

Action, Reach vie in run-off

Two of the four ASUN presidential candidates still have to keep their fingers crossed. The Reach team of presidential candidate Matt Wallace and vice-presidential candidate Regina Rogers will go head-to-head with the Action team of Laura Meyer and Greg Krieser Wednesday in a run-off election. Only four votes separated first-place Reach and second-place Action.

Electoral Commissioner Jennifer Fager said candidates must win by 10 percent or receive a majority of the vote in the original election. If they do not, the top two vote-getters go to a run-off election, where a one-vote margin is sufficient.

There will also be a run-off between second vice presidential candidates Bill Buntain of Reach and Kay Hinn of Action.

The Committee for Fees Allocation race for residence halls will be re-run in the run-offs because a name was misspelled on the ballot.

Thirty-five ASUN senators were elected; 18 from the Action Party, 12 from Reach and five with no party affiliation.

In the Fund A question, 2,299 students voted for the 90-cent Daily Nebraskan fee, 619 voted against. For the Campus Speakers Program, 1,984 voted for the \$2.28 allocation, 914 voted against. Student government officer salaries for 1983-84, a \$1.26 allocation, was defeated 1,573 to 1,316. The Nebraska State Student Association's allocation of 50 cents was approved, 1,761 to 1,080.

UNL students voted in favor of the nuclear freeze resolution on the ballot, 2,118 to 895.

Dave "Milo" Mumgaard, chairman of the UNL Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, said he was surprised at the large margin.

"I think it says something," he said. "We're the young people that have to face the consequences of the decisions that are being made. I think I can say that

the majority of the students feel the consequences are too dire to deal with."

Fourteen percent of UNL students voted this year, compared with 9 percent last year.

Voter turnout at the 1983 Residence Hall Association elections increased 4.8 percent from last year, from 7.8 percent of 4,900 students to 12.6 percent of 4,846 residence hall students. RHA Electoral Commissioner Kathy Mach attributed the increase to combined RHA-ASUN polling places, used this year for the first time.

"It was a lot easier for people to vote this year," she said.

Of 611 voters, Progressive Party presidential candidate Bob Wolz received 364 votes, while presidential candidate Tom Myers of the BEER Party had 221. Two votes went to write-in candidate Steve Bray.

The Progressive Party took a straight ticket victory with 59 percent of the vote. Besides Wolz, Jerome Studer was elected

vice president; Shelley Wolfe, secretary and Tom Lauder, treasurer

President-elect Wolz was pleased with the increased voter participation.

"When we appeal to voters, they will come out (to the polls) more. I think we really presented ourselves as an appealing party. . . we appealed to the people who were tired of (RHA's) not getting things done."

Wolz disagreed, however, that the combined RHA-ASUN polls caused increased voter turnout.

"It was a great idea, but I would have suggested two different polls in the same area, because I know through the grapevine that some students didn't vote for RHA because they didn't want to vote for ASUN," he said.

Myers of the BEER Party said he was surprised the election was as close as it was.

"We were actually amazed that it was so close. . . we were mostly in it for fun, and we got what we wanted out of it," he said.

Railroad crossing issue is ready for Action

By Jann Nyffeler

Laura Meyer, Action presidential candidate, said in a press conference Thursday evening that she has met with officials of Missouri Pacific Railroad to work toward a "permanent solution" to the crossing problem near the Harper-Schramm-Smith resident halls.

Meyer said that Missouri Pacific's supervisor of operation, Ron McCoy, has agreed to begin negotiations to shift most of their traffic that passes through campus to another nearby line. She said McCoy told her the negotiations would last about 60 to 90 days.

According to Meyer, this shift would result in trains decreasing in length from approximately 80 cars to an average of 8 cars per train.

"The outcome of these negotiations will determine whether the plan can be implemented," Meyer said.

Action plans to have a booth at Harper-Schramm-Smith Food service to inform students about this latest development.

Workers in the booth will also conduct a survey of Harper-Schramm-Smith residents to study whether they would use an overpass, should the negotiations not conclude as planned. Meyer added that university officials originally told Missouri Pacific that students would not use an overpass.

"This is by far the most progress that

has been achieved in finding a solution to the railroad crossing problem," she said.

Meyer also said she recognized the importance of working with the Resident Hall Association on this and other matters in the future.

"Because we have the endorsement of the newly elected RHA government," Meyer said, "Action is confident that we will be successful in working with them and representing resident hall students."

Commenting on recent criticism that Action spent more money on its campaign than did other parties, Meyer said, "We were forced to spend more money to publicize our achievements and stands on the issues. The purpose of the elections is so that students can make better informed decisions based on the issues and party accomplishments."

"If we feel the issues are not covered properly, we have no choice but to do so ourselves."

She said that money was also used to send cards and petitions to the University Foundation and the legislative appropriations committee on such matters as changing the drinking age and increasing funds to UNL's computer system.

"We spent out money to solve issues," Meyer said.

Meyer said that in the run-off election Action will not be allowed to put up posters in the unions, but she was unsure whether they would be able to do so in residence halls.

Reach plans to stress concrete issues in run-off

By Vicki Ruhga

Preliminary campaign expense reports for ASUN elections revealed that the Reach Party spent \$625 to get 1,175 votes, and Action spent \$1,143 to get 1,171 votes, said Bill Buntain, second vice presidential candidate for Reach.

Reach campaign manager Kevin Goldstein said each candidate donates up to \$25 for the election, and no money comes from ASUN or student fees.

At a 2:30 p.m. press conference in the Nebraska Union, Buntain said the Reach Party was very excited to be in a run-off election with Action, because it would give both parties a chance to clear their differences on issues. The run-off election also gives students a greater opportunity to compare what he called the concrete issues of Reach with the abstract issues of Action.

Goldstein said Reach will continue to stress concrete issues for the upcoming run-off election. He said Reach also will be encouraging individual students to vote.

Regina Rogers, Reach first vice presidential candidate, said if Reach is elected, students will see senators all year-round, instead of only when they pass out pamphlets at election time.

Because more than 75 percent of the incoming senators are Greek, Rogers, the only executive candidate who lives in a residence hall, said she was concerned about representation of all UNL students. Rogers said Reach would look at issues affecting all students, like the expansion of Student Legal Services.

Matt Wallace, Reach presidential candidate, said the expansion of Student Legal Services is a realistic program that Reach

has already started working on.

The first part of the expansion is to educate students about legal issues through seminars, guest speakers, or the Student Legal Services handbook, which will be released soon, Wallace said.

Secondly, Wallace said, he would try to establish a Better Landlord Bureau, similar to the Better Business Bureau. This service would benefit nearly every student because most will have to live off campus at some time, he said. A cross index of different landlords and students' complaints could be established, Wallace said, and it could be a student-run service.

The third phase is to allow senior law students to litigate in court under the senior practice rule and the supervision of Shelly Stall, director of Student Legal Services.

Law student Tony Fejfar of Reach said the program could be implemented at minimal cost with volunteer labor, possibly some work-study money. There may be some credit for the work through the law college, he said.

The senior law students would handle only misdemeanor cases where students are not able to get help from outside lawyers. They would not handle felonies or any litigation against the university, and he said they would be careful not to take fee-producing cases from lawyers. Fejfar said Stall is very supportive of the expansion, so Reach will take the proposal to the regents and hope for a policy change.

Fejfar said there definitely would be a need for the landlord-tenant service on campus. He said Colorado State University's service handles 5,000 to 8,000 complaints a year.

Lamb wants state to match federal vet school funds

State Sen. Howard Lamb of Anselmo said Thursday that if Nebraska does not match federal planning money for the state's proposed regional veterinary college, it is doubtful the project will proceed.

Lamb presented an amendment Wednesday to the Legislature's Appropriation Committee that calls for the state operating budget to set aside \$827,000 to match federal funds

appropriated for the school's pre-construction and planning costs.

Nebraska's congressional representatives have indicated to supporters of the college that a dollar-for-dollar match is necessary for the state to receive federal funds for the school, Lamb said.

Gov. Bob Kerrey has asked that \$50,000 be appropriated in the state

budget for planning costs for the college.

Lamb said it is essential that Nebraska match the federal money to send a positive signal to the government and states that may participate in the regional college.

He said that by matching the federal planning funds, the state will show "that we are serious about going ahead with the vet school," and that Nebraska is

committed to the project.

Lamb's amendment also requested that \$373,500 be appropriated in the 1984-85 state budget for planning an animal science building to be built on East Campus.

Lamb said this project is not a substitute for the veterinary school plan, but that the animal science building would complement the school. He said he hopes both projects can be completed.