

## ASUN searching for lawyer

For nearly a month there will be no lawyers at the student legal services center. The contract for the previous lawyers, Doug German and Bruce Hamilton, ran out at the end of June, and ASUN (Associated Students of the University of Nebraska) members have not yet chosen their replacements.

According to Dave Howlett, ASUN vice-president, the search committee for the new lawyer must submit the name of the chosen lawyer to the Regents by July 11.

In the 1974-75 school year additional changes in the student legal services will be made. Only one lawyer will be

hired instead of two, but this lawyer will work on a full-time basis, rather than on a part-time basis as did German and Hamilton.

German noted that he and Hamilton made no attempt to retain the post as student lawyer. German had worked with legal aid for two years, and Hamilton for three years before coming to the university, he said.

"The type of problem that came up here was the same type that came up at legal aid," he said. Consequently, the two felt the need to expand.

He added, "For the sake of professionalism, with we want to move on to different types of

legal cases."

In addition, German said, the two lawyers opened up their private practice last September, and their practice "has been growing to the point where we're in a time crunch."

He noted that the type of legal service provided by the student center is a new concept in legal services, that of group legal aid. Many unions and other organizations are now using group legal aid, hiring a lawyer to deal with problems of a whole group.

The bar association has resisted this type of legal service to a degree, he said. "They have been resisting it on a very self-interest basis."

The student legal services "is not a threat to the bar yet," he said. This is largely because the lawyers cannot take the cases to court and because the bar probably loses little business when students take their problems to the legal services center.

"Some people here may just want a very simple question answered and don't ever go downtown," he said. "Because of the cost and time, we're fulfilling an area of the market the attorneys downtown probably aren't even interested in."

Students at UN-L pay \$.25 out of student fees to fund the legal center, he said, "and for that they get a semester of free legal service."

He explained that even though the lawyers cannot actually represent students in court, 85-95 per cent of all cases in law can be solved out of court. He said that the lawyers write letters to landlords or make phone calls, usually resulting in a settlement.

The two main types of cases that come up before the legal center, he said, are landlords refusing to return deposit money or students getting picked up for drinking while intoxicated (DWI).

In the future, he said, more should be done at the center in the way of preventive law. ASUN members will produce a booklet on dealing with landlords, so that the student can learn the angles and avoid a legal hassle in the first place. In addition, he said, there is a fairly fixed pattern on where students get picked up for DWI. More should be done, he said, to make students aware of ways to avoid this.

Students are usually picked up for DWI on Cornhusker Highway and by Little Bo's, he said.

Besides doing more preventive legal work, he said, the legal office in the student union should be placed in a more private place.

"It would be best of all," he said, "if the attorneys were allowed to go to court with the student."

One problem with having free services, he said, are that some merely want to bring action for a principle. There is for example, someone with a '74 Corvair who is fighting about a \$1.00 parking ticket, he said.

"Frankly, I don't have much time for this kind of problem. There are so many greater problems in the world without worrying about that type of thing," he said.

He added, "I want to laud the group of students who put this

center together. I think they did a superb job of setting it up, it was very professionally done."

In regard to University law problems on the whole, German noted that the law college may go downhill in 1974-75. Many of the law professors at UN-L left at the end of last year.

"Previously," he said, "the law college had four or five very good law professors who stayed because they like Lincoln or because they didn't want to move their families. The State of Nebraska has abused this fact, so this year the state will probably suffer."

"We do not have the law college we could have if we were willing to pay adequate salaries."

The fault for not changing these salaries, he said, lies partly on the students, because they should have been more active in making this situation known. University officials and the State Legislature also must share the responsibility for this, he said.

"Much responsibility for this has to be put on the back of the Nebraska Bar. They don't participate at all, at least not openly, in the law college."

German advised students to avoid legal problems in the first place if possible.

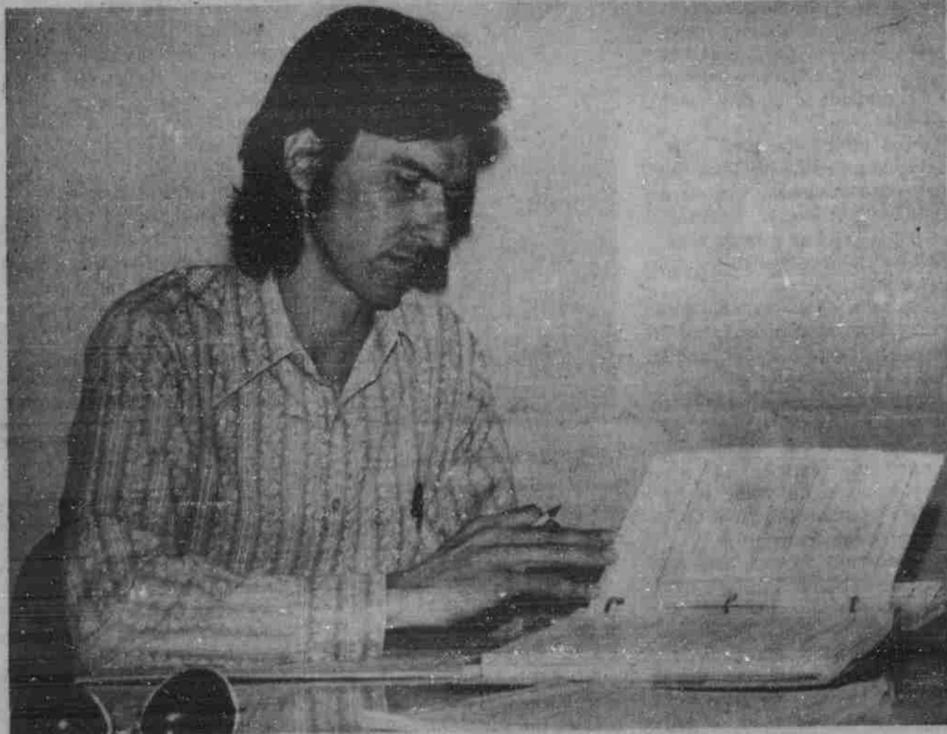
"Don't deal with landlords under pressure," he said. "Don't just hit town and accept the first place you see because you need a place to stay. Take the time to look."

He noted that six-month or longer leases cause problems because students are so mobile. In addition, students should "go through the contract with the landlord paragraph by paragraph and have him explain what it means to him. And the contract isn't sacred, you can change things in it you don't like, and if the landlord won't accept your changes find another one," he said.

In addition, he said, Lincoln police now have a very aggressive Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP). "So if you're out on the street after 10:00, even if you only have a missing light they'll pull you over," he said. "So if you've been drinking you're one hell of a target for being picked up."

He added that his caution did not mean he approved of the aggressive program, but was merely given as a warning to students who may fall into this type of legal trouble.

German said that in the future he and Hamilton will spend full time in their law practice and in the legal clinic they've set up.



Doug German, former student legal aid attorney, works on problems remaining during his last week at legal center.

## Zumberge nominated to science board

The White House announced on July 26 the President's intention to nominate Chancellor James H. Zumberge of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to serve a six-year term as a member of the National Science Board.

Chancellor Zumberge's upcoming nomination to the governing board of the National Science Foundation will be subject to Senate confirmation.

Created by the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, NSF currently operates

with an annual appropriation of \$577 million. A major portion of its activities are in support of scientific research projects, institutional improvements for science, science education improvements and graduate student support.

The National Science Board, to which Chancellor Zumberge will be nominated, is composed of 24 members, all eminent scientists, engineers or leaders in public affairs. Nominees for eight upcoming vacancies on the Board were announced by

the White House.

Dr. Zumberge is an internationally known scholar in the field of geology and glaciology. He has been Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since 1972. The only other Nebraskan who served as a member of the National Science Board was Dr. Clifford Hardis, former Chancellor of the University of Nebraska. Dr. Hardin was a member of the National Science Board from 1966 to 1972.

## Buckley to host vice-president

Vice President Gerald Ford will examine the future of the Republican party with William F. Buckley, Jr. on the national public television program, "Firing Line," Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. on the Nebraska ETV Network.

Ford and Buckley will examine both the immediate and long-range future of the Republican party on the program which will repeat Wednesday

at 2 p.m.

Born in Omaha in 1913, Ford has become one of the GOP's most prominent spokesmen, warning that the Republicans must be elected in the fall in order to prevent a "veto-proof" Democratic congress.

Ford's immediate concerns with the future of the GOP focus on the 1974 congressional election, but as the forerunner for the Republican presidential

nomination, he is concerned about 1976 as well.

Because of the 4th of July holidays, the Summer Nebraskan will not be published July 9. Publication will resume July 16.

## Senate officers lay groundwork for fall

This summer, ASUN officers are working to "lay the foundation for the future work of the fall," according to Dave Howlett, ASUN vice-president.

Howlett noted that student governments face special problems in accomplishing anything. "One of the problems," he said, "is the temporariness of the people who are in it."

"What we want to do is to pick out some certain areas to work on and to establish long-term goals. I realize things have to change, but we also need pretty set sorts of things. We need to cross the time boundaries."

Problems in ASUN also include limitations set by resources and people willing to work.