

'Advice man' Byerly reflects on ASUN years

By Susanne Schafer

Paul Byerly is an advice man.

"Sometimes they take it and sometimes they don't," he says. "Sometimes they want it and sometimes they don't. So sometimes I give it and sometimes I don't."

Byerly has been the faculty adviser for ASUN for the past seven or eight years, he says, and he "only answers questions."

"I only will remind them, not tell them, what to do. In the spring, I will say, 'Hey, have you appointed a Student court?' Things like that."

Byerly sits in the back of the room during senate meetings, usually puffing on his pipe.

Sitting among stacks of computer cards in his office in Behlen Laboratory, again puffing on a pipe, Byerly commented on ASUN and his role as adviser.

"The job only requires three to four hours of work a week now," he said, but indicated there were days when his schedule was a bit more hectic.

"I only sat in the corner of the ASUN office, during the campus strike of 1970," he recalled. He says he sat there for 10 to 12 hours a day.

"1970-71 ASUN President Steve Tiwald was elected on a Wednesday, he was sworn in the next Wednesday, and things broke out over the weekend when he was away. He had Thursday and Friday to learn all there was to learn about being ASUN president."

"I was just there to make sure he didn't get himself into something he couldn't get out of later. That's what I do. I'm just there to answer questions."

"But the position of adviser is a nasty one. I have to be available to everyone."

"For example, there were those people in ASUN who were all for setting up CSL (Council on Student Life). I was against it. I talked with them, but I didn't say my true feelings then."

"The students thought ASUN needed something closer to the regents," he said. "But all it did was split student power rather than build it up."

"Rather than having many divergent student groups on campus, the groups should be able to submerge their own organizations into a union or government."

"If the administration wants a question answered

on student opinions, the people in power of any group could say 'Why yes, that is an interesting question, but call Ann Henry, she speaks for us.'

"But there is a trick involved here," Byerly warned. "The leader has to immediately call Ann and say, 'Here's what you should say.' There has to be some consolidation of power."

Byerly declined to comment on how ASUN should go about retrieving its power base.

"Not everyone has seen the work of ASUN this year, because they have not begun any big programs with splendor attached to them," he said.

A tremendous amount of work was done in the summer, he said, getting the budget prepared, the Associated Student Ko-op on its feet and setting up the student lawyer program.

"Eighty per cent of what the ASUN Senate is going to get done has been done this year. Unless things are started before Christmas, they aren't going to get done. That is common to all senates," he said.

"Second semester, the speeches start to get very political."

More fuel cuts ahead for UNL

UNL will observe an energy conservation day Dec. 31 in an effort to further reduce fuel requirements between semesters.

Miles Tommeraaen, vice chancellor for business and finance at UNL, said closing on Dec. 31 will make it possible to reduce heating requirements for a four-day period—Dec. 29, 30, 31 and Jan. 1.

The Christmas holiday period already permits lowering the temperatures Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25.

During both four-day periods, buildings temperatures will be lowered to 50 degrees where possible except in areas which must be maintained at higher temperatures to avoid damage to equipment or research projects.

University offices will be closed during the two four-day periods. Only personnel required for basic operation of the institution will be on duty.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha will follow similar procedures.

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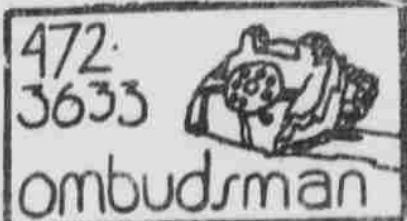
Jane Owens, a junior majoring in journalism, has been selected Daily Nebraskan news editor for the spring semester, according to Mary Voboril, editor-in-chief.

Vince Boucher, also a junior, is associate news editor.

The position of managing editor is being divided this year, Voboril said. Randy Beam, a senior, is the new copydesk chief, with Dennis Onnen, a sophomore, layout editor.

Boucher, Beam and Onnen also are majoring in journalism.

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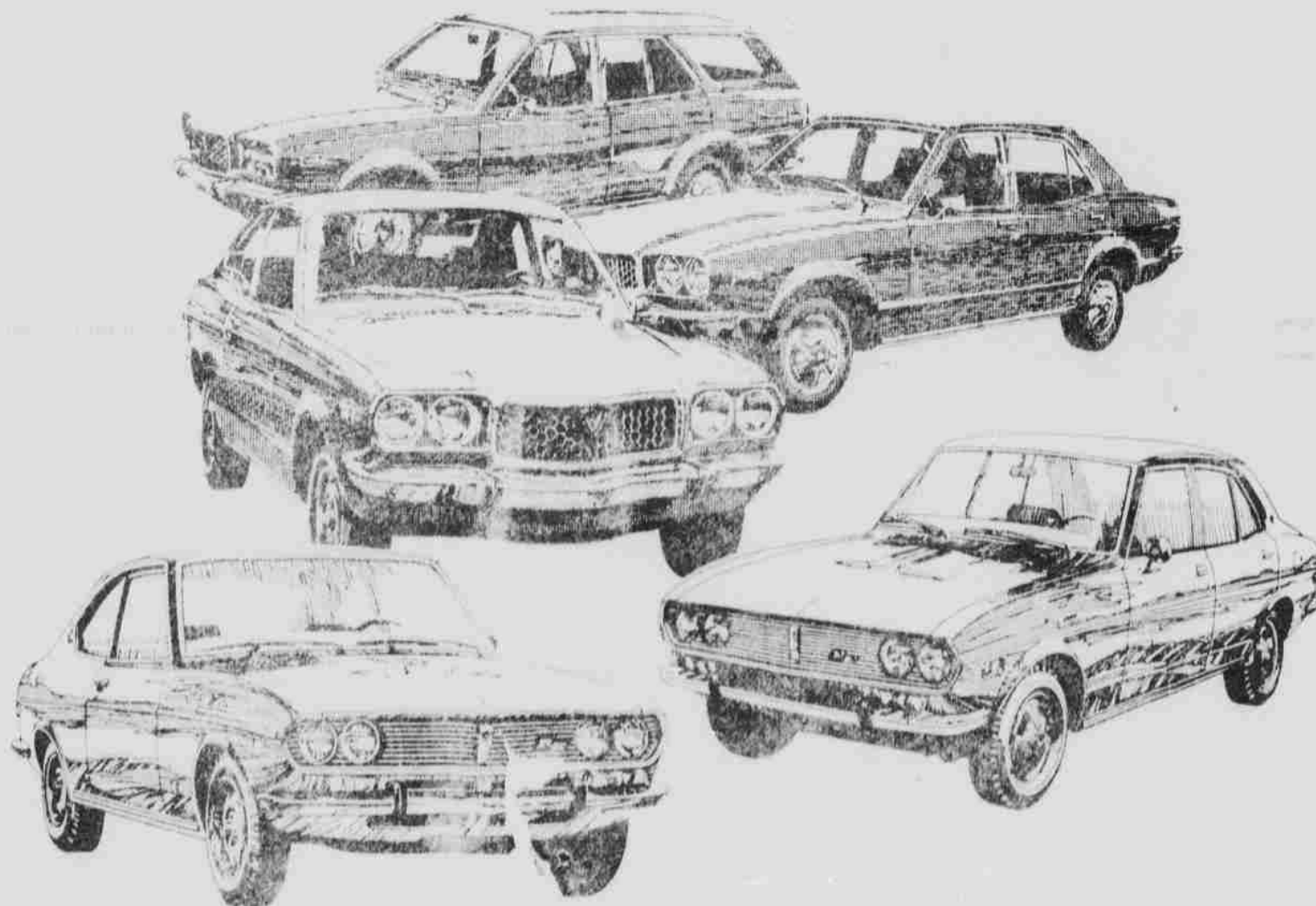
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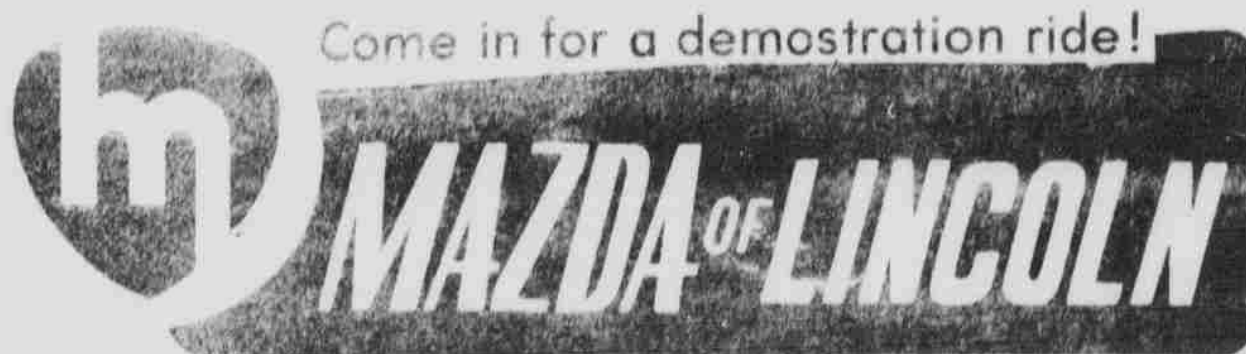
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