

IT'S MATT WALLACE

By Vicki Ruhga and John Koopman

Reach increased a four-vote margin in the general election to 276 votes in Wednesday's run-off election with the Action Party. Matt Wallace, Reach presidential candidate, and his vice presidential candidate Regina Rogers, received 1,338 votes, while Laura Meyer and Greg Krieser, president and vice presidential candidates for Action, got 1,062 votes.

In the vice presidential race, Bill Buntain received 1,234 votes, and Kay Hinn of Action, 1,134.

Wallace, speaking at a victory party at Buntain's home said he felt a sense of relief in winning the election, but said he was ready for a productive year ahead. It has been a rather long, drawn-out process, he said.

"It's very satisfying when you know you've really worked hard," Rogers said.

When asked about the win, Buntain said, "Rhonda Greeder and I just feel like we deserved it. I've been involved in this for what seems like forever, and it just couldn't have gone any other way."

Reach party members were not sure exactly how they increased their four-vote margin to 276.

"We had more people out from the residence halls," Rogers said. "We all talked personally to a lot more people. We tried to make people aware of what ASUN is doing, why we are running, and what ASUN could be doing."

Buntain said the increase in votes came from a lot of people who voted for Anarky and SPARE in the last election.

Wallace said his party was close knit from the beginning, and they worked

together, rather than individually, for the election.

"We were better organized this time because we had been through the process the week before," Wallace said. "We corrected mistakes we made last week."

Wallace said he would look at the presidency as a non-paying, part-time job, since the ASUN president does not receive any money for his services at this time. However, Wallace said there is the potential for a student scholarship for the position.

Wallace said his first official act would be to meet with the people who currently run ASUN and familiarize himself with any aspects he needs to be aware of.

Rogers and Buntain said their first actions in office would be to begin working on the Reach Party platform issues, like the presidential liaison, a proposal to appoint someone to act as a communication link between organizations on campus, explaining ASUN and its goals and activities.

Laura Meyer said she felt the Action Party could be proud of its campaign.

"I'm proud of the Action Party," she said. "Especially the fact that about 70 percent of Action's candidates were elected."

Meyer said she did everything she could do for the election and that she wouldn't do anything differently if she had to do it over again.

"I learned more from this election than I have in four years of college," she said. "But as long as I did my best that's all that matters."

Meyer said she felt Daily Nebraskan coverage was a little biased against the Action Party. She said she didn't want



Staff photo by Dave Bentz

ASUN President Matt Wallace is congratulated by a zealous Reach campaign worker, late Wednesday evening. Wallace defeated Action presidential candidate Laura Meyer in the ASUN run-off election.

to say anything about the coverage at the present time because she wants to write a guest opinion describing her thoughts about Daily Nebraskan coverage.

Greg Krieser said he would not be involved in campus politics in the future. He said he never thought of ASUN as political.

"During the election, it's political, but during the year it's not," he said.

Krieser said he was sold on the Action Party.

"We had good, qualified people with experience," he said. "We did the best job possible."

Krieser said it was unfortunate that the campaign was so complex and messy. He said the Action Party leaders did what they thought was right in every situation.

Kay Hinn was unavailable for comment.



Staff photo by Craig Andresen

Gerald Saunders

PLAINS ART Display kicks off conference

The artistry of Lincolnite Gerald Saunders transformed logs into brave warriors, hungry bears and other beings in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union Wednesday.

Saunders demonstrated his art in conjunction with the Young Feathers as a preview of the Native American program Reaching for Horizons.

Young Feathers is a traditional American Indian dance group of junior high and elementary school Indian students.

Roger Welsch, UNL associate professor of English and anthropology and a plains

folklore expert, said students should get involved in the week-long conference.

"The problem isn't that the white man has stolen too much from the Indians; we haven't stolen enough," he said. "Their culture has an incredible inventory of songs, stories, traditional philosophy and arts through which we could enrich our own lives."

Reaching for Horizons will be March 30 through April 1. It is sponsored by the UNL chapter of the Nebraska Native American Student Congress and the University Program Council's Tri-Culture Native American Special Events Committee.

Senator to continue fight for control of NU budget

By Mona Koppelman

Sen. Karen Kilgarin of Omaha filed a motion Tuesday to bring LR5 to general file, despite its defeat in committee Monday. The Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee voted 4-3 to kill the resolution that would have increased legislative control of the university budget.

"It takes 30 votes to pull it out of committee," Kilgarin said. "We'll deal with it Tuesday morning."

Kilgarin said chances were "very good" that LR5 would make it to the floor of the Legislature.

She said committee members were pressured by members of the NU Board of Regents and university officials into killing the resolution.

"It's politics," Kilgarin said. "It's a political football. A lot of pressure is being applied, a lot of lobbying by the university. It's just one of those things you'll see a lot of politics in."

Sen. Lee Rupp of Monroe voted in favor of LR5. Rupp said it was "apparent in committee that the regents in particular were very concerned" about LR5.

"There were some valid concerns brought out in committee that should have been addressed to the floor," he said.

Although he voted for LR5 in committee, he may have voted against it if it had reached the floor, Rupp said.

Rupp said he felt "three-pronged pressure from university regents, university faculty and university graduates."

"All of them made it quite clear that they didn't want LR5 brought out on the floor," Rupp said. He said regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk called him on several occasions, as did UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale.

"There was apparently more pressure put on some people because there was a vote switch between the executive session

and Monday's vote," Rupp said. Rupp and Sen. Steve Fowler of Lincoln were both absent from the executive session vote.

"Had we both been there the first time, it would have come out of committee," Rupp said. "We were both there the second round, but by then there was some erosion of support that was there in the first round."

Sen. Chris Abboud of Ralston was one senator who switched sides to vote against LR5 the second time around.

"The reason I was in favor of it was that I thought there was a problem with the regents as far as students were concerned," Abboud said.

Abboud said he was interested in the issue of paying student regents.

"On Thursday we heard the ASUN survey results as to whether to pay the student regents," he said. "The student body voted against paying them."

"If the students aren't in favor of having a student regent that's paid, then I really didn't see much of a need for the amendment (LR5)," Abboud said.

"The Legislature is so busy as it is... I didn't see the need for delegating authority that just wouldn't be that big of a deal," he said.

"I was going to go for it (put an amendment on it) to allow for student regents... to be paid as student body president," Abboud said. "But the students obviously don't want them paid at all. I was really shocked that they voted that way. That's why I didn't vote for LR5."

Abboud said he did receive phone calls from regents and faculty, but said "it didn't do much either way" in making his decision.

"I didn't feel that much pressure," Abboud said. "Maybe they were hitting on Lee (Rupp), I don't know. I pretty much had my mind made up."