

MASA

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The group discussed ideas, Maestas said, but declined to be specific. She said they would turn the proposals over to officials next week.

Maestas said the group met in closed session to discuss ideas within MASA before bringing it out in the open.

"This is a MASA thing first," she said. "Then it can be brought out into the public."

"This is something that needs to be public. That's what it's been (in the past) — people don't know about it and nothing gets done."

Maestas said the proposals given to administrators would not be a one time fix-all.

"This is a continuing thing," she said. "And that's the way it should be for all parties concerned."

"Continual dialogue should never quit."

Maestas said she was happy with the discussion going on between

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MASA members.

"It's not new," she said. "They've never been heard in the past."

"Unfortunately, it took something like the boycott to be heard. The university officials put us in this position."

Maestas said MASA had gone through the proper channels and nothing was done, so it had no choice but to boycott.

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Mandy Adcox, 13, practices her baton twirling Wednesday morning at the downtown branch of the Lincoln YMCA. Her mother, Jody Adcox of Lincoln, says Mandy and her sister Jessica practice every day before school for about two hours in preparation for competitions.

Groups launch ASUN campaigns

By Heather Lampe
Staff Reporter

As of the Wednesday deadline for candidacy, two student election groups will be vying for executive positions in the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

The VISION party, led by presidential candidate Andrew Loudon, kicked off its campaign during a rally Wednesday afternoon in the Nebraska Union.

Loudon, a junior political science major, is running with first vice presidential candidate Britt Ehlers, a junior secondary education major, and second vice presidential candidate Judy Rishel, a junior communications studies major.

Loudon said he was running because he had the experience, and people in a democratic society should serve their community.

"It is an ideal in the democratic society to be of service in their community whether it be state, city or the UNL community."

"I feel I have the experience and the vision to make a difference during the one-year term as ASUN president," said Loudon, who served as speaker of the ASUN senate his freshman and sophomore years and is the Government Liaison Committee chairman.

Loudon said one important issue on which VISION would focus was coordinating student lobbying efforts in the NU system to work against possible budget cuts from the Legislature.

"We can do it effectively because we're in Lincoln. Fighting against budget cuts next year will be a huge issue we will face," Loudon said.

Other highlights of the VISION platform include:

- Keeping student fees at or below cost-of-living increases.
- Opposing the creation of a separate UNO engineering college.
- Working toward even more flexible meal plans for residence hall students.
- Creating an organized effort to increase freshman involvement in ASUN.
- Increasing student representation on campuswide committees.

VISION will be challenged by the RESUME party, led by presidential candidate J.B. Howell, a senior criminal justice major.

Howell's running mates are first vice presidential candidate Robert Anderson, a senior English and political science major, and second vice presidential candidate Joey Whitney.

Howell said he had been planning to run for ASUN president for a while. He said he would like to change ASUN's ongoing trend of discussing irrelevant topics.

"They commended Hillary Clinton in a resolution and had a resolution about the AP poll placing Florida State above Nebraska. They wrote a resolution about that," said Howell, who has served for one year on the Committee for Fees Allocation and has been a member of the University Judicial Board for two years.

Howell said the RESUME party would also focus part of its campaign on changing the university's new non-smoking policy.

"I firmly believe that the student unions should provide a room in which smoking is allowed, like a smoking lounge," Howell said. "Their student fees pay for it."

RESUME also will focus on Committee for Fees Allocation funding.

"I find it ironic that ASUN receives the largest portion of Fund A funds consistently year after year. They ask for an increase and just receive it. The DN and UPC ask for an increase of a small dollar amount, yet are denied," Howell said.

If elected, Howell said he would also like to address the idea of UNL becoming a wet campus.

"In light of the Jeffrey Knoll incident at the Fiji house, the current policy needs to be reformed," Howell said.

"The dry campus policy pushes people to be more secretive about their drinking and possibly less aware of the effects of alcohol."

"I believe that a person of legal drinking age should be allowed to drink alcohol in their fraternities and residence halls," he said.

Other issues on which RESUME will focus include opposing the proposed \$5 registration fee for bicycles, expanding the evening class schedules and finding more parking closer to the core of campus.

Arctic temperatures come to end

From Daily Nebraskan
and Associated Press Reports

Temperatures are expected to rise to 30 degrees today after three days of arctic weather in Lincoln and across the Midwest.

The arctic conditions caused many cars not to start in Lincoln Wednesday morning. The American Automobile

Association in Lincoln reported a six-hour delay in jumpstarting cars Wednesday morning.

Clouds were expected to increase Thursday night with a slight chance of snow in the west and lows 10 to 20. Friday it will be cloudy with a chance of snow in the west and highs in the

30s. The extended forecast calls for mainly dry conditions Saturday with highs in the upper 20s to the mid-30s. Highs Sunday will be in the upper 30s to the mid-40s in the west and in the 30s in the east. Highs Monday will be in the 40s in the west and mid-30s to lower 40s in the east.