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IMPACT shreds LETTUCE

Hurtgen claims ASUN presidency

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

Although Shawntell Hurtgen lost her voice Wednesday night, she won the ASUN presidential candidacy by a 54 percent majority vote.

Hurtgen's IMPACT party won 27 out of 31 senate seats. IMPACT members Steve Korell and Brent Goertzen also won first- and second-vice presidential seats.

Hurtgen's voice was weak, she said, but the impact her party made on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska was strong.

Organization and trying to reach out to every student at the university pushed IMPACT over the edge, she said.

The party also decided to wait until the final days before the election to push its platform by distributing letters and buttons and hanging banners, she said, so it would not peak too early.

"A lot of times, when the students make it to election time, they're sick of hearing about it," she said. "We wanted to make sure we were out on campus and all over today."

IMPACT spent more money than any other party, about \$1,200, which Hurtgen said allowed them to reach more students.

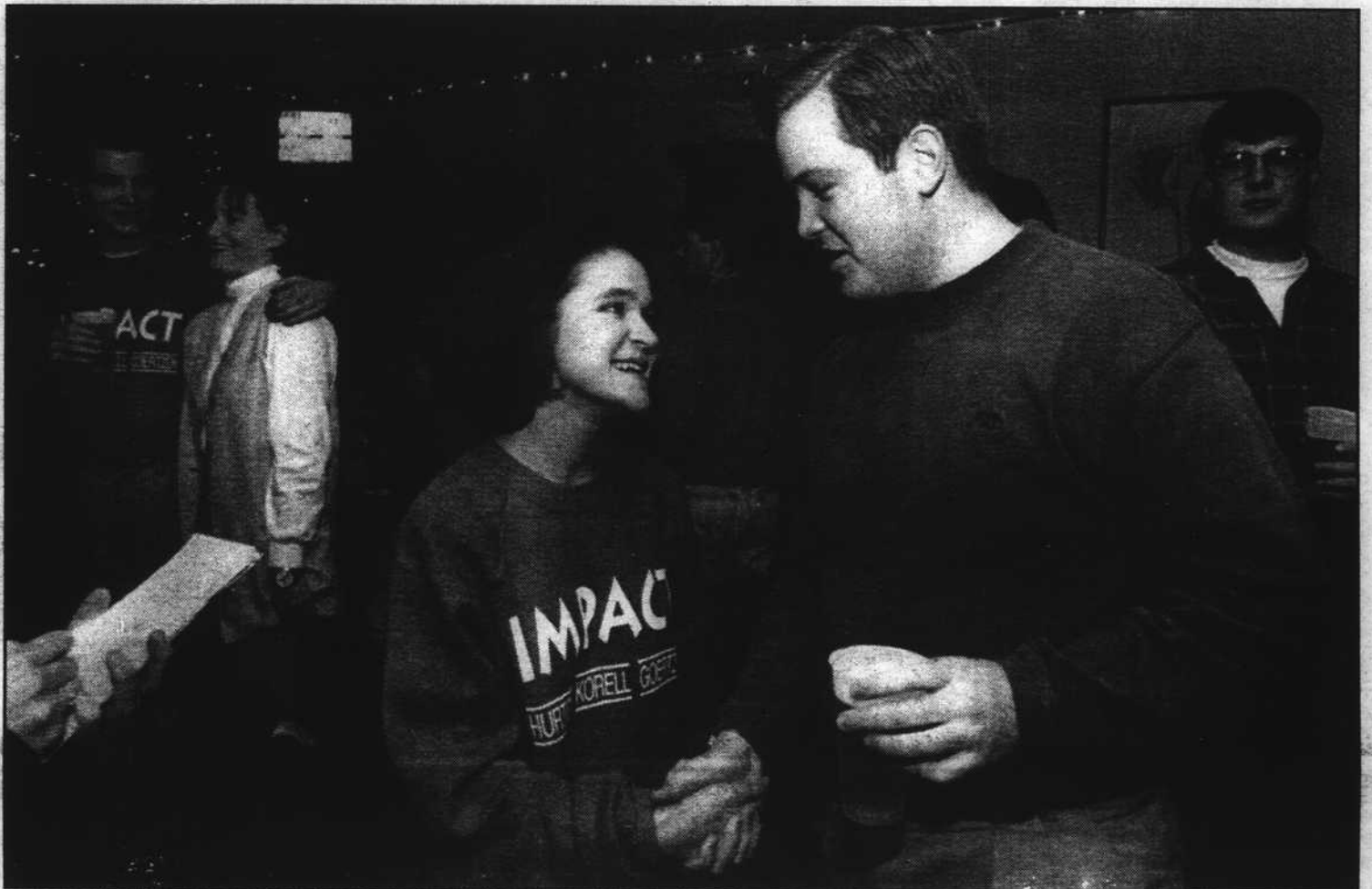
Hurtgen, current ASUN Government Liaison Committee chairwoman, said she was confident throughout the race, but her nervousness showed in the final hours.

"It was a mixture of anxiousness, nervousness and excitement," she said. "I didn't know until I got the phone call. I had my campaign manager answer the phone."

More than 100 people gathered at Sherry's Dining, Dancing and Romancing on 32nd and Cornhusker streets Tuesday night to congratulate the IMPACT candidates.

Andrew Loudon, current ASUN president, said Hurtgen's election proved that UNL students wanted conservative leadership.

"Voters realized she was part of the last administration," he said, "and it reaffirms their confidence in ASUN."



Jay Calderon/DN

Andrew Loudon congratulates Shawntell Hurtgen after she won the ASUN presidential candidacy Wednesday night.

Voter turnout up; IMPACT sweeps large part of ballot

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

Student voting numbers edged up slightly in the ASUN elections Wednesday, gaining only 1.2 percent of the eligible voters over last year's dismal turnout.

Of the 22,180 eligible voters, 2,806 turned out to vote. Last year, of the 22,629

eligible voters, 2,611 people voted, which amounted to the lowest voter turnout in three years.

Stacy Lovelace, the electoral board chairwoman, said the increase in voter turnout was due to the four good presidential candidates on the ballot. She said another contribution was that all candidates were on the ballot — presidential write-in campaigns being harder to rally support for than on-ballot campaigns.

IMPACT won by taking 54 percent of the president/first vice president vote, according to unofficial results. IMPACT was followed by LETTUCE with 34 percent.

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Parking garage still feasible

UNL considers three locations

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

There's still hope for a parking garage on campus.

The idea is still being discussed, said Paul Carlson, interim vice chancellor for business and finance.

"It's not a dead issue," he said. "There's still a need for it."

Three sites are being considered, he said. One site is east of the Nebraska Union; another is west of the union; the third site is where the visitor's parking lot next to the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity now sits.

"We're going back to the drawing board," Carlson said.

He said he hoped to have a proposal ready in the next few months.

Of the three sites on Carlson's list,

only one was considered in a lengthy report commissioned by John Goebel, former vice chancellor for business and finance.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus Parking Structure Study listed 14 acceptable sites according to criteria set by the vice chancellor. Carlson said those sites were reviewed, and four were settled on.

Carlson said the study, which called for a parking structure in the south center of campus, was still good and that the needs outlined in it were still valid.

The only site left on the original list of potential sites has had a rough history. The parking lot between the Nebraska Union and the Alpha Phi Sorority has been considered the prime site for the garage.

In January, Carlson forwarded a program statement to the NU Board of Regents, outlining a general plan for a \$5.5 million, 450-space parking garage.

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Chancellor Graham Spanier pulled the agenda item, citing opposition from Alpha Phi and the Nebraska State Historical Society, which would have been neighbors to the structure.

Carlson said he had met with the Historical Society and was told that they did not want to be left out of the structure's planning.

Also, he said he had not talked to Alpha Phi since the program statement was removed but would if the university decided to go back to the site east of the union.

Pyramid scheme flier could cause problems

By Brian Jensen
Staff Reporter

Beware of the Husker Power Gift Club.

That was the message both the Nebraska Athletic Department and Nebraska Attorney General's office were trying to get across to students in an effort to stop the promotion of an illegal pyramid scheme.

The club bears the Husker name — claiming that a person's contribution to the scheme will benefit the Husker Boosters, Assistant Attorney General Paul Potadle said.

Boyd Epley, assistant athletic director, said the pyramid would hurt fund-raising efforts and confuse boosters.

"I'm disappointed someone would use our name and profit off it," he said. "It kind of hurts."

Epley said a flier containing information about the gift club was brought

to the athletic department about three weeks ago by UNL police. The board of directors discussed the flier at its meeting before taking any action.

Dan Parsons, special assistant to the attorney general, said the athletic department contacted his office. He said the office tried to contact the six people whose names were listed on the flier.

Parsons said those people were informed of the Nebraska Deceptive Trade Practices Act and warned that if the pyramid continued, the attorney general's office could take legal action to stop it.

Under the act, both individuals and businesses in Nebraska can be prosecuted for participation in such schemes. Fines can be as high as \$2,000 per person each time someone new is recruited for the scheme, Potadle said in a press release.

He would not comment on whether any further action would be taken.