

## New law group steps up minority recruiting

By Lori Demo

UNL's newly formed Student Bar Assoc. (SBA) Tuesday announced their goal of increasing the number of minority law students at UNL's College of Law.

According to committee chairperson Brian Waid, the effort will include communication with minority groups in Nebraska and the Midwest and exploring sources of scholarship money.

"The eventual goal of our activities is to meet the state's need for more minority lawyers," Waid said.

He said the 1970 census figures indicate that among more than 2,500 professionals in Nebraska identified as lawyers, fewer than 25 (1 per cent) are minority persons, compared to the 3.4 per cent minority population in the state.

In the last six years, more than 750 students have been graduated from the College of Law; six were black. Five minority students, all freshmen, are enrolled now, he said.

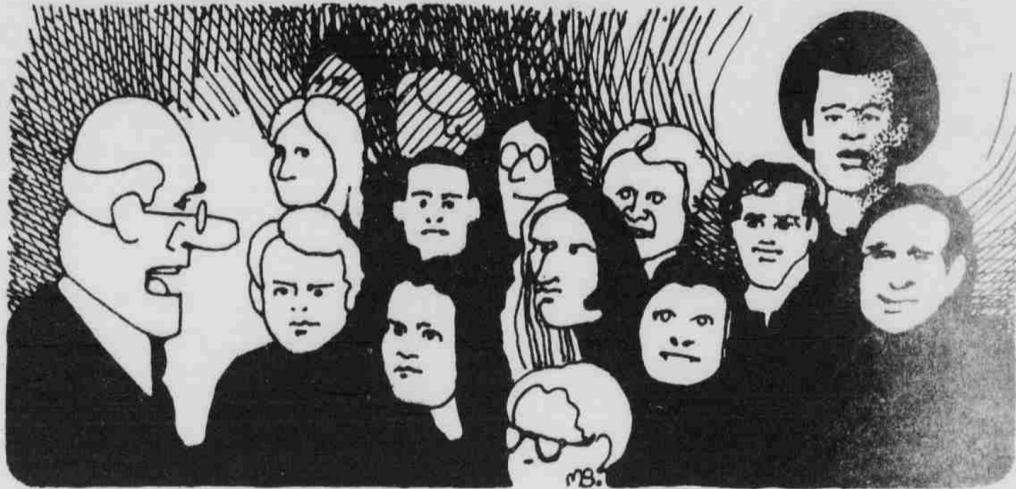
At a noon press conference, committee member Olivia Guerra Hayes outlined the steps the group has taken to encourage minority applications for admission to the school.

"We have scheduled meetings with minority groups both on and off campus to answer any questions about law school," she said. "We have prepared a packet covering opportunities in law for minorities, financial aid and the UNL College of Law, which is being sent out to minority advisers at colleges and universities in a six-state area."

She also said SBA members, in addition to the personal contact and mailing packets, have been working with the students division of the American Bar Assoc. to secure additional funds for scholarships and loans for students who qualify.

Waid said the SBA committee is divided into a recruiting subcommittee, a financial aids subcommittee and a public relations subcommittee.

The public relations subcommittee is responsible for providing materials for mailings and the press, he said. The recruiting subcommittee meets with



students, student groups and "anyone else who wants help, to try to put things on a personal level."

He said law school admission can be an intimidating experience with the entrance exams and applications involved.

"We try to overcome this by giving counsel in these aspects," he said. "We try to tell them that law school isn't an impossible goal. People tend to stand in awe of law school. We want to destroy this myth. Regular people do attend law school, and the opportunity for minorities is there."

"The committee directs its efforts in two directions," he said. "The short-range goal is aimed at the undergraduate seniors and juniors who will be available immediately, while the long-range goal is aimed at educating undergraduates as well as high school students to show them the opportunity is there, and it is not impossible."

Waid said the financial aids subcommittee is

looking for money to help carry on the personal efforts of the recruiting subcommittee. During the last two fiscal years, ASUN has given \$900 for scholarships, and the committee has applied to the student division of the National Bar Assoc. for a grant to match that amount.

The committee also is asking law firms and individuals for money.

"The law college administration has given us some funds they have. It wasn't much, but it was what they had," Waid said. "All of these funds will be distributed on a need basis."

Another SBA committee member, Gene Crump, said anyone with a possible interest in law is welcome to contact the committee through the law school.

"It is especially important that people interested in applying for next fall contact us or the law school soon, because the application deadline is approaching," he said.

## Car pool set up by ASUN

By Susanne Schafer

ASUN, in its role as a "patriotic organization" has established a car pool service to conserve fuel, according to an announcement made by first vice president Mark Hoeger to the Senate Wednesday evening.

The Senate will place a sign-up board and map by the door to the North Crib in the main lobby of the Nebraska Union sometime this week.

A map of Lincoln and sign-up forms will be provided to list the location of cars and riders available, their destinations and time schedules.

The service was suggested by the executives earlier this week, according to second vice president Sue Overing.

It was announced by Sen. Dave Thurber that the Student Bar Association has been asked by the Senate Appointments Committee to interview law college students for positions on the ASUN Student Court.

Because the positions were not filled by appointment during the Beecher administration, as is required by the ASUN constitution, the ASUN executives have moved to fill the positions themselves.

The Student Bar Association has been asked to name three volunteers to serve on the interviewing committee, Thurber said. They are: Jim Barbee, Joe DeMott and Steve Machov.

Three ASUN senators also will serve on the interviewing committee. Sens. Bob Potter, Todd Patterson and Mary Voboril volunteered.

The interviewing committee will make recommendations to the ASUN president for the seven positions on the court. The court, according to the ASUN constitution, is to be composed of seven students, one who acts as chief justice and who must be a member of the law college, and six associate judges. The court is to decide on ASUN constitutional questions.

## UNL faculty urged to keep role balance

Urging UNL faculty members to maintain a balance between research, education, and service to the state, James Kimbrell, chairman of the sociology department, expressed concern about a resolution before the faculty on the University's role in the state.

At a meeting of the faculty senate Tuesday, Kimbrell told members that he was not opposing service and research, as he feared the faculty believed after he spoke out against the resolution at an earlier meeting.

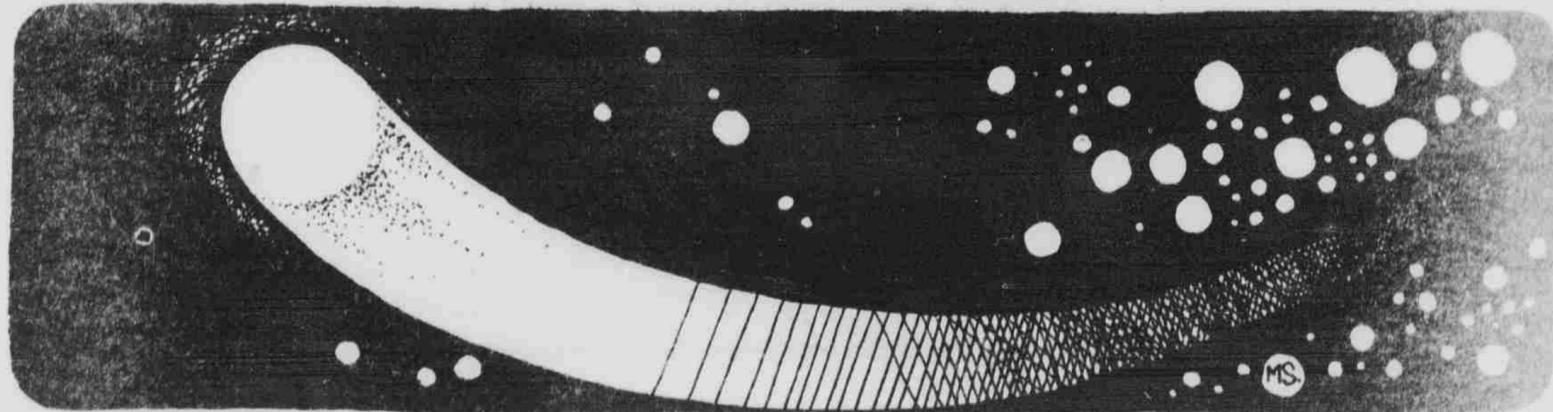
The resolution, which was brought to the floor by English professor Paul Olson, would have the senate on record as saying that the University must provide for improvements in current programs and creation of new programs "even at the expense of reducing or eliminating currently operating programs where an audience for the program no longer exists."

A motion to table the resolution by Kimberly was carried by a voice vote.

## New NU exec selected?

The Daily Nebraskan was told late Wednesday night that William Erskine, vice president for business affairs at Colorado University, will be appointed executive vice president in administration at NU. The post was vacated earlier this year when Howard Neville resigned.

The announcement is expected to come before Monday and be acted on formally at the next Board of Regents meeting.



UNL students and faculty who wake up early enough each morning to rise in darkness should take a look out their window. About 45 minutes

before sunrise, Kohoutek—which some have called the comet of the century—is visible above the southeast horizon. Story on Page 9.