

Student awareness goal of SPARE



Photo by Craig Andresen

Larry Weixelman

By Bill Allen

Larry Weixelman said he thinks the current ASUN candidates are making issues out of areas that aren't that important, while important issues shrink into the background.

He said the main goal of his party, Students for Political Awareness Regarding Education, is to make students aware of the political power they have.

Weixelman, a senior history major, is the presidential candidate for SPARE. He said he and vice-presidential candidate, Dave Sanden, a junior history major, plan to re-evaluate ASUN and return it to its proper position as an active political voice with a strong, willing and organized student body united behind it.

"To be honest," he said, "who cares where the bookstore is? Parking is an issue. It's also a city problem."

Weixelman said students, and the state

legislature, should be concerned with maintaining and improving the quality of education.

"I know that has been said before and it sounds like such a general topic," he said, "But there are ways to accomplish this. To start with the state should be concerned with keeping and maintaining instructors. You do this by increasing salaries."

He said it's hard to keep a qualified professor teaching for \$20,000 a year when he could be making \$70,000 in a non-teaching job.

"It's been shown that a strong university will attract business," he said. "They know they have a strong source of knowledge to tap."

If given the opportunity, he said the first thing he would try to initiate would be a registered group of student lobbyists in the State Legislature.

Hopefully, he said, this will help toward

SPARE's ultimate goal of changing student attitudes toward the effectiveness of their government.

"We have roughly 23,500 students, and out of these, I'd say 90 percent are eligible to vote," he said. "That makes us the one of the single largest voting blocks in the state."

Weixelman said he and the SPARE Party are willing to make ASUN senators work.

And that, he said, is another important issue.

At present, SPARE is a party of two, Weixelman and Sanden. Weixelman said they don't have the resources that the other parties have, or the campaign time, although he did say there were some people working for them.

ASUN needs someone who is willing to "jump in there and take some flack," and to be willing to cut through the red tape and confront the real issues, he said.

'Something can be done'

Action concerned with parking, police problems

Editor's Note: This is the first in a five-part series profiling ASUN Senate parties.

By Mona Koppelman

Action Party members see distinct differences between their party and other ASUN hopefuls at this stage in the campaign, presidential candidate Laura Meyer said.

"I think we have really attacked the issues. We are an issue-oriented party," said Meyer, who is a junior majoring in business finance.

"Every year there are a lot of promises made by parties," Meyer said. "They (parties) really do focus on important problems, but then issues aren't followed up."

"We want to show students what the important issues are and that something can be done about them," she said.

From talking to students and campaigning, she said that the main concern of students is "the police department problem."

"Last year, 45,000 parking tickets were given and \$584,000 collected in fines," Meyer said. "All of that money went back into a fund called 'parking enforcement,' and none was used to expand parking facilities."

The combined need for faculty and student parking totaled 10,000 stalls and only 5,000 exist, she said.

"There's no way everyone can park legally," she said. "Some are forced to

park a long way from campus, and the rest park illegally."

"We feel the whole police department issue needs to be looked into, especially the role and purpose of the police department on this campus."

Action is calling for a task force to study the UNL Police Department. Night patrols are a second major concern of students.

According to Action's platform statement, "the police department employs 50 people of which only about 5 work at night . . . Action wants the police department to spend less time giving tickets and more time patrolling the campus and buildings at night."

"One major problem that strikes me at UNL is that there isn't enough money

going to instructional facilities," Meyer said.

"State tax dollars appropriated to the administration increased 115 percent. State tax dollars appropriated to instructional activities has decreased by 22 percent," Meyer said. "And our enrollment is up by 10 percent."

"Money is not going to instructional areas where it directly benefits students," she said.

"We want to form a study group to study the university budget year-round and work with state legislators," she said.

According to Action's platform statement, "by having a specific group highly informed on this issue, our (ASUN's) opinion will carry more weight."



Students mark the passing of "M*A*S*H" at a "M*A*S*H Bash" held Monday night at East Union. Lori Kozisek, a sophomore journalism major, is the patient having her pulse taken. The others are: left, Lisa Richardson, a freshman teacher's college major, Carol Pribyl, a junior business major and president of UPC-East, Kurt Borg, a sophomore animal science major, Steve Carter, who worked on "M*A*S*H" production as a production observer and dialog coach, Kathleen Rathje a senior business marketing major and Deann Hopkins a freshman animal science major.

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M★A★S★H Bash rewards fans

By Kris Mullen

What is the Korean town nearest the 4077th? What is the name of Major Winchester's sister? What are the tables in the Officers' Club made of?

These were some of the questions of the M*A*S*H trivia quiz, part of the M*A*S*H Bash sponsored by Union Program Council East at East Union Monday.

After several tie-breaker questions, Curt Arens was declared the winner. He received a "Goodbye, Farewell, Amen . . ." T-shirt, commemorating the final episode of the 11-year series.

Second prize, a 1983 M*A*S*H calendar, went to Scott Gilbert.

Carol Pribyl, president of UPC East, said that the prizes were ordered from Twentieth Century Fox Television.

In the East Union cafeteria, UPC set up a replica of "The Swamp," the tent shared by B.J., Charles and Hawkeye. The remake was complete with cots, dartboard, putter and martini glasses.

The winner of the costume contest,

Deann Hopkins, wore a Navy ROTC uniform and dark glasses.

Kurt Borg won second place for his Hawkeye costume of bath robe, cowboy hat and boots.

Dressed in army fatigues, Kathleen Rathje said that she and her roommate had thought of the M*A*S*H Bash idea.

"We thought a lot of people would be involved," she said, "because there are so many 'M*A*S*H' fans."

One of the "M*A*S*H" fans at the bash was Steven Carter, a journalism graduate student.

Carter, who said that his interests are writing, directing and producing, has worked with "M*A*S*H" productions.

He set up a table with many autographed M*A*S*H photos, scripts and other memorabilia, including one of Hawkeye's martini glasses.

He said that the final episode is extra special for him because he has worked with the cast.

"They're going out on top," he said. "I hate to see them go."