

Marintzer discusses ethics code, maintenance bill at short meeting

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Because of the campuswide elections, Wednesday's meeting of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska lasted only 17 minutes.

Twenty-seven senators attended, including President Eric Marintzer, who discussed his newly unveiled University Code of Ethics for UNL students.

He asked senators to share copies of the Code with other students to "get the word out and hear what students have to say." Marintzer said a discus-

sion regarding students' reactions would be held at the next meeting. He said the Code, which may be adopted April 2, would "leave a legacy" for his administration.

Marintzer also spoke about LB857 — the deferred maintenance bill presently before the Legislature — on which he testified on behalf of ASUN Tuesday at the Capitol.

State senators were on campus Tuesday for the Senators on Campus program sponsored by ASUN, which Marintzer called a success.

No new or unfinished business was discussed.

Brauer hopeful for next year

ASUN Elections

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The KEG party will stay afloat for next spring's student government elections, party members said Wednesday night.

But next year, the party will win, they said.

After hearing the election results, KEG presidential candidate Scott Brauer said the election was partly a success for his fledgling party — a party that plans to run again with a full slate of senate candidates next year.

"We'll definitely be seen and heard," Brauer said. "We're not going to go gently into that good night."

The KEG party, which garnered about 32 percent of the vote, gathered in the dark at Holmes Lake for a sober cookout and warm laughs while they anticipated the election tally.

Scott said all KEG members present helped raise voter awareness and the voter participation level on campus by about 300 votes, he said.

KEG party members raised student interest because they took their message to students, Brauer said, and reached out to diverse groups to ask for their input.

This gave students a taste of what could happen with effective student government representatives in office, he said.

As a result, students will expect more from student government next year, but will not find satisfaction in this year's winners, the ADVANCE party, he said.

"I am pretty confident that any party they can field will lose to us next year," Brauer said.

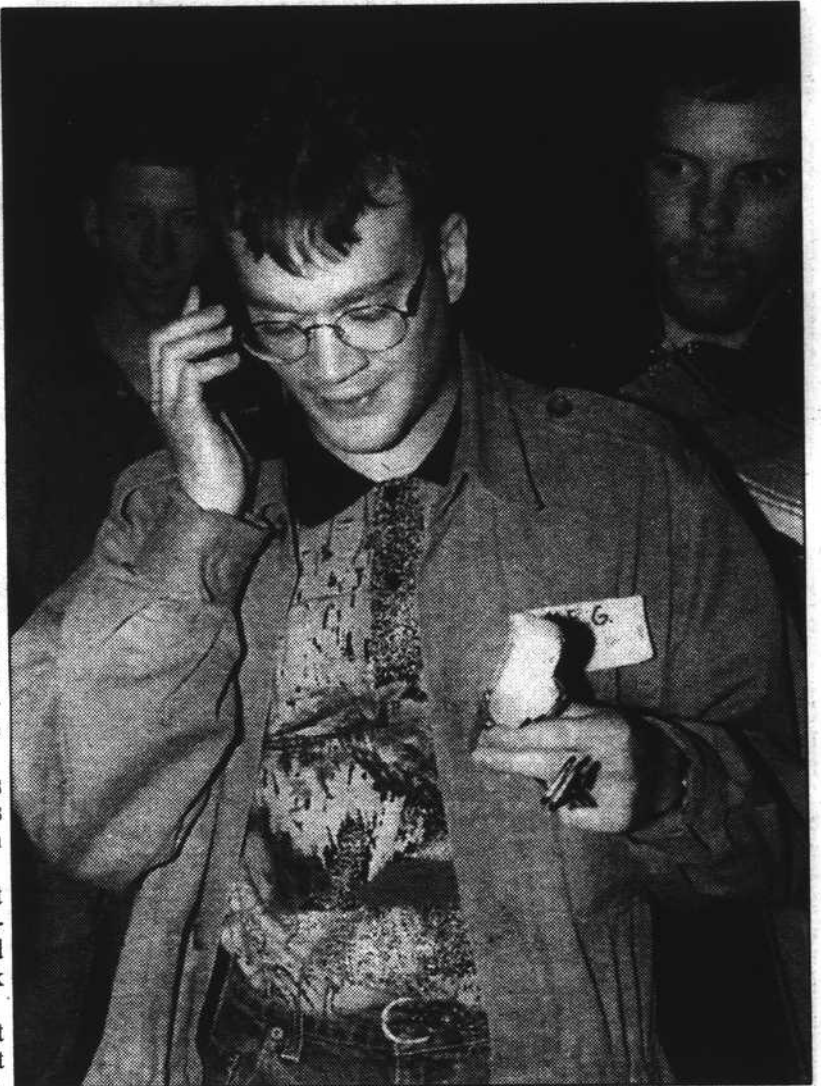
ADVANCE must keep all of its campaign promises, because KEG will be watching, he said. Any failures will hurt it in next spring's elections.

"Now it's time to put up or shut up," Brauer said.

The KEG party now plans to form a student group that will continue interacting with students and will be well-prepared for next year's elections.

Brauer said he only had four weeks to prepare for the election, including getting senators to run on the ticket and collecting the 400 signatures required to get the presidential and vice presidential candidates on the ballot.

Heather Olsen, KEG 2nd vice



MIKE WARREN/DN
SCOTT BRAUER, KEG presidential candidate, receives notice Wednesday night that he has been defeated in the ASUN election. Mark Meyer (right), 1st vice presidential candidate, said he was disappointed, but the party would be back in next year's election.

presidential candidate, said the short preparation time hurt the party's chances in this year's race.

She said the number of supporters the party gained in that short time shows the importance of reaching all students, many of whom do not know or care about ASUN.

Students feel separated from ASUN, she said, partly because it does not reach out to other student groups. For instance, one ASUN representative this year promised to attend the Residence Hall Association meetings in which Olsen is involved. The senator promised to be the RHA's student government liaison, but seldom attended, she said.

"I don't remember their name,"

Olsen said. "I don't remember what they looked like."

Mark Meyer, KEG 1st vice presidential candidate, said the dynamic leadership of Brauer would lead the KEG party to a win next year and a change of the lackluster leadership in ASUN.

"He's a strong thinker and an intellectual," Meyer said. "Those qualities make him an excellent leader."

Brauer said he hoped the new ADVANCE senators and officers would be open to innovative ideas and remember they are accountable to students.

If ADVANCE does not remember, he said, students would remind its candidates next spring.

Party credits win to dedication

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T-shirts, began gathering at the N-Zone, 728 Q St., about 9 p.m.

Ruwe and Rager, wearing their T-shirts, arrived around 10:30 p.m., fully armed with results of ADVANCE's victory.

"I think the showing here is great," Rager said. "It shows just how much support we had going in."

Ruwe and Rager said were pleased with the results.

"We think that at the very worst,

we might have lost two or three senatorial positions to KEG," Ruwe said. "We're hoping for the best."

Ruwe might not have needed to hope. According to the unofficial poll results released by the ASUN office, KEG had no senatorial candidates who beat out ADVANCE senatorial candidates.

That wasn't a surprise for Malcolm Kass, ADVANCE 2nd vice president-elect.

"This is dominance," Kass said. "It shows that people who work hard in

ASUN get what they deserve."

Yet results did not come without hard work and a trust in the experience of ADVANCE officers, Kass said.

"It really comes down to experience," Kass said. "You've got three candidates that know how to get the job done and it's clear that the students recognized that."

ADVANCE's candidates will be inaugurated at a ceremony in April. The current ASUN administration will hold its final meeting April 2.

Nelson: Tax cuts before NU maintenance

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proprations Committee that the state could not afford both a tax cut and \$100 million in aid to schools.

This week, the Appropriations Committee heard testimony from NU officials requesting that the state pay half of the \$95 million needed for building maintenance and repairs for the next 12 to 14 years. Also, the committee considered NU's operating budget request for \$19 million more in 1997-99, all of which exceeds the governor's recommendation.

Nelson said the university should be concerned that unforeseen revenue shortages in the future could eventually cause other programs to ask for more money. NU would then have to compete with programs already identified as priorities, such as the proposed College of Information Science and Technology, distance-learning programs and incentives for retaining the state's brightest students.

"The university needs to be careful about implementing programs it can't sustain," he said.

Nelson said it was not his position to decide how the university uses its

money, but the university could explore other ways to work within the approved budget without a significant tuition increase.

Nelson said he thought the university budget he recommended was fair and fiscally sound. He said he was committed to a balanced budget for the state and would veto the Appropriation Committee's budget if it was not balanced.

"If the funds from the budget surplus don't go back to the citizens as tax cuts, we won't be able to sustain the economic growth we've experienced."

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