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ASUN ELECTIONS

Down to the last minute

Candidates mull hot topics

By Katie Muetting

Staff writer

The ASUN first vice presidential candidates said Tuesday that the controversy surrounding a Daily Nebraskan cartoon deemed insensitive by some was handled poorly by both the newspaper and the chancellor.

Empower's Cecily Rometo and A-Team's Riley Peterson were asked their opinions on Neal Obermeyer's cartoon, which depicted UNL student Eddie Brown, who is black, as a mascot.

Rometo and Peterson, along with other candidates running for executive offices in today's Association of Students at the University of Nebraska elections, answered questions on recent campus controversies in Tuesday night's debate.

The debate was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and the Daily Nebraskan.

Rometo and Peterson were also asked how they viewed UNL's racial climate.

To improve what she called a poor racial climate, Rometo said she would work with minority student groups to bring about "a greater level of understanding."

Rometo would assist these organizations in publicizing the diversity

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Conflict arises from show

By Kimberly Sweet

Staff writer

Six days.

It's just less than a week on the calendar.

But it can seem like a lifetime for ASUN presidential or vice presidential candidates waiting for a run-off to determine their fates in filling offices sought for months.

Last Wednesday, six ASUN executive candidates rode high on the hopes that they still had a chance to capture their offices after the March 1 general election yielded no definitive winners.

But by Monday night, the months of planning, speaking and hoping culminated in an emotional confrontation between two parties, after an Empower candidate impersonated another student to help her running mate on a radio show.

The ASUN presidential candidates competing in today's run-off appeared on "Hot Lunch," a call-in radio show that airs every Monday from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. on KRNU Radio.

During Empower presidential candidate Heath Mello's appearance on the show, first vice presidential candidate Cecily Rometo called in to remind Mello to mention the party's action plan.

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE TODAY

8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Nebraska Union and Nebraska East Union Campus Recreation Center

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. QwikKick in the parking garage

4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Harper Food Service, Nelhard Blue Parlor, Sandoz Lounge

Melanie Falk/DN

LEGISLATURE

Teachers won't get pay raise

■ Committee kills two bills that would have raised teachers' pay.

By Veronica Daehn

Staff writer

Despite a 1,000-teacher rally at the Capitol last month and an extensive campaign by the Nebraska State Education Association, it's likely Nebraska teachers will not see a pay increase this year.

Members of the Education Committee in the state Legislature voted to kill two bills last week that would have raised teacher pay in Nebraska.

They did, however, pass LB1399 out of committee, which would create a 14-member task force to study teacher salaries and create an action plan.

Sen. Marian Price of Lincoln, Education Committee member, said she could not support a bill that would allocate money for teacher salaries with no specific plan for the distribution of the money.

"There has to be a plan on who will receive the money and how it will be distributed," Price said. "I have difficulty rewarding someone with six students in a class the same as someone who has 35 or 36 in one day."

A bill must be passed out of committee before it can be heard in floor debate.

One bill killed by the

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FRESHMAN MUSIC MAJOR JENNY OLIVER won the West Central Division of the Music Teachers National Association piano competition in January, and she's the first UNL pianist to make it that far. She will be performing tonight at 6:45 in Kimball Recital Hall.

Heather Glenboski/DN

Freshman plays way to nationals

By Neal Obermeyer

Staff writer

Jenny Oliver plays the piano so much that she considers a four- or five-hour day a light practice.

Sometimes she plays up to eight hours a day, logging about 35 hours a week.

And her hard work has paid off.

Oliver, a freshman music major, is the first solo pianist from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to reach the national level of the Music Teachers National Association piano competition.

"No one has ever done this before," Oliver said. "I'm not going to let that scare me, but I do want to respect my accomplishment."

The national competition is a weeklong convention that will begin March 25 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Oliver advanced to nationals after winning the eight-state regional competition at Drake University on Jan. 17.

She will be performing selections from her winning repertoire at Kimball Recital Hall at

6:45 tonight. The performance is open to the public.

Paul Barnes, assistant professor and co-chairman of the piano department, has been working with Oliver since August.

"There are three things you need to be successful in music," Barnes said. "Discipline, intelligence and talent. She's got all three."

Oliver, who is from Pelican Rapids, Minn., has been playing piano since she was 7, coming from what she describes as a musical family. She said her parents cultivated her abilities, making sure she had good teachers and that she practiced.

She said she sees other parents driving their chil-

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