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ASUN commission looks at possible rules violations

By Brian Sharp
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With the ASUN election results less than 48 hours old, a swarm of conduct violations have been levied against the victorious VISION party.

The ASUN Electoral Commission rules state that "campaigning from door-to-door in the Residence Halls is strictly prohibited at all times."

So far, two complaints of such solicitation in Abel Hall have been filed. In both cases, males were on a female floor without an escort — another violation.

Similar accusations have been reported in Burr West Hall, Harper Hall, Love Memorial Hall, Selleck Quadrangle and Sandoz Residence Hall.

Sandoz Residence Hall was a polling site Wednesday. If a complaint is filed about infractions at the hall, possible violations could follow.

Andrew Loudon, VISION president-elect, said while some violations may have occurred, they were not a reflection of the new administration.

"We ran a clean campaign," Loudon said. "This is not some big scandal."

"I am willing to admit that some people either willingly or unknowingly have done things

that were against the rules."

Other complaints filed against VISION that may result in violations include placing VISION signs on vehicles without owners consent and removing other parties' posters. One case has brought a \$25 fine.

Officials said the commission also may look into possible violations resulting from room-to-room telephone solicitation at Schramm Residence Hall.

In an incident at Abel Hall on Wednesday, Laurie Dyer, an undeclared sophomore, was visited by two unescorted males wearing VISION shirts and stickers.

Dyer said the men asked her if she had heard of VISION and began pushing the party and the importance of her vote. After talking for awhile and declining repeated offers of candy, Dyer said she had to study and tried to close the door.

One of the men shoved his arm through the door opening and slammed a handful of candy down on her dressing table. Dyer said she was offended because the men were rude, unescorted and should not have been in the residence hall. She reported the incident to her student assistant, who told the men to leave and later filed a complaint.

Mark Byars, electoral commission chairman, said none of the complaints had been ruled

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Greeks vote most for ASUN

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

Greeks living on campus represented the largest voting contingent in Wednesday's ASUN elections. However, residence hall voter turnout was not far behind.

Sorority and fraternity members living on campus turned in 868 of the 2,611 total votes, while 816 residence hall dwellers voted.

The next-largest group was off-campus students, with 785 voting. Only 131 of those who live off-campus with a parent or relative voted.

The living areas of eleven voters were not specified.

The freshman class supplied the highest turnout with 734 votes. Juniors were second with 616, sophomores third with 601, seniors fourth with 516, and graduates fifth with 139 votes.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska also released the unofficial results of the elections for the individual senate seats.

The VISION party nearly completed a clean sweep. It took all student senate seats except the College of Architecture, which went to independent Brian Dusek.

Other unofficial results are:

● Agriculture and Natural Resources: Clinton Fuchs and Scott Keetle.

● Arts and Sciences: Mark Clift, Jason Katt, David J. Hengen, Bill Anderson, Erica Peterson

and Paul J. Cain, Jr.

● Business Administration: Jon Brehm, Heather Anderson, Kurt Ackman and Steve Brewer.

● Continuing Studies: write-in to determine the winner.

● Criminal Justice: Katie Tallman.

● Dentistry: write-in to determine the winner.

● Engineering: Tory Sigler and Dave Milligan.

● Fine Arts: Amy Schmidt.

● General Studies: Eric J. Marintzer, Mitch Venneman, Andy Vuko and Joel R. Russell

● Graduate: Mohammad Shahin, Boon Lee Lim, Tom Allison, Greg Sphon, Monte Horst and the sixth seat will be determined by write-in.

● Human Resources and Family Science: Linda Burbridge.

● Journalism and Mass Communications: David M. Jurgens.

● Law: Robert Caldwell.

● Nursing: Kristi Weinberger.

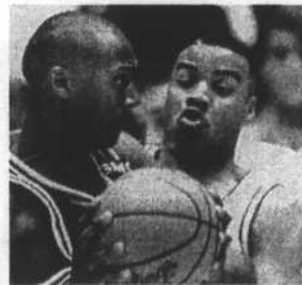
● Teachers: Anne Stockfleth and Annie Jones.

The Committee for Fees Allocation elections resulted in two of the final seats being left to the write-in votes. The results are:

● Off-Campus: Jennifer Cusick, Brendan D. Bussmann and the third representative will be determined by write-in.

● Greek living unit: Shelley Kathol.

● Residence Hall: Malcolm John Kass.



SPORTS

Will the Streak Snap?

Nebraska will try to avenge two regular season losses to Oklahoma when the two teams meet today at 2:20 p.m. in the Big Eight tournament.

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Today, partly cloudy.



Jon Waller/DN

The newly elected president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, Andrew Loudon, stands in front of the old gates.

Taking the reins

Loudon optimistic about ASUN's role

By Angie Brunkow
Senior Reporter

Andrew Loudon doesn't mind being called an insider.

In fact, the newly elected student government president said he had participated in the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska since becoming a general studies senator as a freshman. And he's missed only about two senate meetings since.

"The accusations that I'm an insider are true," he said.

But Loudon said he disagreed that his insider standing made him part of the status quo. During the election, two parties cam-

aigned against Loudon and his VISION party on that basis.

"The argument about status quo has me a little baffled," he said. "Student government is always changing."

This month, 34 new senators and a new president will be sworn into office, he said.

"I don't think I'm a status quo," he said.

"I'm a new and different administrator." Loudon said he disagreed with LETTUCE, and to some extent RESUME, which criticized and made student government into a joke. The LETTUCE party staged an assassination attempt during the last student government debate.

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Bjorklund awaits sentence in Harms' death

Hearing recessed, attorneys to meet | Shannon Bjorklund supports husband

By Steve Smith
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The sentencing hearing to decide the fate of convicted murderer Roger Bjorklund was put on hold Thursday to give attorneys a chance to discuss the prosecution's final witness.

Lancaster County District Judge Donald Endacott recessed the hearing until 9 a.m. Monday.

Attorneys said they planned to meet with Endacott today to discuss when the final witness could be scheduled.

Bjorklund's attorney, Chief Deputy Public Defender Scott Helvie, agreed with Deputy County Attorney John Colborn that allowing the prosecution's final witness to testify out of order during the defense's witnesses would not violate Bjorklund's rights.

"We could start with our witnesses, and the state could call out of order," Helvie said.

When the defense begins its case Monday, witnesses will discuss the Bjorklund they knew before University of Nebraska-Lincoln student Candice Harms, 18, was abducted, raped and murdered in September 1992, Helvie said.

Bjorklund was convicted last November of the first-degree murder of Harms. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against Bjorklund, and they have called several witnesses in an attempt to establish his past assaultive behavior.

Thursday's session lasted about an hour.

Despite Helvie's objections, Colborn offered into evidence a Swiss Army knife. The knife is said to have belonged to Scott Barney, the other man involved in the murder. Barney pleaded

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By Ed Howard

Associated Press Writer

A gentle smile slowly crosses Shannon Bjorklund's face as she contemplates a life that has taken a turn she could not have imagined.

Her husband, Roger, was convicted last November of first-degree murder in the kidnapping, rape and shooting of UNL student Candice Harms.

Now, she sits behind him every day in Lancaster County District Court during a hearing to decide whether he will be sentenced to life in prison or death in the electric chair.

Her future may be uncertain, but she has no doubts about the two things that are most important to her — the wedding vows she took and the children she is trying to raise.

Shannon Bjorklund's personal values are

very clear: When you have children, you put them first. When you have a husband, you stand by him.

She politely but consistently turns away reporters who try to chat with her. She watches and listens to the court proceedings and usually goes off by herself during recesses.

As her husband enters or leaves the courtroom, she acknowledges the silent "I love you" he mouths.

She said words were not sufficient to describe the sympathy she felt for Harms' parents. "They have suffered a terrible tragedy in their lives," she said. "Their loss can never be replaced. I understand that."

She wishes some people, family and friends would understand that she and her daughters also suffered a tragedy.

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