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# Close race livens up poll results

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A run-off, a coin-flip and a seemingly popular newspaper columnist helped make Wednesday's ASUN elections a little crazier than usual.

In one of the more surprising developments, it appeared some students actually liked the idea of "sunshiny days and lollipops."

Todd Munson, a Daily Nebraskan columnist who encouraged students to write him in as Association of Students of the University of Nebraska president, received more than 400 votes for president, first vice president and second vice president.

Students also wrote in Munson as a senator for at least seven colleges.

In his more than 15 years as electoral commissioner, Ned Hedges couldn't remember the last time one person had received so many write-in votes in an ASUN election.

Hedges said Munson's run at ASUN president definitely made him stand out.

"It is certainly the most successful one I can recall," Hedges said.

Munson wasn't alone as a write-in candidate. Names such as Bill Clinton, Eazy-E, Homer and Marge Simpson and Al Gore were found on ballots.

And at least three students thought Munson and Sara Russell, ASUN president-elect, would make a good team.

Russell said it was good Munson had decided to campaign, even though he could not have taken office.

"Todd Munson got people interested that probably would not have voted if he had not thrown his hat in the ring," she said. "They may have a bigger interest in it next year."

Although Munson made history, Russell and Kelly Hoffschneider came pretty close.

## Voting Results by site:

Nebraska Union	1,446
Campus Recreation	429
Nebraska East Union	304
Neihardt Hall	279
Abel/Sandoz halls	179
Harper Hall	182



## Voting Results by college:

College of Arts and Sciences	739
College of Business Administration	486
College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources	336
Teachers College	251
College of Engineering and Technology	249
Dentistry College	4
Law College	9
Nursing College	12

Results from Wednesday's ASUN election were finalized Monday. Final counts revealed popular polling sites and colleges with high voter turnout.

MATT HANEY/DN

If 31 more students had voted for VISION's John Wiechmann and Jill Maaske, a run-off election - which last occurred in 1990 - would have been held, assuming 2,826 students still voted and the number of write-ins remained constant.

But one thing that did not remain constant was Stephanie Artz's senatorial spot in the Teacher's College.

On Wednesday VISION's Artz, a junior, thought she had won by one vote over COMMIT's Vernon Miller, a sophomore.

But after the Electoral Commission recounted the votes Monday in Omaha, Miller had received 90 votes to Artz's 89.

Electoral Commission staff did hand counts, but they did not match the counts done by the counting machines, causing them to look at the ballots a little closer.

They then realized several of the ballots were cut incorrectly, keeping the machines from reading them correctly.

Also, several students had filled in circles half-full or on the wrong side of the ballot.

The seventh senatorial spot in the College of Arts and Sciences, tied at 298 votes, was picked a little less democratically.

Nate Clabaugh and Molly Weichman sat across from each other as Tag Herbek, Electoral Commission member, tossed a coin to determine who would become the next Arts and Sciences senator.

Clabaugh, a sophomore, won with the flip of the coin.

ASUN Director of Development Marlene Beyke said once about every five years they have to use a coin toss to determine a senatorial spot.

But Electoral Commission members did not have to flip a coin to decide what to do about \$21 in fines Munson owed for violating ASUN campaign rules.

Members were skeptical about whether Munson would pay the fines, so they voted to give him the option of doing five hours of community service.

The catch is Munson's community service would have to be completed on East Campus - the butt of many a joke in his columns.

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# Law & Order

## Masturbating man at large

A man seen masturbating in the backyard of the Alpha Phi Sorority house on one of the coldest nights of the year is still at large.

Shortly after 10 p.m. Wednesday, when temperatures hovered around zero, witnesses spotted the man. Their cries of "Oh my god" startled him, University Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

He stopped masturbating and fled out of the backyard by the Wick Alumni Center toward R Street.

The man is described as white, 6 feet tall, 190 pounds, in his mid-20s with dark hair. He was wearing a turquoise jacket.

## Couple robbed

A man and his girlfriend were robbed in an alley near his house Sunday evening.

Just after 10 p.m. the victim, 24, parked his car on 12th Street and started to walk toward the alley between 12th and 13th streets and A and Washington streets with his girlfriend when he noticed a man sitting by the entrance to the alley, Heermann said.

The man followed the couple into the alley where he demanded their money and threatened to shoot them. Although the victim did not see a gun he took \$10 out of his wallet and laid it on the ground for the robber, who took the money and left.

## Cyclists robbed

Two bicyclists were robbed as they walked their bicycles along A Street Sunday.

A yellow Cadillac stopped in front of the victims, ages 17 and 20, near Seventh Street, Heermann said.

The passenger rolled down his window and asked the bicyclists if they wanted some "bud." When they refused the passenger demanded money. Nineteen dollars later, the Cadillac was on its way.

The passenger is described as a black male, 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighing 225 pounds with short hair.

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