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Weather: Thursday, increasing cloudiness, high around 60 with SE winds at 15-25 mph. Thursday night, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thundershowers, low in the upper 30s. Friday, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers, high in mid 40s.

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Voters take ACTION, hush VOICE's bid

By Amy Edwards and Lee Rood
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ACTION candidates Jeff Petersen, Nate Geisert and Kim Beavers and their campaign manager walked into the Cherry Hut, 424 W. Dawes Ave., Wednesday night wearing grim looks.

Tre Brashear, campaign manager, turned to more than 150 supporters, let out a sigh and said, "You guys are looking at the new leaders of ASUN."

Party executives had heard the news a few minutes earlier from a phone booth a half a block away. Supporters, who were originally shocked, began to throw beer, cheer and applaud the newly-elected officers of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Petersen and Geisert, elected president and first vice president, won the election with 53 percent of the vote. Beavers, second vice president, won 55 percent of the vote.

At the VOICE party headquarters, 1952 Washington St., about 150 people sat on the edge of their seats, jumping at the sound of the phone ringing.

Christopher Stream, VOICE presidential candidate, hung up the phone and said "Well, that's interesting."

Stream told the supporters and candidates that they did the best they could, and thanked them for their time and effort.

"But that doesn't mean we still can't have fun," Stream said.

Stream and Andrew Wupper, first vice presidential candidate, had 40 percent of the vote. Steven Showalter, second vice presidential candidate, had 38 percent.

Supporters for both ACTION and VOICE said they expected the race to be close.

Petersen said he believed Brashear and about 120 ACTION supporters made the difference in his party's victory.

"We had the people with hard



Jeff Petersen and Kim Beavers celebrate ACTION's win in the ASUN election.

work and dedication . . . they are incredible and we couldn't have done it without them," he said.

Petersen said now that the campaign is done, which he called "dirty and vicious," he can continue with the real work.

Petersen said he thanked the originators of the VOICE party and its three executive candidates because they "brought out some problems in the system," but said he didn't agree with how they went about their campaign.

"But no matter how bad the criticism got, no matter how hard people attacked us, we were determined to make this place an even better university than it is now," he said.

Beavers told ACTION supporters that Wednesday was the happiest day of her life.

"I was shocked," she said of her 55 percent of the votes, "but I was excited too, because I worked my butt off for ASUN and I can't wait to start."

ACTION and VOICE candidates said they were tired after the long campaign. But Petersen said he was rejuvenated with the news of his victory.

Stream said when he woke up Wednesday morning the first thing he thought about was how much work he and the VOICE party members had left to do.

Stream said he knew there were some pretty big odds against the party, but the campaign was a good one, even though ACTION won.

"I think we are one of the first organized parties that said what we believed and what we thought," Stream said. "We had a dream for



Michelle Ardis, a VOICE supporter, embraces VOICE presidential candidate Christopher Stream.

what ASUN could be. Unfortunately it ended in a dream."

Stream said he hoped the people who ran for senate with the VOICE party got elected, because the senators will make a difference.

"Now I can go back to becoming a normal college student," he said.

Showalter said VOICE was the first "real party" to openly criticize the system and propose resolutions for the problems in ASUN.

He said he thinks students are now more aware of the flaws in ASUN and will make the executives more accountable to their constituents.

Wupper said he thinks student apathy decreased because of VOICE's campaign. He said the goal of the party was to get people involved.

Statistics from the ASUN office

showed voter turnout decreased from 15.6 percent last year to 13.14 percent turnout of eligible voters.

But Wupper said he thought more people should have made up their minds because of the issues than because of their friends.

"I don't see a bright future for ASUN next year," he said.

A black coffin sat on the porch of the VOICE headquarters.

Before the results were announced, Ramona Frazer, VOICE candidate for the Committee for Fees Allocation, said the coffin would be used to "bury the old ASUN."

Following the loss, Frazer said the coffin still had meaning.

"We might be the ones that are buried," she said, "but they're (ACTION) not going to rest in peace."

Electoral commission reviews complaints, expects more

By Mary Nell Westbrook
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The electoral commission will wait until it gets more information before any action will be taken on alleged violations that occurred Wednesday during election day of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

The commission reviewed complaints about both the ACTION and VOICE parties.

Greg Dynek, a VOICE supporter,

was accused of campaigning door-to-door in Pound Hall. But the commission wanted to hear from the students who accused him of such action.

"I went to four separate rooms to talk to people, all of which I knew," Dynek said. He said he didn't consider the "campaigning door-to-door."

Campaigning is not allowed door-to-door or in lobbies of residence halls. This is a residence hall rule, not an ASUN rule, but the commission

would uphold the rule regardless, said Ned Hedges, faculty adviser to the commission.

Another alleged violation was that ACTION flyers were dispersed throughout the East Union. ASUN rules state there shall be no campaigning inside a polling building or within 50 feet of the building.

The commission said these allegations and similar violations were not as serious as the complaint involving a personal advertisement

in the Daily Nebraskan.

This ad ran in the DN Wednesday: "Chris Stream, Andrew Wupper, Steve Showalter for VOICE. Let's get three Kappa Sigmas in there and rule the school. Love, your Kappa Sigma brothers."

VOICE party supporters said neither they nor anyone in the Kappa Sigma house placed the ad. Dynek said it was put in to make the VOICE party look bad.

Shawn Boldt, ASUN second vice president, said he expects many more

complaints of violations to be filed before the election and its aftermath dies down.

Complaints will be taken until noon Monday.

Penalties are usually reductions in a party's spending limit, but by the time the election's are over, the fines would have almost no effect, Hedges said.

Last year the violations off-set each other to the point where the commission decided "fair play is fair play and to hell with it," Hedges said.

Regents to vote on department name change

By Bob Nelson
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The University of Nebraska Board of Regents will vote Saturday on a proposal to reorganize the University of Nebraska-Lincoln department of computer science into the department of computer science and engineering.

Roy Keller, chairman of the department, said the proposal for a department of computer science and engineering is mostly a name change to reflect the evolving mission of the computer science department.

Keller said the department is expanding its computer engineering program to better educate the designers and builders of computers.

"We should be developing these courses," Keller said. "This is called innovation and change."

The structure of the department will not change if the regents approve the proposal. The department has always offered degrees in both the arts and sciences college and the engineering and technology college, he said.

The addition of the word engineering to the department name also better clarifies that the department offers two programs, he said.

Stanley Liberty, dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, said the proposal is just one step in a chain of improvements in the computer science department.

He said the inclusion of engineering in the department name will better reflect the budgetary responsibilities of the engineering college in the computer science programs.

On Saturday, the regents will also discuss these other items:

- Vote on an agreement with the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation to lease Lewis-Syford House, 700 N. 16th St., for a period of 20 years beginning April 1. After

approval and feasibility studies, the Lewis-Syford House would provide space for the Office of Pre-Admission Activities.

The State Historical Society Foundation has an established endowment for upkeep of the house. Investment income in excess of the cost of property insurance will be available to the university to finance maintenance and improvements to the premises.

- Vote to approve the Clark Enersen Partners firm to design the installation of air-conditioning equipment and a passenger elevator in Selleck Quadrangle. The board voted Feb. 13 to approve the need statement for the renovations.