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Election Night No. 2: Score!

NUForce aids in run-off vote

BY JILL ZEMAN

Nathan Fuerst and Jessica Lopez tried to make it a surprise.

After learning they were elected ASUN president and first vice president, the two wanted to heighten the drama before telling supporters of their victory.

Fuerst and Lopez, who got the crucial call with the results outside of The N-Zone, 728 Q St., grimly walked toward supporters of the Score! Party.

Fuerst camouflaged his smile with a hand over his face, but Lopez gave it all away, not able to conceal her grin.

Before a word came out of Fuerst's mouth, supporters started yelling, "Look at Jessica! They won!"

After Fuerst read the vote total, the room erupted into a combination of elated screams, cheers and applause.

But before the celebration came the nerve-racking waiting period.

When Fuerst got the call from Electoral Commission

The votes are tallied

In Tuesday's ASUN run-off election, the Score! party prevailed.

Score!: 1,148

Nathan Fuerst
Jessica Lopez

No Bull: 1,003

Andy Mixan
Bill Westering

Total votes: 2,151

10.51 percent voter turnout

Delan Lonowski/DN

Director John D. Conley, he had to call Conley back just to make sure Score! had won.

And Fuerst waited for another confirmation call before he announced his victory.

Fuerst, whose Score! Party defeated Andy Mixan's No Bull Party by nearly 150 votes, attributed his victory to Angela Clements, NUForce presidential candidate, whom Fuerst competed against in Feb. 28's election.

Clements publicly supported Score! and helped draw more votes to the Score! party, Fuerst said.



ASUN President-elect Nathan Fuerst from the Score! Party hugs First Vice President-elect Jessica Lopez as Second Vice President-elect Nick Fitch looks on Tuesday evening at the N-Zone, 728 Q St.

David McGee/DN

Clements contacted groups that originally supported her party - such as international student organizations and minority groups - and encouraged them to vote for Fuerst.

"She won this election today," Fuerst said.

Clements said she endorsed Fuerst because she thought he really cared about the student body.

And with Fuerst in office,

Clements said her party platform ideas have a better chance of being implemented.

Clements also said she had problems with campaign material the No Bull Party distributed.

Clements objected to No Bull posters hung up in several university buildings that said, "No commies, no hippies, no yuppies ... nothing that ends with -ies."

Clements said she and others were offended by this because she said it implied "no minorities."

"It was totally distasteful," she said.

Regardless of the controversy, Fuerst said he was ready to take on the challenges of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska president.

In fact, 30 minutes after learning he was chosen as

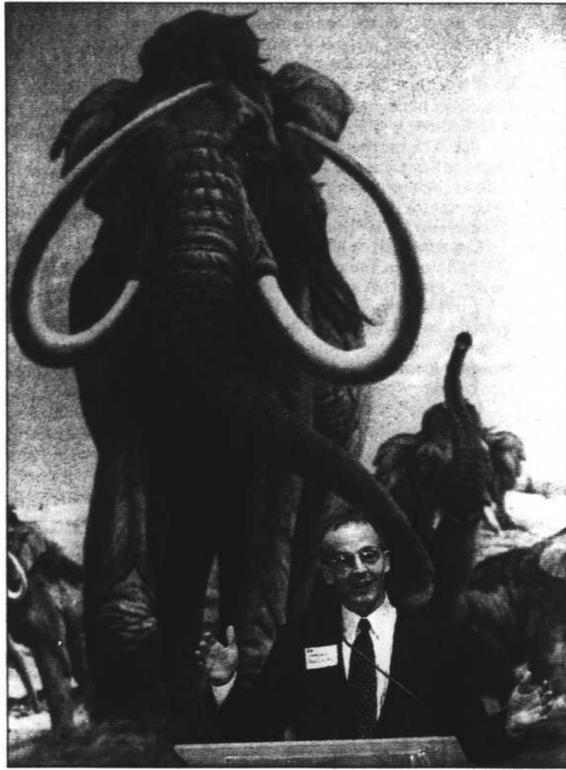
president, he said he and Sen.-elect Vince Cogley were throwing around ideas and talking about possible legislation.

Fuerst, who takes office March 28, said his first action as president would be talking to each senator individually to discuss goals for the year.

After that, Fuerst said he and Lopez would work to

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Interim Chancellor Harvey Perlman answers questions asked by students, faculty and others at the Morrill Hall Mammoth banquet room Tuesday afternoon. Perlman, a former professor and dean in the College of Law, is one of two finalists for the chancellor position.



Nate Wagner/DN

Perlman ready to take reigns

One of two finalists for the chancellor position, the interim leader says he wants to be permanent.

BY JILL ZEMAN

Harvey Perlman hasn't always wanted to be the university's chancellor.

In fact Perlman, who serves as UNL interim chancellor, said he was appalled when NU President Dennis Smith suggested he apply for the position.

But now, Perlman said he was enthusiastic about possibly taking the reins as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's top leader.

His change in mind, he said, was based on what he learned in the eight months he has served as interim chancellor.

"I've learned that it's less about attending banquets and more about intellectual pursuits," he said.

But even if he's not chosen as chancellor, Perlman said he'd be just as happy to go back to his previous job as a professor in the NU College of Law.

Perlman spoke to faculty mem-

bers, students, staff, administrators and community members in a reception on Tuesday.

Perlman is one of two finalists vying for the position vacated by former Chancellor James Moeser, who left in July to become chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The other candidate, Bill Hogan, a regent at the University of Minnesota, visited campus Monday.

In Perlman's eyes, the most important mission of the university is its academic mission.

"The leadership has to believe in the greatness of this university," he said.

But Perlman said the university still needed to improve. The 20/20 vision report, which outlines university goals for the next 20 years, and the academic prioritization process are steps in the right direction, he said.

The prioritization process, which outlines the top 25 percent of UNL's academic programs, wasn't something that appealed to Perlman at first, he said.

"I thought, why, in my little time as interim chancellor, do we have to do this," he said.

But now, Perlman said, he was committed to and excited about the process.

"It's not perfect, but it's a darn good start," he said.

Other important issues, Perlman said, were enhancing UNL's research and recruiting more qualified students to the university.

The NU Board of Regents Saturday passed Perlman's recruiting plan, which includes the targeting of out-of-state students, Nebraska residents and minority students.

"Part of (the plan) says we'll recruit every qualified student in Nebraska and we're going to do it - even if it kills us," he said.

Perlman, 59, said he planned to finish his career at UNL.

He said he had no intentions of moving on to another university for a higher-paying job.

His time at UNL, he said, depended on his health, energy and enthusiasm for his work.

"I'm going to give this a good shot for a reasonable period of time," he said.

Edie Schleiger, a staff assistant in

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Osborne adapting life to patient political pace

BY GEORGE GREEN

Tom Osborne's feet don't hurt quite so bad anymore: He's beginning to fit into his new political shoes.

When Rep. Osborne of the 3rd Congressional District debuted on Capitol Hill, he found himself bogged down by its often snail-like pace.

"It requires a little patience," he said. But weekly trips back to Nebraska to work in his rural district and visits with his family have eased his frustrations with the political pace, he said.

Plus, Clinton scandals coupled with Bush budgets have given Washington a kick in the pants over the past weeks.

More importantly, Osborne said he valued the opportunity to serve his district and the entire state.

"The pluses outweigh the minuses," he

said.

Osborne and his congressional peers have spent a good deal of time over the past few weeks weighing the hefty pluses and minuses buried in President George W. Bush's budget proposals.

Democrats say Bush's plan inflates surplus projections and stretches the government too thin by forking over \$1.6 trillion in tax cuts to Americas.

"There's a lot of conflicting views about how big the surplus is," he said.

Osborne said from what he could tell, the president's \$5.6 trillion surplus estimate was "somewhere in the ballpark."

If these numbers are correct, he said tax payers deserved to get some of their money back.

But Democrats have said lawmakers

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In round two, No Bull again falls a bit short

BY MARGARET BEHM

After a tight finish in Feb. 28's general election, the No Bull Party fell short in Tuesday's run-off election in its pursuit to lead student government.

About 80 people gathered at the Main Street Caf , 1324 O St., to await the results of the run-off election.

The No Bull Party was defeated by the Score! Party. No Bull received 1,003 votes and Score! received 1,148.

Andy Mixan, presidential candidate for No Bull, said he was unhappy his party lost the election.

"I'm really disappointed," he said. "We put a lot of time, money and effort into this."

After the results came in,

Mixan told the crowd of about 80 people the bad news.

He then stayed in the upper level of the bar for the next 10 minutes. He sat with his head in his hands while about five people sat around him and smoked.

Mike Echternacht, campaign manager, said it was hard to tell the crowd the results.

"It's tough to get up in front of 50,60,70 people and tell them that we lost," he said. "It breaks my heart to tell the people that."

Bill Westering, first vice-presidential candidate, told the crowd how it felt to lose the election.

"We all feel kind of crappy right now."

Echternacht told the crowd to keep its chin up despite the loss.

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Academic Senate

Faculty demand equal benefits

BY LINDSEY BAKER

The Academic Senate placed a resolution to cover birth control measures, along with providing employee benefits to same-sex couples, on emergency status at its Tuesday meeting.

University insurance policies do not cover birth control - something the senate wants to change.

John Wunder, a UNL history professor, representing the Faculty Women's Caucus, presented the resolution, saying the university's failure to pay for birth-control measures violated federal law.

He said the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruled failure to provide insurance coverage for birth control breaches the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pregnancy

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