

# ASUN Election '84



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ASUN presidential candidates participate in a debate last week at Harper Hall. From left; Mike Geiger (Unite), Tim Burke (Fashin), Mark Scudder (Aim), Kevin Goldstein (United Students). Roo candidate John Hazuka and Don Ho candidate Jeff Jackson were not present.

## Win or lose, race worth the money

By Joe Healey

The Unite Party offers UNL students a viable choice for the ASUN election and has an excellent chance to win, presidential candidate Mike Geiger said. But, win or lose, the experience and knowledge he has gained from the campaign is valuable, Geiger said, and he is happy he has stuck with it.

Geiger said Unite has three goals: to restructure ASUN organization for better communication; to add five ASUN senators; and to work to let the Legislature, the NU Board of Regents and the administration know what issues are important to students.

Although the first two goals will require constitutional changes, Geiger said Unite will work for those changes if elected. Two new senators would be elected from off-campus, one from a residence hall on each campus and one from the Greek system, Geiger said. This would improve not only the information flow among the different living unites, he said, but it would free the other senators for matters that affect the student body as a whole.

The ASUN election is presently a three-party race, Geiger said, with United Students in the lead, Unite in second and Aim breathing down Unite's neck. Unite was the third-place party, Geiger said, but it took what he called the Tom Osborne approach.

"It's early in the ball game, we can still go for the title," Geiger said of the party's strategy.

"I think we have an excellent shot at winning it," Geiger said.

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Geiger said that if he had the campaign to do over, he might avoid having a campaign manager "so enthusiastic that he will run for president." Geiger referred to Aim presidential candidate Mark Scudder, who began as Unite's campaign manager.

The split between Scudder and himself came from the plan to reorganize the ASUN committees, Geiger said. He said Scudder disagreed with the plan.

"I don't necessarily like the way politics goes; it can be a real dirty game," Geiger said. Despite some unpleasant experiences and what he called "political crap," Geiger said he had become a better person from the campaign.

Geiger said he participates in many campus activities, giving him a good view of student opinions. Geiger has been president of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, a member of two chancellor's commissions, a member of the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board and an ASUN senator.

"I've seen a lot of the organization work and I'm ready for the job," Geiger said.

Unite has spend about \$750 on the campaign for items such as sweatshirts, buttons, ads, posters and 20 radio spots on KXXS radio, Geiger said.

"I've been working at a car wash to pay off the campaign."

"We want to see some of our goals and ideologies go through the senate," Geiger said. ASUN doesn't have the time or power to do everything in one term,

he said, and so the work must be done with the people in position already. Geiger said student apathy is a problem that ASUN can't solve.

"I do promise that I will be working for the students," Geiger said. "That means apathetic students, students interested in student government, and students affected by an issue."

Geiger, a senior political science and communications major, attended St. Cecilia High School in Hastings, where he was involved in athletics and was a member of the student council his senior year. Geiger's career goal involves public relations or graduate school.

## Scudder aims for leadership

By Donna Sisson

From his experience in ASUN, Aim presidential candidate Mark Scudder said he realized how much leadership is involved in the presidential role.

"Without leadership, nobody else gets fired up," Scudder said. "Unless ASUN goes out and tries to create interest among the student body, people have proven they will not seek out ASUN, so the president needs to be a leader who will seek out the students."

Scudder comes from the Lincoln area. He attended Waverly High School, where he worked on the school newspaper and yearbook staff and was active in track, cross country and basketball.

Scudder currently is ASUN Student Life Commission chairman and Phi Kappa Psi rush chairman. Scudder said he has been working on his cam-

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paign since last December. Scudder said he decided to run because issues existed that other parties hadn't addressed at the time.

"I thought I could do a good job organizing people to run and a lot of quality people weren't going to run at the time," Scudder said. "They showed interest to run with me and to back me."

Choosing the party members was a month's search, Scudder said. During Christmas vacation, he called from 80 to 90 people, he said. People who had proven their abilities to do good jobs in other organizations filled the slots, he said.

The Aim Party chose its name because it has connotations of focusing on goals, Scudder said.

If he could do it all over again, Scudder said he would start earlier. Some of the problems the campaign ran into were motivation and convincing people of a genuine concern, he said.

Scudder said his campaign went well overall and that he enjoyed meeting people and talking to organizations. Being ASUN president would help him become a more confident speaker, learn to deal with older people in positions of authority, and encourage his political aspirations, Scudder said.

"ASUN needs an open president, one that's willing

to talk to a lot of people, and that's a quality I possess," Scudder said.

As president, Scudder said, he would place more emphasis on the Legislature, especially through the Government Liason Committee. He would also increase senatorial involvement, both within individual colleges and other student organizations.

ASUN does have power in certain situations, Scudder said. They have a power of persuasion, and the administration and the NU Board of Regents wants to listen, he said.

Currently a junior English major, Scudder likes to stay active and tries to run every morning. After graduation, he said he wants to go to Harvard University Law School to become a corporate lawyer.

## Goldstein stresses ASUN services

By Milli King

The ASUN campaign was "fairly hectic" and lacked concentration on senatorial candidates, media attention and student involvement in addressing important issues, said Kevin Goldstein, United Students presidential candidate.

Goldstein, campaign manager for the Reach Party last year, has three years of ASUN experience. Among his proposals are to make ASUN a more service-oriented organization by incorporating a typing center, expanded student legal services and update sheets.



The US Party is comprised of mostly off-campus and residence hall candidates, with less than half living in Greek houses, he said.

Goldstein said he targeted students who were successful in other campus organizations and offered them a challenge.

"ASUN has more potential than any other student organization on campus," he said.

If elected, Goldstein said the structure of ASUN, which has always been effective, will stay the same, but there needs to be a change in the people and in the negative attitude toward issues, he said.

During the campaign, the US Party worked on such issues as night towing, cuts in financial aid and the typing center.

Goldstein said US created an awareness of these issues and got them onto the ASUN policy agenda by doing the leg work.

Goldstein attended Wood River High School and participated in football, wrestling and National Honor Society.

A finance major, he has been an ASUN senator, and a member of the academic planning, faculty senate and central planning committees. He has also been Interfraternity Council chairman, an IFC Cabinet member, a member of the search committee for the office of pre-admission advising, speaker at the Dean of Students Forum, an executive office holder in Delta Tau Delta, a UNL debate team member and a Homecoming finalist.

## Roo Party hops through campaign

By Donna Sisson

The Roo Party is an alternative to writing in Bugs Bunny on the ASUN ballot, said John Hazuka, presidential candidate for the party.

One of the reasons he decided to run for ASUN, Hazuka said, was to see just how much of a joke it was.

"It seems like something for rich people to be in and spend money," he said. "Who knows why they do it because they won't get any power."

When soliciting his petition for candidacy, most people asked what the letters ASUN stood for, Hazuka said. "I still don't know what ASUN stands for," he said.

If elected, The Roo Party would like to change the acronym ASUN to KANGA, Hazuka said. That way, he said, Kanga and Roo could be reunited. The two characters were separated in the book about Winnie the Pooh, he said.

"I've always liked kangaroos, ever since last year when I wanted our floor T-shirts to be the Abel 9 Roos," Hazuka said.

Hazuka is a graduate of Central High School in as a hobby he would like to be a research chemist.

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