed on an SSA."

The ASUN's endorsement of the association will be forwarded to Interim Chancellor Robert Rutford, who will decide whether the lobbying group will be established with the support of student fees.

On his victory over McMahon, Mockler said he was "just absolutely ecstatic. We're elated."

Mockler, though, admitted concern over the low voter turnout in Wednesday's run-off election.

"We were concerned that our supporters weren't going to get back out and vote today," he said.

Mockler said he was confident that his relationship with the regents would be cordial.

"I would term myself to be a very diplomatic person," he said.

Mockler credited his party with his success in the election. The SURE Party had organizers in the residence halls, fraternities and sororities.

"We were really able to get down to the grassroots," he said.

Mockler wasn't alone in his assessment of the SURE Party.

"I'm disappointed," said McMahon of his loss. "But Rick and the SURE Party probably ran the most organized and effective campaign in the history of the ASUN elections."

"I lost to the SURE Party and the SURE Party organization."

McMahon said he wasn't the only loser in yesterday's election.

"The students are the ones that lost, in my opinion," he said. "The ASUN will continue to operate the way it's operated in the past."

McMahon said he "would do what I can to change the path of ASUN."

He was also critical of the timing of the voting results, which were made public while Student Court was still considering a complaint signed by McMahon, CURE Party candidate Tom Vergith and Tim Higgins of PURGE.



Photo by Mitch Hrdlicka

Rick Mockler, newly-elected ASUN president.

The complaint alleged that Mockler and first vice presidential candidate Dan Wedekind used ASUN offices for campaign purposes.

Student Court was debating the suit Wednesday when the announcement was made.

"We were hoping it would be adjudicated before the election results were released," McMahon said. "It makes it difficult for the Student Court to reach a fair and equitable decision."

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RHA results are delayed

The results of the RHA run-off election will be delayed because of a problem in the polling procedures in Abel-Sandoz, and Neihardt residence halls, according to RHA President Corkie Kumpost.

The election will be continued in these two halls over the noon and evening hours today for those who have not yet voted, she said.

"There is confusion over the times that the polling took place in Abel-Sandoz and over the places it was supposed to take place in Neihardt," she said.

Kumpost said the votes that were tallied yesterday will be added on to the votes from today's election in the two residence halls.

She requested that Wednesday's RHA election results not be made public until the election was completed.



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Last weekend it was girls' state basketball. Mari Pflanz and her Class C Randolph teammates express their jubilation shortly before winning the girls' state basketball championship against Hebron 42-39 last Saturday. And this weekend it's the boys' turn.

SSA funding approved by ASUN

By Betsy Miller

Funds for a Nebraska State Student Association were approved Wednesday night by ASUN as part of the ASUN approval of the Fund A budget submitted by the Committee for Fees Allocation.

The senate voted on each item separately for Fund A and Fund B allocations. The total of \$69,170 for ASUN was divided into \$48,420 for senate use and \$20,750 for the SSA. The SSA will cost 50 cents per student each semester.

Senator Steve McMahon asked that the structural criteria of the SSA be amended to say it must consist of at least three other state colleges besides UNL.

Vandalism concerns UNL officials

By Ward W. Triplett III

This weekend's boys' state basketball tournament in Lincoln promises not only to bring the traditional wave of fans, parents and coaches, but also the highest rate of high-school age visitors to UNL residence halls.

Along with the visitors comes the most vandalism to occur in one weekend, according to Harper-Schramm-Smith complex director Jim Gerndt.

"In the past, the state basketball weekends have been the worst for damage, rule violations, and general rowdiness, with the possible exception of the Oklahoma game," Gerndt said.

More than \$140 in damage occurred last year, which Gerndt said was one of the lowest amounts he could remember.

Elizabeth Beu, assistant maintenance director of Abel Hall, said last year's damage at Abel was also not as bad as had been expected.

"I think we generally are as protective and preventive as we can be," Beu said.

Some of the larger schools involved in the tournament include Omaha Northwest, Ryan, Technical, Creighton Prep, Benson, Fremont, Crete, Kearney, Aurora and Columbus high schools.

Gerndt said last year's reduced vandalism probably was due to the students taking it upon themselves to reduce some of the problems.

"Last year elevator monitors helped a lot, and they're doing that again this year," he said.

Elevator monitors will work different shifts riding the elevators to ensure there is no damage. The individual complex senates are responsible for finding volunteers to act as monitors, Gerndt said.

In Selleck Quadrangle, Residence Director Eric Buller said the doors will be locked an hour earlier this weekend,

and guests must present a guest registration card to enter. McMahon said the ASUN Core Committee that investigated the possibility of an SSA "had led him to believe" that more than one campus was interested in joining. He said he thought only Peru State College was interested.

Senator John Heineman proposed an amendment to change McMahon's call for three other colleges to two other colleges.

ASUN President Renee Wessels voiced strong disapproval of the motion, saying that this addition "in effect would be scuttling the whole SSA."

"I think that for the first year, two (colleges) is more than fair," she said.

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"It's just to keep the people looking for something to do from wandering around inside," Buller said. "But it's my understanding Selleck doesn't have nearly the number of problems the other halls do."

A reminder that UNL students are responsible for actions of their guests has been posted in most residence halls.

"There has not been much vandalism in the past few years, though it used to be that way," said Glenn Schumann, assistant director of housing. "Maybe there are some things going on we don't know about, but just with the elevators, the lounges, and the lobbies, the damage has gone down a lot."

"Our biggest concern with this is, because of the increased number of people that will be visiting overnight, what if we had a fire?" he asked. "In the event we have one, we want to have enough staff involved to deal with it."

Schumann said that the population of Harper Hall almost doubles during the state basketball weekend.

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