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Commission finds Real Party acted in good faith

By Betsy Miller

The ASUN Electoral Commission issued an opinion Tuesday afternoon saying the Real Party acted in good faith when they posted campaign signs before the date specified in election rules.

The opinion reads: "And because the Real Party Real Party Jan. 25 that janitors would not pull down campaign signs between Feb. 10 and March 3.

Acting on this, the party posted signs before Feb. 10, even though the rules state posters can be displayed only between Feb. 10 and March 3.

The opinion reads: "And because the Real Party acted in good faith and in accordance to an answer received from this commission on Jan. 25, 1982, the Election Commission cannot file reprimand sanctions against the

Real Party."

The Monday hearing was ordered by the UNL Student Court, which heard a suit last Thursday brought by Mike Frost, STUPID II presidential candidate, and Kathy Mach, against the commission.

Mach and Frost charged the commission with unfair and ambiguous practices, including the interpretation of the sign rule. They claimed it was unfair of the commission to give the interpretation that signs could be posted before the date given in election rules and not tell the other parties.

However, Dan Wedekind, Real Party presidential candidate, said enough damage to his campaign has already been done.

"I feel it's unfortunate that the truth was so long in coming," he said.

He said press coverage of the suit and the fact that reprimands could have been taken against the party has reflected negatively on his campaign.

He said the commission should have clarified the issue earlier, so that the suit and hearing would not have had to take place.

Frost said he was pleased the commission made its stand clear and the Real Party was found innocent of any infraction.

However, he said he thinks the commission is contradicting what it told student court by conceding that it did tell a Real Party member he could post signs before Feb. 10.

Jennifer Fager, electoral commission director, said she did not deny making the statement to the Real Party member in front of the court.

Disillusionment excuse for part of perennial turnover within ASUN

By Betsy Miller

What do Tom Copland, Bridget Corrigan, Debi King, Tim Chandler, Tim Rinne, Dave Fricke, Nadine Heiss and Marcie Hagerty have in common?

One year ago all eight were elected to the ASUN Senate. Now, for a variety of different reasons, they are no longer senators. Those eight composed about one-fourth of the entire senate elected in 1981. But according to some past and present senators, that number of senators leaving the position is not unusual. The senate has 35 possible positions.

Brian Haun, current senator from the College of Engineering and Technology and also the speaker of the senate, said some senators who left their terms early did so because of unavoidable circumstances. For example, Heiss is now student teaching, Hagerty transferred to another school and Corrigan graduated, he said.

Haun, as speaker of the senate, is a member of the senate's Internal Affairs Committee and is in charge of appointing the committee's nominees to fill vacant senate seats.

Others who left the senate told him they didn't have time to do the job adequately. He said they probably made a wise move in resigning if they didn't have time for the senate.

"I'd rather have senators quit, rather than not contribute," he said.

Haun said the total amount of time it takes to appoint a new senator after the resignation of another runs about three weeks.

The number of new senators stepping in to finish out terms of those who resign may affect the senate, Haun said.

"It detracts from our experience level," Haun said. "I would say it takes close to a month before people get into the swing."

Rick Mockler, current senate president and senate speaker in 1980-81, said senate turnover this year probably equals that of last year.

But Mockler is not as concerned with a lack of continuity among new senators as he is with the total overhaul of the senate which happens after every election.

"Virtually all senators are elected new each year," he said. "When you have eight people in the course of a year, the turnover is gradual and is not as big a problem. Every year a new group is trying to reinvent the wheel."

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Photo by Michela Thuman

Supporters of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran demonstrate in front of the Iranian Embassy building in New York. For more about the demonstration, see Page 8.

Single-game football ticket prices to increase

The NU Board of Regents approved a last-minute change in the price increase of single-game football tickets Saturday in order to avoid having to make an additional increase in two or three years, Regent Ed Schwartzkopf said Tuesday.

The regents approved increasing regular single-game ticket prices to \$12 from \$10.25, student tickets to \$6 from \$5.25 and staff tickets to \$9 from \$7.50. The increase will generate between \$475,000 and \$500,000 in additional football ticket revenue, said Gary Fouraker, business manager for the UNL Athletic Department.

Originally, John W. Goebel, interim vice chancellor for business and finance, proposed increasing the regular single-game ticket price to \$11.50, student ticket price to

\$5.75 and staff ticket price to \$8.50. An additional \$320,000 would have been added to the \$3.5 million annual ticket revenue.

"Rather than increasing prices two years down the road, we (the regents) just rounded the figures off \$6, \$9 and \$12," Schwartzkopf said.

The price increase was proposed because of increasing athletic department expenses, he said.

The additional revenue will be used to improve athletic department facilities, Athletic Director Bob Devaney said. The improvements include building a women's softball field, improving the visitors' dressing room in the stadium and placing new AstroTurf on the baseball field, he said.

Professors discuss sexism, complaint channels

By Chuck Jagoda

The university as a structure is medieval in its origins and traditions, an assistant professor of educational psychology said Tuesday. That gives it a distinctly masculinist attitude, which can lead to a sexist attitude, said Barbara Kerr.

Kerr and Helen Moore, assistant professor of women's studies and sociology spoke at a Women in Perspectives lecture. The series meets at 12:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. It's sponsored by the Student YWCA, the Women's Resource Center and University Program Council.

Kerr and Moore spoke of sexism on campus.

Moore said anytime power inequality is coupled with close physical proximity there is opportunity for sexual harassment. Kerr identified the workplace as the most common situation where students are harassed by faculty members.

"We usually hear about it in situations where an individual works with a professor at night," Moore said. "Anytime a student is alone with an adviser or supervisor — the counseling supervision situation is a good example — there is fertile ground for sexual harassment. If it is a case of an older, respected male professor and a younger female student, it can be hard for her to draw the line between harassment and close working rapport."

The student handbook contains guidelines and procedures for complaints. Kerr suggested that a female who has a sexual harassment complaint tell a female faculty member, write a letter to the department chairperson or use the procedure available through UNL's Affirmative Action Office.

In spite of measures to deal with incidents of sexual harassment, Kerr said she knows of one professor who has been reprimanded on the department level and requested by students to discontinue his behavior, yet continues to

provoke complaints.

Moore distinguished flirting from harassment.

"The anthropologists define flirting as intimate teasing," Moore said. "It's reciprocal, however; that is, both parties are sensitive to it and both want both of them to enjoy it."

Kerr described some of the more subtle aspects of sexual harassment.

"Professors can be naive, not realize that they are acting on the basis of sexual harassment," Kerr said. "They may see it as just attention when they introduce a woman reading a paper to a class as a 'winsome lass.' They introduce all the men just by their name and then, unintentionally, belittle the female student as someone who's only attractive and not a scholar. This is especially true in departments like agriculture and engineering where there are so few women that men aren't used to them and don't know how to treat them."