

Letters

**ISO: No party preference**

The International Students Organization is a multi-national organization and, as such, the preferences of the individual members are diverse. International students are known to collectively pursue goals of common interest, but the selection of ASUN presidential candidates is certainly not one of these goals. International students have an unquestionable ability to analyze issues raised by the candidates and consequently to make an objective choice for themselves.

The present administration of ISO has, since its inception, emphasized participation. This implies that international students should have a multidimensional involvement in student activities. There is no party preference. In the eyes of ISO, every party is equal, hence the executive cabinet is not only constrained, but cannot endorse a particular party as though such a choice is consistent with the preferences of the rest of the members. ISO is willing to work with any party that gets elected, but would not tolerate unfounded rumors aimed at discrediting the integrity of the organization.

Every international student is encouraged to participate in the March 16 run-off election with equal intensity.

Soala Ariweriokuma  
president, UNL International Students Organization

**Action violates RHA regulation**

I have recently filed a complaint against the Action Party for ASUN. Since the complaint will not be heard in time for coverage in the Daily Nebraskan, I have written this letter to explain the situation.

March 13, I witnessed Heidi Burkland placing "table tents" in the HSS Food Service cafeteria area. The tents were advertisements for the Action Party. When I left the cafeteria area, I met Burkland and Action presidential candidate Laura Meyer. I told them that I didn't think they were allowed to advertise like that and suggested that they contact RHA Election Commissioner Kathy Mach. They requested to see my copy of the RHA Campaign Regulations so I showed them. Section 3, Subpart B, prohibits campaigning in Food Services except at one table approved by the Hall President.

Meyer then made a statement to the effect that she wished she had the time and ambition to take the regulations seriously. I again suggested that they contact Commissioner Mach for an exact interpretation of the regulation. I was then told that they would attempt to contact ASUN Election Commissioner Jennifer Fager because Kathy Mach "... doesn't like us and she would just say no."

Violating the regulation is bad enough, but the attitude shown by these party persons is downright contrary to the spirit of good government. It is normal for parties to exploit every loophole to further their campaign but this is an outright violation attempt.

The RHA Election Commission has since instructed the HSS Food Service to remove the table tents. The ASUN Election Commission has yet to act on my complaint due to lack of time.

I would strongly urge you to consider the moral implications of the Action Party's actions before you go out to vote in the run-off election. I support neither party nor am I affiliated with any ASUN party. I just don't want a political organization with this attitude to be given the reins of student government.

Thomas V. Myers  
senior, engineering

**Reach Party qualified, concerned, experienced ASUN leadership**

As president of the Residence Hall Association during most of this ASUN campaign, I have had the opportunity to work with and evaluate the ASUN executive candidates. Only two parties still remain in the race, and both will provide strong, organized leadership if elected. The Reach party, however, offers some diversity and qualities which I have not found among either Action or their advocates.

1. The Reach Party has demonstrated a serious interest in the residence hall students and issues. As a hall resident, Regina Rogers balances the ticket by providing a direct communication link between the halls and the ASUN executive committee.

2. Reach has worked conscientiously and consistently with the RHA Electoral Commission to ensure that they are in compliance with the election regulations. The prompt manner in which they have handled complaints filed against them demonstrates the quality of concerned leadership.

3. Both of Reach's major executive candidates have had a year of experience with ASUN. After Tom Mockler's resignation, I discovered how difficult it is to learn about an organization from the top down. Matt Wallace and Regina Rogers have worked their way up through ASUN, and this knowledge will be invaluable should they become executives of an organization responsible for representing 23,000 students. I endorse Reach, because I am confident in their ability to represent me as an individual and work with the next RHA administration.

Melba I. Petrie  
RHA member

**ASUN 0; Seven Dwarfs 1**

Would all of the Action Party candidates crying, "Foul, Foul!" please go cry someplace else? So they didn't get endorsed by the Daily Nebraskan. You're lucky they waited as long as they did this year to endorse anyone. In my experience, the endorsement usually comes out about a week earlier and does far more damage.

Mr. Ezeadi, pray tell, how did you arrive at the fact that Action was "well ahead of its opponents"? If one editorial can do the damage you claim, how much better could Action's platform and programs have been?

Miss Winther, what constitutes "a few" posters? There were at least three placed on my floor in violation of RHA rules. You admitted that, but to turn around and say in effect, "So what?" is rather questionable. Maybe SORE wasn't illegal, but what it did was. And since when is leaving a group, whose purpose you no longer believe in, unethical?

Before you label me a Reach supporter and Daily

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Nebraskan lover, take note that the only people I voted for were the Seven Dwarfs. The times that I have agreed with a DN editorial can be counted on the foot of a three-toed sloth, but I still support the paper. Journalists are out to provoke you into *thinking*. The Daily Nebraskan warrants a "bravo" in that department.

Maybe someday, someone will put aside resume padding and irrelevant rhetoric on issues that are long since dead and will actually work at helping fellow students for the educational improvement of this university. Until that time, I intend to keep voting for the Seven Dwarfs.

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