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SENIOR POLITICAL SCIENCE and Economics major Chad Pekron fills out his mock ballot, while Josephine Bohaty, a senior mechanical engineering major, puts her finished ballot in the box at the City Union Tuesday. The ASUN Government Liaison Committee sponsored the vote, which drew over 250 people between the City and East Campus Unions.

Climate for women athletes to be evaluated

BY ERIN SCHULTE
Senior Reporter

The UNL athletic department will be under scrutiny next week when a consultant hired by Chancellor James Moeser will evaluate the climate for women athletes on campus.

Beverly Ledbetter, vice president and general counsel for Brown University in Providence, R.I., will interview students, observe different campus buildings and write a report to be submitted to the university.

Moeser said Ledbetter was extremely well qualified for the duties.

"We started asking people around the country who are knowledgeable on these issues and her name rose to the top," Moeser said.

Ledbetter acts as an attorney for Brown as well as several nonprofit organizations, including the Rhode Island Black Lawyer's Association. She earned her bachelor's degree from Howard University and her juris doctorate from the University of Colorado.

She was, at one time, legal counsel for the University of Oklahoma and was an associate judge in the Providence Housing Court. Moeser said Ledbetter had expert knowledge of hate speech and had dealt with a number of compliance issues for the NCAA.

Moeser said Ledbetter would conduct interviews with female students and faculty in an office outside of the athletic department. Ledbetter will have access to rosters of all the women's athletic programs, and will contact students from there. Students will also have the opportunity to get in touch with her, Moeser said.

Ledbetter will also visit the Hewitt Center in West Stadium and interview coaches and staff members.

Starting sometime next week, Moeser said Ledbetter would be on campus for two separate two-day visits.

Ledbetter will take a few weeks to compile her findings, he said, and will then report to Moeser. Results of Ledbetter's findings will be made public, he said.

"The real question I want her to address is: What is the climate for women student-athletes on this campus?" Moeser said. "Is it a healthy climate? Are there problems? And if so, how can we best address them?"

The consultant was hired on the recommendations of a chancellor-appointed task force that studied conduct standards and behavioral expectations of students.

Republicans rule mock election

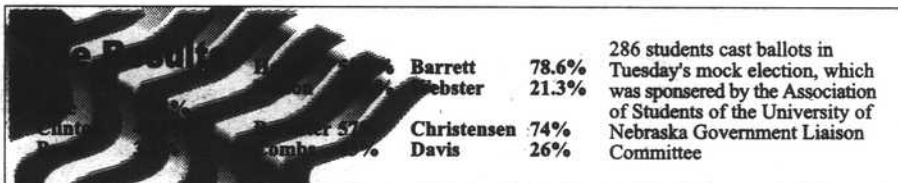
Students cast ballots for major races in ASUN-sponsored election

BY KASEY KERBER
Senior Reporter

Republican candidates swept the student mock election Tuesday, with Dole taking the presidency, Hagel squeaking by in the Senate and Bereuter, Christensen and Barrett rockin' the House.

In the University of Nebraska-Lincoln mock election, sponsored by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska Government Liaison Committee, students voted for president, Nebraska U.S. congressional seats and three ballot initiatives.

Republican challenger Bob Dole captured 53.4 percent of the student vote for president, with 153 out of 286 votes. President Bill Clinton received 40.2 percent with 115 votes,



SOURCE: ASUN GOVERNMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

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while Reform candidate Ross Perot won 3.1 percent with 9. Three other minor candidates made up the rest.

In a race decided by 10 votes, Republican businessman Chuck Hagel's 140 votes beat Democratic Gov. Ben Nelson's 130 votes for the U.S. Senate seat.

The 1st District House race was decided by 20 votes, with Republican incumbent Doug Bereuter capturing 81 votes, compared

to Democratic challenger Patrick Combs' 61 votes.

The 2nd District was far from a close race, with Republican incumbent Jon Christensen winning 74 percent with 31 votes. Democratic challenger James Martin Davis won 26 percent with 11 votes.

Republican incumbent Bill Barrett won

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Incumbents, challengers rely on PACs, records show

BY MATTHEW WAITE
Special Projects Reporter

Individual donors are paying for most of Nebraska's Senate race, while political action committees foot the bill for more of the House races, according to campaign finance reports from the Federal Election Commission.

And according to U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter and other Washington watchers, PAC money and influence in future elections will play larger roles in how Nebraska politicians pay for campaigns.

Electronic records from the American University in Washington, D.C., which document contributions to campaigns up to Sept. 30, show several patterns in the financing of Nebraska's campaigns.

While incumbents and the sitting governor have the largest amount of

PAC money, the records show, challengers are also relying on special interest money.

In the Senate race, three times more PAC money comes from Washington, D.C. — where most PACs are located — than from Nebraska. Eighty-seven percent of the Senate PAC donations comes from outside Nebraska.

But most contributions to Senate candidates come from individuals, not PACs. Individual contributions exceed PAC contributions by almost \$1 million in the U.S. Senate race between Democratic Gov. Ben Nelson and Republican businessman Chuck Hagel.

In addition: — Most of the individual campaign donations of more than \$200 for the Senate races came from Omaha. Sixty-four percent, or \$340,556, of Hagel's individual contributions came from Omaha; Seventy-one percent, or \$266,544, of Nelson's donations also

came from Nebraska's largest city.

• Less than one-third of individual donations of more than \$200 to Senate campaigns came from outside Omaha and Lincoln. Hagel took 21 percent of his individual contributions, totaling \$113,263, from outside the two largest cities; Nelson took 18 percent, or \$66,245, of his individual contributions from outside Omaha and Lincoln.

• Hagel outpaced Nelson in individual contributions by more than \$200,000; Nelson led Hagel in PAC donations by more than \$300,000; Nelson's share of the PAC contributions was 88 percent of the total PAC contributions to the two Senate candidates.

In Nebraska's house races, PACs

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House (and Senate) Party

With the exception of the Senate race between Democrat Ben Nelson and Republican Chuck Hagel, the Republican candidates in all of Nebraska's congressional races have the edge in soft money donations. All of the Republican candidates who lead their opponents in soft money donations are incumbents, as well.

Nebraska Senate Candidates

Candidate	Party	# of Pacs	Total	# of Individuals	Total
Ben Nelson	Democrat	235	\$350,256.00	782	\$534,708.00

Nebraska House Candidates

James Martin Davis	Democrat	73	\$140,991.00	140	\$93,967.00
Patrick Combs	Democrat	18	\$22,716.00	6	\$2,200.00

SOURCE: FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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