

ASUN ruled compliant

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take action on it until the start of this school year.

Members deliberated the case, and, in a 5-2 ruling, said ASUN could display the pink Allies triangle, as it was not in violation of the bylaw.

ASUN President Andy Schuerman wrote the defense brief for the court.

In the brief, he said the pink triangle not only makes the office safe for gays and lesbians, but for all students.

"... (the Bill) provides the opportunity for ASUN as an institution... to declare its intention to help 'define an environment of personal safety, (and to show its) commitment to diversity and mutual respect,'" Schuerman wrote.

The court's decision was that the sticker did not identify a political group or candidate, Schuerman said.

Steele disagreed with the court's decision, and wrote a dissenting opinion.

The main reason for dissent was disagreement over the interpretation of bylaw No. 6, he said.

"I can assure you this was not a referendum on the Allies stickers themselves," Steele said. "This was an honest difference of opinion about the intent of the bylaw."

Steele said the court has been inactive for so long because students do not know about its service.

Marlene Beyke, ASUN director of development, agreed.

"(Students' lack of knowledge) is part of it," she said. "Oftentimes, a student in a student organization doesn't know where to go for an outside opinion, so they drop out."

Beyke said ASUN does try to publicize the student court.

The service is included in all brochures, and it will be included in the ASUN listserv message that gets sent out each semester.

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dent court, Beyke said, as long as the complaint has to do with a student organization.

Schuerman described the court as the judicial branch of student government.

"It serves as a great way to do checks and balances," he said.

Schuerman said he is happy with the court's first decision in five years.

"The Allies sticker is a sign of support for the gay and lesbian movement, and is a sign of a safe place," he said.

Student leader removed

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UNO student government president Jon Shradar was removed from office last weekend, and his lawyer Jim Schaefer said Shradar may have been treated differently than other students.

Shradar received a letter Saturday from University of Nebraska at Omaha administration saying he was put on disciplinary probation, making him ineligible to lead UNO's student body.

Shradar was ticketed at UNO's first home football game this year on suspicion of disorderly conduct.

According to the UNO student code of conduct, an act occurring on the university campus that intentionally disturbs the peace of any person or group is subject to disciplinary action.

After examining accusations, the vice chancellor for student services can put the student on probation.

Schaefer said Shradar plans on

appealing UNO's decision. No criminal charges have been filed against Shradar. If charges are filed, he will be arraigned in court Oct. 15.

Scott Thomas, speaker of the UNO student senate and the student who would serve as interim president, said he thought Schradar's conduct was "worthy of attention."

Thomas said he had heard there was "a lot of pressure" on UNO administrators to remove Schradar from office, some of which he had heard was from the Board of Regents.

Students will vote on a special ballot Oct. 12-13 to replace Shradar.

Schaefer said his client's actions at the game were normal.

"The things he was doing happen at every football game," Schaefer said. "I don't think that's necessarily disorderly conduct."

Staff members Veronica Daehn and Sarah Baker contributed to this report.

NU panel named to determine priorities

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orities," Foster said. "In that sense, this is a good type of exercise to go through."

Schuerman, who will serve as one of two students on the committee, said he was happy to see student representation on the panel.

Schuerman said he was disappointed that there wasn't student representation from every campus.

"But that just means I will have to do double duty," he said.

One of the biggest difficulties Schuerman said he anticipates is the challenge of setting criteria to apply to four campuses, each with its own unique aspects.

"Each campus has a unique mission," Schuerman said. "Creating a criteria will be a challenge but will also present a great opportunity for dialogue between the campuses."

It has not yet been determined when the first meeting of the panel will take place, said Dara Troutman, NU assistant vice president for external affairs and director of external communications.

Troutman said she predicted the first meeting would be in the fall.

There is no set deadline for the panel to set the criteria, Troutman said.

"President Smith is more concerned with getting it done right than getting it done quickly," Troutman said.

Once the criteria are set, they will be handed down to each university in the NU system. It will then be up to faculty and administrators to implement them.

Creating the criteria is one challenge, Schuerman said, but the next comes when the campuses are expected to implement them.

"I'm interested to see (the Board of Regents') commitment to prioritization and how dedicated they are to it," Schuerman said. "I'm interested to see if they can carry it out or whether the Board of Regents will buckle under political pressure."

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