

## Student Council on Health searches for gripes

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One Robert Albert, graduate student, accidentally spilled acid on his foot last weekend. It didn't look too serious to him until Monday, when the skin on his foot began blistering. Albert went to the University Health Center (UHC), but didn't have his student I.D. card. It was eight hours before he finally was treated for what eventually turned into third degree burns.

He could have gone to the Administration Building and gotten a pink "I'm a student" slip to prove his identity, but Albert didn't find this out until his case was referred to the Student Council on Health, a gripe group for students.

The Student Council on Health, composed of 15 members, tries to hunt down students with gripes about UHC in order to improve its service. They have just set up a gripe line at 472-2200. It's the same number as the UHC "Outreach Line" but comments will be referred to the Student Council on Health for consideration.

Upon hearing of Albert's case at their Friday meeting, the council decided to request a registration list of current students from the administration. If a student is in an accident or needs treatment and doesn't have his I.D., the sheet could be consulted and his records found immediately.

For emergencies, "anyone who says they're an emergency, is one," according to Student Health Council advisor Dr. Gary Martin. "If the student is insistent on immediate treatment, we'll treat him right away."

If the student is not so insistent and an alert

receptionist or nurse misses him, he might be in trouble the council noted. But it saw no way to improve the situation until Chancellor James Zumberge's task force assigned to study the Health Center releases its report Dec. 1.

"After that, we may be able to make some reasonable recommendations," council chairman Wayne Svoboda told the group. "Why we're not being used as a resource group by the task force is beyond me, but so far we haven't been contacted by the task force," he said.

The task force is studying reorganization of UHC. The Council also recommended that all staff members wear nametags so students will know who they saw when complaints come before the council. "We can't do much about complaints until we know who they saw and when," Dr. Martin said.

The council's recommendations will be reviewed by UHC administrators. Council members said UHC administrators generally are "receptive" to their recommendations and expected the nametag proposal to be in effect soon.

In other action, the council discussed misconceptions that have developed on campus concerning the cost of venereal disease treatment at UHC. Syphilis tests cost \$2 for either sex. Gonorrhea tests are \$3 for men and \$5.50 for women because more lab work is needed to test for gonorrhea in women. Dr. Martin told the group Treatment after the tests is free for both sexes and both types of VD, because the vaccine is supplied free by the state.

The council wanted to know if testing, as well as treatment, could be provided free to students.

"Social disease is reaching epidemic proportions," council member Paul Sherrerd said. "We shouldn't burden downtown with our people."

"The question here is, is it legitimate to use student fee money to underwrite VD costs? Dr. Martin said. "We've got to know how much it costs before we can decide that," he said.

The council agreed to study the costs and report at the next meeting.

A proposal that has been approved "in concept" by UHC administrators will allow the Student Council on Health to interview prospective staff members and give recommendations on personnel decisions.

"We are revising our personnel policies," Dr. Martin said. "We've been instructed (by UHC administrators) to devise a way for students to interview prospective staff members."

The council will interview all applicants for half-time or full-time positions that "deal directly with students."

"One of the bad things about student health is the attitude of the staff," council member Don Schreiner said. "There should be certain expectations they must live up to."

The council also discussed a possible health treatment area to be located in the East Campus Union.

Svoboda said the council will have to make sure "at every step to keep our space in the (East) Union." The council planned to attend the November Board of Regents meeting where the new East Union will be discussed.



Agape . . . Barbara Allen is announced homecoming queen as Bob Whitman chuckles at halftime Saturday.



Hysterical . . . as she receives congratulations from NBC sportscaster Joe Garagiola.

## Homecoming trio turns duo, turns trio . . .

What started as a trio—the 1972 UNL Homecoming Queen and her two attendants—was temporarily reduced to a duo, but by gametime Saturday the group again numbered three as a result of a confusing set of events in which one attendant was eliminated—almost.

It started Wednesday, when second attendant (third Place) Kathy Smith of Omaha was working at the East Campus Union taking names of Dental College voters. Oral complaints were filed with Corncobs, protesting Smith's participation.

A joint committee of Corncobs and Tassels, acting on behalf of the UNL electoral commission (which conducted the election) decided to abolish Smith's position, leaving two.

Smith ended up appealing that decision to the Council on Student Life, (CSL), which decided Smith should remain as second attendant to Barb Allen, of Kimball, UNL's 1972 Homecoming Queen. And Smith did.

Gale Warren, of Lincoln, won the first attendant spot between Allen and Smith.

Allen is a student at the UNL Nursing School in Omaha.

CSL's official written decision to reinstate Smith will be released today, but according to CSL members, Smith was not given due process in the decision to eliminate her position.

Change the setting. It's now Saturday night, and former baseball great Joe Garagiola, currently sports commentator for the NBC Today Show, is heaping praise on Coach Bob Devaney at a dinner in his honor. Several hundred attended.

Others heaping praise included Gov. J.J. Exon, University President D.B. Varner and UNL Chancellor James Zumberge.

Corn Cobs and Tassels gave Devaney a micro-wave oven.

## Fowler: reduce rents as taxes shift

Legislative candidate Steve Fowler said over the weekend that he will support a mandatory rent reduction if property tax is lowered and sales and income taxes raised to shift the tax burden for public schools.

Fowler said that if property tax is lowered, landlords will be paying less taxes. If a person's rent does not decrease at the same time, the tenant will end up paying more taxes (if sales and income taxes go up) to account for revenue lost through the property tax.



Contented . . . Devaney is honored at dinner after his final homecoming victory.