

opinion READER

Reader commends 'real choice'

With all due respect to Mike Reilly for his astute analysis of Ernie Chambers' bid for dual candidacies (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 15), he seems to have overlooked the entire point of the New Alliance Party and its selection of Chambers for a U.S. senatorial candidate.

The point is to put an end to an electoral process governed by back-room political decisions. Or, to put it another way, fair and open elections through the creation of an independent third party.

To clarify this, let me point out that when Judge William Hastings was first appointed to make a decision regarding Chambers' dual candidacies, he stated, in print, that he could see no reason why Chambers wouldn't be able to run for both offices. Two full weeks later, Hastings, in his official decision, reversed himself. It's rather obvious to the voter that Hastings made a judgment based on politics.

Were Chambers allowed to run for both his incumbent seat and the U.S. Senate seat, the establishment of an independent third party would be almost guaranteed, thereby destroying the political monopoly now enjoyed by the Democrats and the Republicans.

The Democrats and the Republicans can't risk the upheaval of the status-quo and so must prevent Chambers from running — even if it means deliberately misinterpreting and misapplying Nebraska's electoral laws.

It has been predicted that the 1988 presidential elections will have a record number of people not turning out to vote. Could it be because people are tired of not having a real choice between candidates? Judge Hastings, Allen Beermann and Robert Spire are doing their best to continue this proud electoral tradition of ours — concentrate the power of decision into the hands of the few and

don't allow those upstart "common" people to have the option to change their governing bodies.

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way I feel after talking to Smith, Wilson and Carranza.


I have known them all before these recent talks, but never before have I sat down and listened to what they had to say specifically about racism.

I feel that I have done them an injustice, constrained for space as I am, writing this column. But it would be impossible to explain all the things that I learned in the short time I talked

with each of them. It's good to see recent news stories that expose racism, discrimination and problems faced by minority students, faculty and staff members.

People — all people — have ideas to share, but until we start sharing these ideas with all people, senseless things like racism and discrimination will continue — out of our own neglect, ignorance and apathy.

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