



No Bull presidential candidate Andy Mixan, center, and first vice-presidential candidate Bill Westering, left, sit in silence after receiving the phone call regarding their loss in Tuesday's ASUN election. Nearly 80 No Bull supporters attended the announcement at the Main Street Café.

Runoff belongs to Score!

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implement a book-exchange network, where students could buy and sell books at reduced rates.

Lopez, first vice president-elect, said she was still in shock Tuesday night after learning of their victory.

"Whoa," she said. "I seriously cannot believe this."

After the hysteria dies down, Lopez said she was ready to get down to business.

Lopez said they could achieve the Score! Party's goals - establishing a book exchange network, pushing a grandfather clause so students are assured the same tuition rate through-

out college, including international students in ASUN activities and making senators accountable to their constituents.

Besides that, Lopez said other parties' platform issues could be accomplished throughout her term.

Although Fuerst will now become the student body's next president, he wasn't born a leader.

Bonnie Fuerst, Nathan's mother, said when Nathan was in high school, she had to tell him to be a leader, not a follower.

But when her son came to UNL, he really came out of his shell, Bonnie Fuerst said.

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Jessica Lopez

first vice president-elect

"He was a late bloomer in that regard," she said.

Whether Nathan won or lost, Bonnie Fuerst said she recognized the important life experience gained from running a campaign.

"I'm just very excited and proud of him," she said.

No Bull falls just short of win

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Supporters should be proud of what the party accomplished, he said.

"Nobody hang your head," he said. "It's been a good fight, and we know we fought the good fight."

No Bull's party platform included several key points, including:

- Changing students' e-mail service from the bigred system to a Web-based system.

- Ending the practice of ASUN lobbying on political issues that the party said don't directly affect students, such as fetal-tissue research.

- Changing Dead Week policies to forbid papers from being due or tests and quizzes from being given.

After Feb. 28's tight race, Mixan said he knew the race would be a photo finish. He campaigned Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"I knew it would be close, that's why we were out all day campaigning," he said.

Mixan said campaigning for his opponents in the Score! Party by Angela Clements, a former presidential candidate for the NUForce Party, may have cost him some votes.

"I think Angela played a vital

part in what happened today," he said.

Mixan said he was told by a trustworthy source Clements had been telling people on campus Mixan was putting up racist posters.

The posters in question were posted by two candidates for Arts and Sciences senate from the No Bull Party, he said. Mixan said the senators did not mean for the posters to be offensive.

The posters, which included a baby holding an American flag stating, "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 the party wanted "no minorities."

John D. Conley, Electoral Commission director, said three complaints were filed against the poster. The commission dismissed all three complaints because members ruled the complaints invalid.

Clements said although she didn't like the posters, she never called Mixan a racist.

"I do think the posters were tactless, but I never went on campus saying that Andy Mixan was a racist," she said.

Mixan said Clements campaigned for Fuerst to help him

defeat the No Bull Party.

Score! Party leaders attributed part of their victory Tuesday to Clements' sway.

Said Mixan: "I don't think Angela was pro-Nate. I think she was anti-Andy."

Mixan said Clements had never spoken to him about her concerns regarding his party's platform or representation.

"She thought that I didn't care about anybody but white greeks," he said. "She made that general assumption, and that bothers me."

Despite the controversy, Mixan said he was pleased that the No Bull Party didn't resort to mudslinging.

"We ran a campaign with no personal attacks, and I'm proud of that," he said.

Westering said he still planned on being involved in student government.

"I'm not giving up just because we lost," he said. "Because I still stand for what we said."

Mixan said he was unsure about what the future held for him, but he planned on relaxing over spring break and catching up on his homework.

"It's heartbreaking, but you know life goes on - you pick up the pieces and move on."

Runoff has strong turnout

BY JILL CONNER

Several factors may have contributed to the relatively good turnout for this year's Association of Students of the University of Nebraska run-off elections.

Although the general elections saw a slight decrease in voters, Electoral Commission Chairman John D. Conley said the 10.51 percent of the student population that showed up to Tuesday's run-off election was up from the numbers of the 2000 runoff.

President-elect Nathan Fuerst and First Vice President-elect Jessica Lopez, with the Score! Party, pulled off a victory with 53.2 percent of the vote, 1,148 votes - more than 100 votes more than presidential candidate Andy Mixan and running-mate Bill Westering from the No Bull Party, who received 1,003 votes, or 46.5 percent of the vote.

Voters numbered 2,155 in the run-off election and 2,785 in the Feb. 28 general election.

"Both parties did a phenomenal job getting voters out again for a runoff," Conley said.

This meant both parties had a great support system that went out and voted again, he said.

ASUN president Joel Schafer agreed.

"I think that's a credit to the candidates; they did a lot of work," he said.

Conley said he thought perhaps letters published in the Daily Nebraskan in support of Score! or No Bull, written by candidates who lost in the general election,

could have siphoned voters from the parties that lost.

"A certain percentage will vote based on that recommendation," Conley said.

Marlene Beyke, ASUN director of development, disagreed and said she thought it meant the student body was concerned about its student government.

"Students are coming and voicing their opinion," she said.

Sara Schroeder, a sophomore advertising major, said although she didn't vote in the general election, she decided to vote in the runoff because it was so close.

"The party that should win needed a lot of support," she said.

But Schafer said the number could be higher. Schafer said he hoped online voting would change voter turnout in the future.

Some students said it didn't matter how the voting was done - they didn't vote because they simply didn't care.

Joe Dixon, a freshman film studies major, said the debates didn't interest him enough so he didn't know anything about the candidates when it came time to vote.

James McCormick, a sophomore meteorology major, said he thought the goings-on of student government would continue with or without his vote.

"I figure that anything that ASUN does is going to happen no matter which party is elected, so I didn't bother voting," McCormick said.

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