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Candidates respond to issues

The ASUN election will be next Wednesday. As a service to the Daily Nebraskan readers, the six recognized ASUN candidates will respond to common issues brought forth in the 1984 campaign in the Daily Nebraskan issues preceding the election.

Each candidate was asked the same questions and given any amount of time he needed to respond. The candidates were told the first question in advance; the rest were impromptu. The remaining questions will appear in subsequent issues — one question per issue.

Question One: What is the student perception of ASUN? If it needs to be changed or improved, how can it be done? How, if elected, will your party do that?

DON HO: (Responding: Presidential candidate Jeff Jackson) "Since Bruce Wayne is a friend of ours, we could have him use the Batcopter to dispense questionnaires asking the students to tell us what they think about ASUN. The students could write their answers in coconut shells, send them to Broyhill Fountain, and we would pick them up there."

Some might feel like it's a women's workers union. Some think it's a football team. Once we get



all the shells out of Broyhill Fountain, we'll let a computer determine the answer."

UNITE: (Responding: Presidential candidate Mike Geiger, and first vice-presidential candidate Heidi Burklund)

"As far as the students' perception of ASUN, there are three. First, there are the students that don't give a darn about ASUN. They're apathetic, and they're not going to care about ASUN no matter what we do. Second, there are the people that do care, that will get involved. The third type of person doesn't feel they're effected, but when an important issue comes up, they will get involved. "We are going to concentrate on those last two."

We have some concrete ideas on how to improve our visibility. The first would be committee restructuring. We would also like to see ASUN add an additional five senators, representing off-campus students, residence hall students and Greeks. This way, ASUN would still have representatives from the colleges, but also representatives from living units. We want to continue to go out to campus organizations to improve our visibility."

AIM: (Responding: Presidential candidate Mark Scudder and first vice-presidential candidate Curt Oltmans)

"I think we need to get students to understand that ASUN is not a student government. We are an advocacy group. Although ASUN does have some power, with student groups, it does not have the power to regulate and change the university. We cannot walk in and change anything; only the regents do have the power to do that. It does take representation, though. Students need to understand that the student regent is the only one who does represent them on the board. Without good representation, nothing is going to take the direction students want it to."

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Wessels encourages participation in politics

By Milli King

Editor's Note: This is the first of a four-part series on past ASUN presidents.

The 1980-81 ASUN presidency wasn't all fun and games for Renee Wessels, now a staff assistant to Gov. Bob Kerrey. But Wessels said it was a productive experience.

Wessels said her primary struggle was helping the Board of Regents understand student life.

She instigated monthly news conferences to explain the students' positions on issues before board meetings.

The Nebraska State Student Association was created during Wessels' presidency.

"I helped to make NSSA a reality," Wessels said.

The idea behind NSSA is that UNL fares better when education across the state fares better, Wessels said.

"If we work together for higher education across the state," Wessels said, the education at UNL will improve.

Wessels said it was disappointing to see students at the university tear down an organization that has offered responsible effective representation.

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Winter wonderland . . .

Students are flogged by wind and snow during a 20-minute storm Wednesday afternoon. After the brief blizzard conditions, the sky cleared.

Contest addresses speaking skills

By Randy Christy

Students spoke about auctioneering, pesticide usage and the Norden Dam project at the 1984 Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Club's speech contest Tuesday night at the East Campus Union.

Mark Caspers placed first in the division for junior and senior students. Traci Roth took top honors for sophomores and freshmen.

Dan Stehlik placed second, and Matt Keating placed third in the upperclassmen division.

The club has the contest to promote students' communication skills and inform its members about current agricultural issues, said Denise Barnes, chairwoman of the contest.

Judges for the competition were Bill Miller, of the Agricultural Economics Department; Anne Johnson, Agricultural Communications instructor and

coordinator of the employment seminar course; and John Langemeier, student judge.

"Many people can master technical skills," Miller said, "but do not have the ability to translate that technical information in a way their audience can understand."

Miller said the ability to write, speak and organize thoughts well will pay off no matter what profession one chooses.

Caspers, a junior in agricultural economics, said, "I participated in the contest last year and although I didn't do too well, I learned a great deal and it got me interested in improving my public speaking skills."

The Federal Land Bank & Federal Land Bank Associations and Federal Intermediate Credit Bank & the Production Credit Associations sponsored the contest with a \$100 fund for cash prizes.

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