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## DN backs IMPACT

*Party has more experience, better ideas*

With fingers crossed and an eye toward the future, the Daily Nebraskan editorial board has voted unanimously to back the party that it hopes will make the most IMPACT.

IMPACT is the only party that has the leadership ability to do the things it has promised the student body.

Bryan Hill and Devi Bohling, the party's presidential and 1st vice presidential candidates, together have the contacts needed to create a more unified student government.

They also have the knowledge to back themselves up on the issues -- and their plans are specific.

With IMPACT in the ASUN office, the transition between leaders will be easier, and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska will be able to accomplish some of its goals right away.

Some of the highlights of IMPACT's platform that are feasible include:

- an annual standard student survey,
- a regents' liaison report, university committees reports and organizational liaisons,
- increased lighting on both city and East campuses,
- fully developed student advisory boards,
- a target grading option for pass/fail courses.

PRIDE candidates, while showing a lot of that good ol' Husker spirit, have taken an unrealistic approach to their campaign and are ignorant of the issues and the workings of student government.

These candidates also showed a lack of pride in their own party by continuously launching personal attacks on other parties. Mud-slinging is nasty enough in national elections and shouldn't dirty a student government election.

But both IMPACT and PRIDE are guilty of playing to students' whims. They have offered students some platform ideas that are mostly for the sake of gaining votes.

A lot of their other ideas are old ones -- ones that in past years have been ignored after the elections.

IMPACT's biggest asset is Devi Bohling, 1st vice presidential hopeful. Bohling has contacts that previous ASUN Senates have been missing. She's been active in non-greek, non-ASUN governments and will add heart to a party that has appeared at times to be too political.

Bryan Hill has made some great contacts both on campus and in the Nebraska Legislature as chairman of the Government Liaison Committee. Hopefully, he will approach his duties with more than a political attitude. He must remember that his most important job as student body president and UNL student regent will be to get things done for students, not to please unresponsive regents, administrators or legislators.

His job is not about compromising students' positions to gain possible contacts after graduation. It is not a resume padder.

Jon Bruning, IMPACT's 2nd vice presidential candidate, has less experience in student government, but has other things to offer. Hopefully he will use the exuberance he displayed in the DN's endorsement interview to excite senators and advisory board members to accomplish great things.

The DN endorses IMPACT, but offers the party a challenge: Live up to the promises of your campaign.

IMPACT has proposed to "aggressively address the parking problems at UNL." They have said they will try to get ticket prices varied according to how far away the parking lots are. This is a good idea and deserves IMPACT's hard work to get it enacted.

IMPACT has said it will train the new ASUN Senate extensively and explain what its duties are. They must accomplish this task; they must demand that senators be prepared to act on legislation with a full understanding of that legislation and the student opinion on it. They must let senators know that sometimes it takes the boldness of the ASUN Senate to tell officials what the student body supports.

IMPACT's idea for a regents' liaison report to let the student body know what the regents are doing is excellent, and hopefully will be expanded to give the regents a report of what students and student governments are doing.

IMPACT candidates also promised a continuance of efforts on behalf of minority students, a promise that the DN will hold them to.

If IMPACT executive candidates live up to their promises, they could make large strides for the UNL student body. If not -- they could create even more apathy on an already apathetic campus.

One distinct drawback of the IMPACT party is the inclusion of Steve Thomlison as a candidate for general studies senator. As a senator this semester, he has proven that he values personal opinions over rational arguments when voting on legislation. That is not a senator's duty.

Special kudos go to the BEER party and Joe Bowman.

The BEER party ran in this election for the sole purpose of increasing voter turnout, a noble task that hopefully will work. Joe Bowman, who is running as a SLUMBR write-in candidate for arts and sciences senator, continues to raise important social issues that other candidates have ignored. Good luck, Joe.

-- The Daily Nebraskan editorial board

## WHEN WILL WE FIRST NOTICE CHINA AND ITS ONE BILLION RESIDENTS HAVE CAPITALISTIC TENDENCIES



## Meet your ASUN candidate

*Columnist ponders phoniness and resume-building manipulators*

Hi, I'm an ASUN candidate. I'm running for election today. How are you doing? I couldn't care less how you're doing."

I say, "How are you doing?" because you might be a prospect for affection or election. Then my eyes sparkle and I play clever and smiles squeeze my dimples.

I run for election because I have no status now. I am only a student. I want to be introduced with a title. I want to be important.

I run for public office because women sleep with power. That ugly little soak John Tower is proof. My sex-life demands this position.

I run for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska because it is a step. My resume demands it. My resume is my life. My self-worth grows as my resume grows.

I have plans. I want to be very powerful some day so people will kiss my butt. If I kiss enough butt, I should be able to have my butt kissed. That is how the world works.

If elected, I promise not to call faggots "faggots."

My grade point average means I'm smart. I thrive in test files. I've taken philosophy and can say "Nietzsche" if my date plays hard to get. I know parliamentary procedure and support economic sanctions against South Africa because that greasy Bono guy does.

I remember the funny parts in movies. I repeat them. My favorite comedian is Eddie Murphy. I didn't realize blacks could be that funny. I

tell Eddie Murphy lines to girls. They think I'm funny.

I like the environment and Bud Light. I show my love for the environment by recycling Bud Light cans. I buy more Bud Light with money from recycling. I invest in everything and everybody.

My smile is big. I have learned that big smiles work better. People like big smiles and pay better and better for bigger and bigger smiles.



Bob Nelson

I always know when to laugh. I know when someone has said something funny by the look on their face. If other people are laughing, I laugh as loud as them.

My hair is short for one reason. Nebraskans respect short hair. Short hair means I'm responsible. My first priority is appearing responsible.

I have learned the importance of eye contact. I have learned to lie while staring into someone's eyes. People don't know I can do that. People believe me.

I have learned the importance of a firm handshake. Firm handshakes show confidence...

... It is more important to be confident than introspective. Intro-

spection exposes unwarranted confidence and causes sweaty hands. People like confidence. Ignorance is bliss and prosperity.

I am Christian. I don't support students unless they are just like me. I am Christian because my parents were Christian. I go to church sometimes if I'm not hung over. I am a member of a Christian youth group. Employers like youth groups.

I have many friends. We drink Bud Light. We make jokes about girls and people who are not like us. The more demeaning the better. After jokes, we drink more Bud Light.

I can act concerned. I lower my eyebrows and I frown a little when I'm acting concerned. If I'm elected, I will act very concerned about minorities. It is good press to be concerned about minorities.

I know apathy is a big issue. I will pretend to fight apathy. If I was to fight apathy seriously I could jeopardize my own election to ASUN. My friends would be outnumbered by voters.

I am lucky. Ninety-five percent of this campus hates me. They are the majority. They like intelligent and genuine people. They like people who work for progress, not advancement.

The majority isn't my friend but the majority doesn't vote. My friends vote because I promised them a keg of Bud Light.

Thank you for your support.

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## Students say they will vote today, for ELVIS

As the ASUN elections slink to a close, we thought it might be beneficial to University of Nebraska-Lincoln students for us to comment on student government.

"So," you say, "why even vote in the ASUN election?" A valid question and our response would be, "Then don't vote, smarty pants." But remember, if you don't vote you are indicating, as the masses, that you are satisfied with the present system of student government.

Folks, we do not mean to be rude, but voting is the only chance you have to stir up a little trouble in college. Voting is basically an irrational act to begin with, so why not be really irrational while you still have the opportunity. What strikes fear in the hearts of elected officials? That's right, large coalitions. Just look at the National Rifle Association, for example. We could make the NU Board of Regents shake in their boots if they thought students would actually unite against tuition increases. But unfor-

tunately, we don't so we let the regents dump all over us.

We are two students who are tired of being dumped on. We are going to vote today, and the candidate we are going to vote for is ELVIS. Yes, we saw The King by Oldfather Hall. He had just gotten done with one of his philosophy courses. He had some pretty good ideas. Since the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska is just a resume-padding organization, why not make it a rotary senate? Then every month, senators would change and everyone who wanted to be a senator could. See, ELVIS is no fool.

ELVIS also realizes that a wet campus is difficult in Nebraska, so he thought we could have a "damp" campus. "Put a bar in the union, boys," he mumbled. "Students need booze too, and if those fancy administrators can have wine and cheese then students can, too." The wisdom of The King is overwhelming, huh?

Then ELVIS told us the best idea

ever. Sell 3.2 beer at Nebraska football games. This would keep the rowdy students from sneaking in bottles of Jack Daniels and throwing them at each other. Hey, they sell 3.2 beer at professional games. Let's face it, the Cornhuskers are about as professional as we're going to ever get.

So vote. Please vote. Send a message to those regents. Vote ELVIS today. If we all wrote in ELVIS, what do you think they'd do? Have a runoff election? Call the whole thing a fluke and appoint somebody? Or maybe, just maybe, they would think the natives are getting restless. That maybe if we voted for ELVIS we might also take over the Military and Naval Science Building or stage a sit-in at the next regents meeting. Who knows, but as they say in Chicago... "Vote early and often."

Have a nice day.

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