

Lettuce boycott decision pending

The UNL coordinator of residence food service said Tuesday individual dorm cafeteria directors probably don't know whether or not they use union-picked lettuce.

When asked about the lettuce boycott issue, Douglas Rix said he didn't know which lettuce was being used.

The Mexican-American Student Association (MASA) is soliciting local support this week for the national United Farm Workers lettuce boycott and strike.

The ASUN Senate is slated to act Wednesday on a resolution asking the University to boycott non-union lettuce in its cafeteria.

To his knowledge, MASA hadn't contacted his office about a boycott of non-union lettuce, Rix said.

However, he said one Cather-Pound cafeteria student employee quit his job because that cafeteria used non-union lettuce at the time.

Dorm produce comes from three suppliers, and the source of lettuce varies greatly, depending upon price at the time ordered, Rix said.

His staff's consideration always must be getting the best item for the most reasonable price, he said.

Union lettuce may cost more, he noted.

Rix said more information may be coming on the University's position on the boycott after a staff meeting later this week.

Mini-park will replace ETV

First steps have been taken to develop a mini-park at the northeast corner of 16 and R Streets, according to Ron Wright, UNL assistant director of Business and Finance.

The quarter-block plot was seeded with grass this summer, Wright said. An underground sprinkler system is also being installed.

The park development was the result of an ASUN Senate resolution passed last March. Originally it was to be built with federal funds, but the funds may not be used now, Wright said.

He said federal guidelines for construction and landscaping open spaces could mean the

project would cost three times as much as the amount of money received by the University. His office has no definite proposals for development of the area, Wright said.

"We have turned the matter over to a design class in the Architecture Dept.," Wright said. "But we aren't expecting them to come up with a definite plan. We do plan on using their ideas though."

He said flowers and trees will be planted on the vacant lot.

Educational Television facilities previously were housed on the property. The buildings were torn down when ETV moved to its new East Campus location last spring.

Student vets sponsor POW program, rally

by Sara Hinds

"It is not for humanity's sake, but only more propaganda," Jack McCuistion charged in reference to the recent North Vietnamese release of three American Prisoners of War (POWs).

"My son is still over there, and we should all be more aware of just what is happening," he told a handful of people Monday at a POW rally in the Nebraska Union.

The rally was part of a week-long program sponsored by the UNL Student Veterans Organization (SVO), according to spokesman Harry Malone.

McCuistion told the story of his son Mike, a POW since May 8, 1967. An Air Force captain, Mike was graduated from Lincoln High School, Lincoln, and UNL in 1960. He was identified by his parents on a film release on an NBC news program in 1967.

"You can imagine how happy we were," McCuistion said. Since 1967 they have seen additional photos of Mike and don't think he's in good condition.

Mike's wife and parents have received 15 letters and four cards from him in the five years he has been a prisoner.

"It's a proven fact that since there has been a tremendous number of protest letters to the North Vietnamese government, 2,000 more men have been able to write home," McCuistion said. He also said some mail has been distributed through a pacifist group in Vietnam.

"There are 430 POWs and 1200 MIAs (men missing in action). No one has ever really inspected POW camps. We know the men live in an eight by ten foot cell with no furniture except a wooden slab. They have two blankets and no sanitary facilities except a pail. They bath once a week and are issued pajama-type clothing," McCuistion told students attending.

The major concern is that the North Vietnamese are not abiding by Geneva convention rules, he said. McCuistion believes the 10 POWs Ramsey Clark interviewed recently in Hanoi could not have given accurate information. "It's all propaganda," he said.

McCuistion and his workers in the League of Families, an organization working for release of POWs, urge humane treatment and early release of all POWs.

SVO is manning a Union booth this week where people may sign petitions and letters to put pressure for release of POWs on the North Vietnamese government.

"We want at least 2,500 names," Malone said. POW bracelets also are available, along with addresses to write to for more POW information.

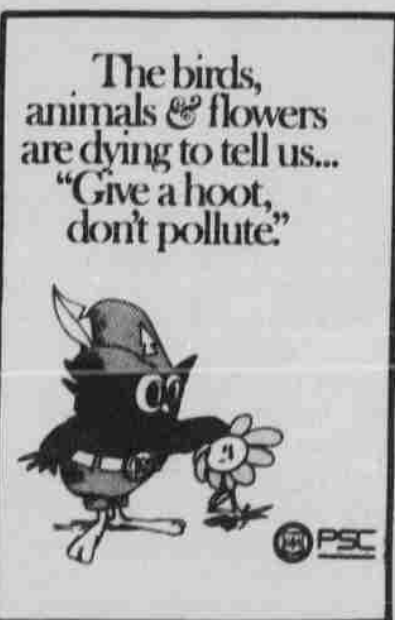
SNEA endorses McGovern

The executive committee of the Student National Education Association, (SNEA), the nation's largest individual member association of college students, has endorsed George McGovern for president.

Tom Creighton, SNEA president, said, "McGovern has often stood alone in his battles to represent our viewpoints. His record shows his commitment to our country's youth and their concerns."

SNEA is made up of future teachers and is affiliated with the National Education Association.

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