

# ADVANCE officers find election bylaw inconvenient

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## ASUN Elections

Discussing a student government election can be hard. That's a fact the executive officers of ADVANCE are discovering while currently serving as ASUN senators.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska Bylaw 6.4.1 prohibits all members of ASUN from discussing election issues "when in ASUN offices or facilities or at any function sponsored by these offices."

The policy has been an inconvenience for the executive candidates of the ADVANCE party.

Presidential candidate Curt Ruwe now serves as ASUN speaker of the senate, first vice presidential candidate Amy Rager serves as Campus Life chairwoman and second vice presidential candidate Malcolm Kass serves as Gov-

ernment Liaison Committee chairman.

The candidates can't even discuss the election on the phone while in the ASUN office.

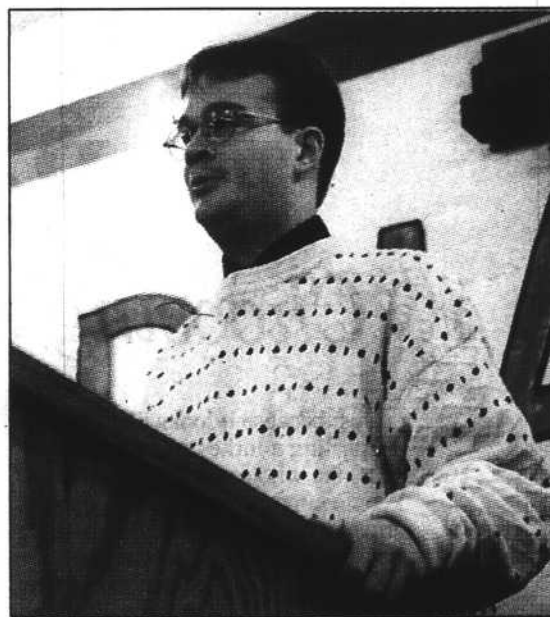
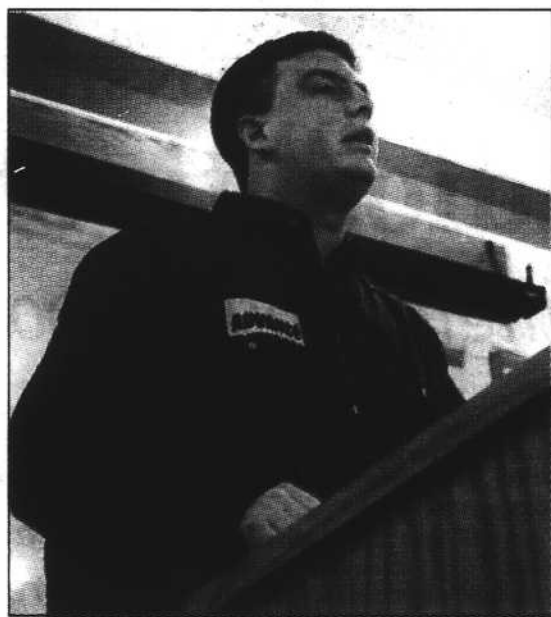
Ruwe said the rule was inconvenient but necessary.

"We don't want others to think we're using student fees for a student election group," Ruwe said.

He also described the rule as a matter of duty.

"We know it's important to respect the bylaw because we're ASUN senators before we're ASUN election candidates," Ruwe said.

A copy of ASUN Bylaw 6.4.1 is posted on the door of the ASUN office as a reminder to election candidates and all ASUN members not to discuss election issues when they enter the office.



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ADVANCE PARTY presidential candidate Curt Ruwe, left, debates against KEG party presidential candidate Scott Brauer in the first of four ASUN debates Monday night.

# ADVANCE, KEG parties hold first of four debates

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could be heard after the ADVANCE candidates' speeches.

KEG was also affected by the absence of its first vice-presidential candidate, Mark Meyer. Meyer was absent because of a class conflict.

Aside from crowd support and present ASUN-executive candidates, ADVANCE and KEG did debate the issues. Their first disagreement dealt with the beverage alliance.

The proposed beverage alliance would require the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to enter a 10-year agreement with a single bottler — Coke or Pepsi — in exchange for financial benefits and resources.

Curt Ruwe, ADVANCE presidential candidate, said the benefits from such an alliance should be invested in technology.

"We need to create a 24-hour computer lab on East Campus," Ruwe said. "There are a lot of commuters that live close to East Campus and that find all computer labs there to be exhausted."

But KEG presidential candidate Scott Brauer said such financial benefits should be shifted back into "defraying" the cost of student fees.

Brauer also mentioned that student input on this issue was minimal. "We think student input on this

issue has been hideously and hiatusly small," Brauer said.

Another issue the two parties disagreed on was the best way to reach residence hall students.

KEG candidates argued for a system of representative contacts on every floor of the residence halls, while ADVANCE said it could best reach students through its own system of contacts — students within the ADVANCE party currently living in the residence halls.

ADVANCE first vice-presidential candidate Amy Rager defended ADVANCE's residence hall representation when a question suggested the scenario of what would happen if her party's residence hall members left the halls next year.

"We have no idea where they're going next year," Rager said. "We will not dictate where they live as a requirement to who is in our party."

Shortly afterward, Brauer explained KEG's system of floor contacts as an ongoing project that would have a profound effect once completed.

"We think it's feasible," Brauer said. "We have an increasing number of student contacts and hope to gain more until we saturate them into student government."

But ADVANCE second vice-presidential candidate Malcolm Kass was quick to point out that such a system left out a large group

of students — those living off-campus.

"You can have a contact on every floor of the halls and one for every greek house," Kass said, "but you're excluding a huge number of off-campus students that are a part of this university."

Both parties agreed that an "open-door" policy was needed for the concerns of residence hall students and that increased communication with RHA would be a necessity.

The two parties also agreed the issues of minority discrimination and racism needed to be dealt with now.

Brauer said that KEG had met with minority organizations and woven such organizations' messages into KEG's platform.

Kass said ADVANCE was prepared to combat the issues by assisting minority organizations on-campus.

"I don't think ASUN should be a base as to trying to prevent all this (racism and discrimination)," Kass said. "But I think ASUN should be actively involved with groups that are trying to resolve racial discrimination."

The next ASUN debate will take place at 4 p.m. today in the Nebraska Union Crib. The debate will be sponsored by the Innocents Society, Mortar Board, Golden Key and Political Science Honorary.

## Law & Order

A look at crime on campus and in the community

### ARMED ROBBERY

A man wearing a stocking over his face showed a handgun and robbed Union Bank at 68th and O streets Monday morning.

Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said that at 9:15 a.m., a white man with a tan, nylon stocking over his face and a dark baseball cap on his head entered the bank and walked to one of the tellers. She said the suspect then asked for money and showed a semi-automatic handgun.

The teller described the man as being between 30 and 40 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall with a slender build. She said the man had short, black hair and was wearing a green hooded sweat shirt and blue jeans.

Heermann said the man was given an undisclosed amount of money, turned and left through the west doors. He then turned southbound on foot.

Police are examining the bank videotape and still photos taken inside the bank, Heermann said.

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# Vacation housing to move in fall from Piper to Cather, Selleck

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Students who rely on vacation housing will be packing their bags for a permanent move next year.

Vacation housing students will be moved out of the 152-bed Piper section of Neihardt Residence Center to Cather and Selleck halls at the beginning of the 1997 fall semester.

Glenn Gray, Cather/Pound/Neihardt complex director, said the change in vacation housing will affect 25 to 50 students in the Piper section, which has traditionally been called the International House. Those students have already been notified about the move.

Gray also said the move of vacation housing to Cather Hall would help international students who stay in Lincoln an entire year. In the past, these students moved to Cather Hall over the summer because it is the only hall open year-round.

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freshman computer science major

puter science major from Greece, lives in Piper and will move to Cather Hall. She said she initially did not like the thought of moving but changed her mind after hearing the benefits and the reasons.

"I don't know if it will be the same, but I think it will be OK," Magklivera said.

Scott French is not from another country, but the freshman interior design major from Massachusetts uses vacation housing for every break.

French said he was unsure if he would like the move because he enjoyed living in Piper.

Gray said the decision has been formulated over several years. He said it stemmed from the need to meet the increasing demand for vacation housing, the financial burden of keeping Piper open for vacation housing, and to suit the growing honors program. Neihardt Residence Center is primarily used for housing honors students.

He said closing Piper for vacation housing will save the extra operation costs, which usually came out of residents' fees.

"Whenever we make decisions, we try to make it with the students' best interests in mind," Gray said.