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## Election Night No. 1: It's a runoff



Derek Lippincott/DN

No Bull presidential candidate Andy Mixan announces the ASUN election results to his party members at Mainstreet Café on Wednesday night. Mixan finished second place in Wednesday's voting to Nathan Fuerst of the Score! Party, but he won enough votes to force the election into a run-off between the two parties.

### No Bull gets second chance

BY JILL CONNER

No Bull backers were quiet Wednesday night as the word spread throughout Main Street Cafe, 1324 O. St., that the party's presidential slate would face Score! in a run-off election Tuesday.

The reaction was bittersweet after the party found out presidential candidate Andy Mixan and first vice presidential candidate Bill Westering lost, but not by enough to give Score! a complete victory.

Score! received 886 votes, while No Bull came in second in the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska election with 843 votes.

ASUN election rules say a candidate must gain at least 50 percent of the total vote to win an election. If they don't get a simple majority, they must get at least 10 percent more of the total votes cast than their opponent.

With the weight of the campaign lifted temporarily, Mixan propped his head in his hand, smiled and said he was exhausted, but encouraged.

"It was grueling, but I feel like I have a second wind now," Mixan said.

Mixan said his day started at 6 a.m. Wednesday morning when he set up voting booths on both campuses.

After he stood out in the cold all day handing out fliers to rally last-minute votes, Mixan had no time to relax before he heard the results.

Mixan had just walked in the door of the bar when he received the anticipated call from ASUN election commissioner John Conley.

"I can't believe we got the results already," Mixan said.

But the run-off didn't discourage him.

"We've just got to keep going," he said. "I'm tired, but I've got to get back up tomorrow and go at it hard, if not harder."

Mixan said the numbers didn't bother him either, but it meant he still needed to get his party platform heard.

"Eight hundred and forty-three people voted

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Nate Wagner/DN

Presidential candidate Nathan Fuerst from the Score! party announces the results of the presidential and second vice presidential elections. Score! and No-Bull compete in a run-off election Tuesday.

### Score! wins, looks for another

BY MARGARET BEHM

For the Score! party, standing outside in the cold seemed to pay off.

Party members endured freezing temperatures in hopes of convincing students to vote in the ASUN election.

Nathan Fuerst, Score! presidential candidate, said he spent Election Day campaigning and encouraging people to vote from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"It was a long day," he said.

Vince Cogley, Score! candidate for arts and sciences senator, said Fuerst's dedication impressed him.

"It was amazing to see him out there in the freezing cold, still caring about making sure everyone voted in this election," Cogley said.

Fuerst said he was disappointed none of the other parties stuck around outside after the sun went down.

"When it got really cold and dark we were the

only party out there," Fuerst said.

Packing up the campaign when it gets dark is unfair to non-traditional students who take night classes, Fuerst said.

Cogley said while he tried to bear the cold, he didn't have the endurance of Fuerst.

"I have to admit that I had to go in to warm up a few times," he said. "(Nathan) stayed out there the whole time. His drive is amazing. He's like the Energizer Bunny."

Dick Fuerst, Nathan's dad, said Fuerst has always been enthusiastic.

"Nathan has always had all kinds of energy," he said. "He always seems to know what he's doing, what he wants to achieve and how he's going to get there."

About 40 people, including the Score! party and its supporters, gathered in The N- Zone to find out the election news.

People in Score! T-shirts, black with bright yellow

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President George W. Bush speaks at Omaha's Civic Auditorium Wednesday. Bush's main topics of discussion were his new plans for tax cuts, education and military reform.



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### Bush touts plan in Omaha

BY GEORGE GREEN

President George W. Bush, fresh from a prime-time performance before Congress, pitched his budget plan to Nebraskans on Wednesday.

The president trumpeted his proposal to a crowd of eager listeners ready to buy in on the deal.

At one point, the enthusiastic audience drowned out the president with cries of "refund, refund."

Bush appeared comfortable addressing the Nebraskans who handed him all 93 of the state's counties in the election.

"It's good to get to the heartland where people proudly stand on values of faith and family," he said.

Sen. Ben Nelson, the lone Democrat on the scene, wasn't ostracized by the frenzied Republicans.

Bush, though, added icing to the day's partisan cake when he heaped pressure onto Nelson to accept his budget plan.

"The good thing about these two senators (Chuck Hagel and Nelson) is this: I know I'm going to be able to count on them

in a pinch ... they'll listen to the people of Nebraska," he said.

Bush gunned for Nelson because he might hold the key vote in getting his contentious budget plan passed through an evenly divided Senate.

Plus, Nebraska's a Republican stronghold chock full of eager citizens waiting to help Bush put the squeeze on Nelson.

Turning back the political demands, Nelson said he would work to "make sure we get the best budget we can."

But he said Bush didn't try to strong arm him during their flight on Air Force One.

"I got no arm twisting or pressure," he said.

In fact, Nelson said Bush probably won't ever be in a "pinch" because he listens to other lawmakers and citizens and builds consensus.

With bolstering support in mind, Bush hit up Omaha, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Pittsburgh on Wednesday, pushing his new economic blueprint for the country.

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## Voter turnout down slightly

BY CHARLIE KAUFFMAN

Voter turnout in Wednesday's election was down slightly from last year. Was it because of weather, or just student apathy?

Maybe both.

In any case, a runoff between Andy Mixan's No Bull party and Nathan Fuerst's Score! party was announced at 9:15 p.m., and is scheduled for Tuesday.

The polling places will remain the same, but the hours at the main polling places will be shortened for the runoff. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Out of 20,504 eligible voters, of 2,877 participated in the election, a turnout of 14.03 percent. Last year, 14.42 percent of eligible students voted. Both numbers are up from 1999, though, which saw a 12.03 percent voter turnout.

The ballots were machine-counted in a little more than an hour, a practice that has been employed for about 10 years.

Fuerst and his first-vice presidential candidate, Jessica Lopez, won 886 votes. Mixan and his first-vice presidential candidate, Bill Westering, won 843 votes. Independent candidates John Matzen and Holly Flanagan finished third with 440 votes. NUFORCE Party presidential candidate Angela Clements and first-vice presidential candidate Erick Kinyungu finished fourth with 327 votes and The One Party presidential candidate Jaron Lutich and running mate Melanie Mitzel came in last with 305 votes.

Brent Stanfield and Brandon Schulte were elected to the Committee for Fees Allocation.

Also on the ballot were student services and organizations vying for student fees. Voters were asked whether they wanted their student fees to support the respective groups.

The Daily Nebraskan, Campus Speakers, the University Health Center, Nebraska Unions, Campus Recreation and the East Health Center all received voter approval for funding from student fees.

Some potential voters were too dissatisfied to vote.

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Nate Wagner/DN

Ami Traore, a sophomore in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, turns in her ballot sheet for the ASUN elections held Wednesday. Voters came to the polls to make sure their voices were heard.

### It's a runoff

Total Votes 2,877 14 percent of eligible voters  
With such a close election, ASUN rules dictate a run-off election be held Tuesday between the top vote-getters, the Score! Party and the No Bull Party.

