

Munn says removal of signs was a mistake; Griesen says Early Warning had authorization

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signs on Monday.

Munn said he authorized Colleen Daniels, an Affirmative Action employee, to go to the Nebraska Union and remove the signs. Munn said he realizes now that this was a mistake, but he was concerned at the time because he was not aware of the intent of the signs.

"If I knew then what I know now, I wouldn't have had the signs taken down. But I think others made a worse mistake than we did by not informing us."

There was no indication on the signs that Early Warning is a UNL organization, Munn said. If the signs would have had a UNL approval stamp, even on the back, the confusion could have been avoided, he said.

Munn said he also was concerned because some of the signs were found in places that aren't approved for signs. A faculty member who has been involved in

helping minority students for years was offended by one of the signs when the person's office door had a "Whites Only" sign hung on it.

Bowman said the signs were supposed to be hung only in places where they would have been found if the Jim Crow laws were still in effect, such as restroom doors, water fountains and phone booths.

The signs may have ended up in unauthorized places because some people besides Early Warning members helped the group post the 380 signs, he said.

Bowman said the group had previously discussed the proper places to hang the signs.

Griesen said Munn called Wednesday and he informed Munn that the signs were authorized.

"I should have thought to call him (Munn) in advance," Griesen said. "We were counting on the fact that it would be in the staff newsletter. But I wish he would have called me before he had the signs taken down."

Munn said other people who were offended by the signs also took them down throughout campus.

Griesen said someone began to take down the signs in the Administration Building Wednesday morning because the person thought the signs would "trigger an adverse reaction." He said he informed the person the signs were authorized and the person apologized.

Bowman said the group members had doubts about the poster campaign earlier and were afraid it might even start a race riot. He said group members tried to go about hanging the signs in the "least confrontational way," but they expected some adverse reaction.

"Usually the first reaction is one of anger," Bowman said, "followed by heavy thought and concern about racism. If they (the signs) didn't evoke a strong emotional response and thought, they would be useless."

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Lytle said.

Sen. Michael Ho of the College of Engineering and Technology said the ballot question was useless because COLAGE members could always claim there were not enough voters to validate the question's findings.

"They'll say the same thing and it will become a never-ending battle," he said.

Lytle disagreed with Ho, saying his logic could be applied to any ballot question. If not enough students vote, he said, ASUN should not put any questions on the ballot.

CFA member Julie Jorgensen said the question unfairly singles out

COLAGE. Jorgensen said most students probably would object to funding most UPC programs.

"If we put anything from Fund A on the ballot, students would reject it," she said.

Sens. Missy Peters and Chip Dreesen of the College of Arts and Sciences said the question is useless because it's obvious most students oppose funding groups promoting homosexual awareness.

Ballot questions asking if students support additional ASUN election poll sites and condom dispensers in UNL buildings passed unanimously.

Senators also passed a referendum that will be put on the ballot. It asks student if they would support electing on the slate the ASUN president, first

vice president and second vice president. Under current rules, the second vice president runs separately.

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