

ASUN hold 'goal-meeting' session

■ Redefining some bylaws and working toward keeping Italian and Chinese language course were included.

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ASUN didn't pass any bills or re-name any holidays at its meeting Wednesday night.

Instead, the senators decided to take a step back and look at where they're going and where they'd like to be.

The meeting consisted of a goal-building session for Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senators, and was closed to the public.

After the meeting, ASUN President Joel Schafer relayed to the Daily Nebraskan what went on behind the closed doors.

During the session, senators were reminded of the campaign promises they made and goals they set, Schafer said.

"It was a chance for all of us to get together and revisit why we ran for ASUN," he said. ASUN has spent a lot of its time working on internal house-cleaning, such as redefining some of its bylaws, Schafer said.

He said he was pleased senators now have a chance to focus on issues that affect the campus.

"I'm really expecting good things out of this," he said. "It was nice to get back on track."

Senators brought up goals, including retention of students and different approaches to building a campus community.

Another goal is for the university to be able to keep Chinese and Italian courses, Schafer said.

The classes were recently identified as two that might be cut in a universitywide evaluation of all classes offered.

"I think that it's very interesting that right after we passed normal trade relations with China, the university is talking of cutting the

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program," Schafer said. "China is going to be a major player in the global economy. So it would be natural for this university to teach Chinese."

Italian is also an important language, he said. Italian classes always fill up, Schafer said.

ASUN is going to try to work with the modern language department and the administration to keep the language programs, he said.

Schafer said ASUN would work to get a full-time faculty member to assist students with scholarships.

There is no specific person on campus that students can go to for help, he said.

"I feel what we really need here is a coordinated effort to give support to students who want to apply for prestigious scholarships," Schafer said.

Speakers protest 416 in march to Capitol

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Stacie Schultz, 29, a UNL graduate, has been "out" since she was 17.

Schultz said she had never seen the straight community and the gay community band together as much as they had now.

She said their cooperation in the fight against Initiative 416 made sense.

"Who wouldn't be against this bigotry and hate?" Schultz said.

Other events are scheduled throughout the month to support the gay and lesbian movement.

■ A fashion show will be held in the Nebraska Union at 8 p.m. today. The show, spon-

sored by the GLBT Student Association, will explore the meaning of fashion, stereotypes and identity. Cost is \$5 for students and \$10 for general admission.

■ The Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater's Gay and Lesbian Film Festival runs from Oct. 17-22 and Oct. 24-29. It will showcase 19 award-winning short and feature films.

Admission to single screenings is \$4.50 for students and \$6.50 for general admission.

■ Friday is "Wear Jeans if You Are Gay Day" at UNL, as proclaimed by the Graduate GLBT Student Association. This event is designed to catch students off guard and point out that one can't tell who is gay, lesbian or heterosexual.

Second debate sways few

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In a group of students that appeared closely divided between Bush and Gore supporters, students drew different conclusions from the candidates' answers.

"I think this debate confirmed that Bush does not know what he's talking about," said Kim Nyoni, a sophomore pre-law and sociology major. "I'm suspicious of someone who doesn't have a real plan. He does not have a sound foreign policy."

Nyoni said the United States should focus on problems like health care, poverty and education before making large increases in defense spending.

But Jeff Kratz, a sophomore political science major, said the United States should maintain military strength because it still faces threats from China and other nations.

"What's wrong with building up the military?" he said.

Tom Donahue, a freshman political science major, agreed with Bush's position that the military should build and win wars, rather than engaging in nation-building.

"He showed prudence in knowing the role of the military," he said. "It doesn't have a role of creating nations."

But Clarissa Steele, a junior psychology and management information systems major, said Gore's stance more closely reflected future challenges.

"Bush wants to use the military just to fight wars, but that's not what we need for the 21st century," she

said.

Jake Wobig, a senior political science and international affairs major, agreed.

"The idea of nation-building is to stay there and build up democratic principles so that the war won't start up again," he said. "In the long run, it's less costly and more effective in solving the problem."

Eric Martin, a sophomore political science major, said Bush would handle foreign policy capably because he would surround himself with advisers like Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Cheney, the former secretary of defense, and Condoleezza Rice, a former official in Bush's father's administration.

On education, Steele said she preferred Gore's approach of a larger federal role.

But Kratz said he favored Bush's support of private school vouchers, which he said would improve educational opportunities.

"You have a better public school system if you have competition," he said.

The next presidential debate is scheduled for Tuesday night in St. Louis. In the aftermath of Wednesday's debate, Smith said, the race is likely to remain a nail-biter.

"Presidential debates generally harden existing opinions," he said. "Very few minds are changed in a debate."

"I think neither candidate did any harm, but neither made a sharp breakthrough that will help him climb in the polls."



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