

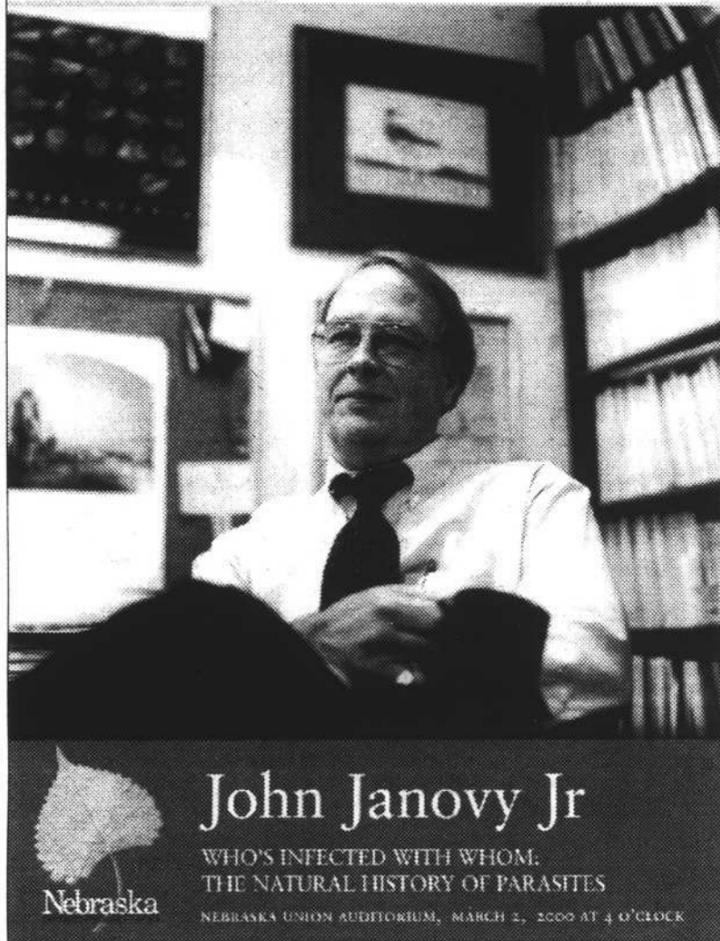
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ASUN ELECTIONS



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A-TEAM FIRST VICE PRESIDENTIAL candidate Riley Peterson, left, and presidential candidate Joel Schafer react to the ASUN election results. Peterson and Schafer celebrated their berth in the upcoming run-off election but expressed disappointment at the defeat of their fellow candidate Joel Webber in his run for second vice president.

Empower, A-Team face a run-off

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Empower for the run-off.

The reactions came after the Electoral Commission tallied the votes to find out Empower was successful in gaining 34.01 percent of the vote - .9 percent away from a victory.

ASUN Electoral Commission rules state that a party must win by at least 10 percent.

The A-Team presidential ticket garnered 24.92 percent of the student vote - just enough to force a run-off between the two parties.

The run-off, which is the second one in as many years, will take place next Wednesday.

In the second vice presidential race, Impact candidate Amy Ellis managed just enough votes to force a run-off with Empower candidate Mike Butterfield.

Butterfield won 34.26 percent to Ellis' 24.7 percent.

"Wow, I can't believe we were only .9 percent away - even with four parties," Cecily Rometo, Empower first vice presidential candidate, said. "I'm excited to run with A-Team."

"It raises the stakes."

After learning the results, Schafer

said he was excited to go into a run-off election with the Empower party.

"This is exactly what we wanted," he said.

The Impact party garnered 23 percent in the presidential and first-vice-presidential race.

Duff received 16.9 percent. In the second vice presidential race, it received 18 percent.

The results were bittersweet for Schafer and Peterson, after finding out second vice presidential candidate Joel Webber was eliminated from the race after receiving 22 percent of the vote.

"I feel really bad about Joel," Schafer said. "He's a dear, dear friend."

Webber said the excitement of his running mates made up for his disappointment.

"Two weeks ago, we never expected this to be where it is today," he said.

The reaction came after weeks of debates, campaigning and going door-to-door to gain support for Wednesday's election.

Wednesday night, both parties said they were ready to do it all over again.

Schafer said he and Peterson

would rely on their media campaign to get their ideas across to more students over the next week.

He also said the party would make contact with more students to try to get them involved in next week's elections.

"We're getting on the phone," Schafer said. "The people we got out to vote this time are the people who had to be motivated to come to vote."

Schafer said he wanted to get more of those students out for next week's run-off.

Mello said he would try to round up every vote possible.

"Next week, all we can do is get people out there to vote," he said. "A run-off two years in a row - that's amazing."

Even though A-Team trailed in Wednesday's election, Peterson said, he wasn't worried about how he and Schafer would fare next week.

"I think we have as good a chance as there is," Peterson said. "I feel good about it."

Butterfield felt the same about the Empower party's chances.

"Hopefully, we'll see the same thing next week," Butterfield said.

Ellis, Butterfield set for another showdown

By Katie Muetting and Sara Salkeld

Staff writers

The second vice presidential candidates for Impact and Empower will compete again in Wednesday's run-off.

Amy Ellis' party, Impact, has no other candidates in the run-off.

But Empower's presidential candidate, Heath Mello, and first vice presidential candidate, Cecily Rometo, are running against A-Team's presidential candidate, Joel Schafer, and first vice presidential candidate Riley Peterson.

Ellis said she could do a better job than Empower's second vice presidential candidate, Mike Butterfield.

"I have the ability to do so much more with this office than Mike Butterfield would ever have," Ellis

said. Butterfield said he has faith in his party's overall chance at winning.

"We're almost there," Butterfield said. "I'm happy we got the percentage we did, and hopefully we'll see the same thing next week."

As a current ASUN senator, Ellis has seen what has gone wrong in the past, and she knows what needs to happen next year, she said.

"I'm not the traditional, go-with-the-flow candidate everyone thinks I am," Ellis said. "I am the person that, when the status quo needs to be challenged, I can do it tactfully and so that results are seen."

John Conley, Impact's presidential candidate, told Impact supporters at PO Pears, 322 S. Ninth St., on Wednesday night, that their work was not finished.

"We still have a second vice president who needs our support to get into office," Conley said.

Despite his loss, Brad Bangs, Impact's first vice presidential candidate, said he is not finished wearing his Impact T-shirt.

Butterfield not only has the support of campaigning with his party, he also has his parents alongside him.

Butterfield's mom, Pat Butterfield, sat with the rest of Empower's supporters last night at Main Street Cafe wearing her Empower T-shirt.

"It's all a pretty awesome experience for everybody," Pat Butterfield said. "I'm impressed with the whole process and with the ASUN candidates."

"I'm also awfully proud of my son."