

## Legal seminars planned

Three seminars on legal matters that affect students have tentatively been scheduled this semester, according to David Rasmussen, Legal Services Center (LSC) lawyer.

Rasmussen said a seminar on arrests, searches and seizures and drunken driving is scheduled for Oct. 10. A small claims court seminar is tentatively set for Nov. 6 and a landlord-tenant relations seminar is scheduled for Dec. 4. Rasmussen was hired Aug. 1 by ASUN to counsel and advise students on legal matters.

LSC does not provide all legal services, however, Rasmussen said. He said he, as student lawyer, is not allowed to appear in court or to bail people out of jail.

"The philosophy behind LSC is to provide legal advice for as many students as possible with the limited time and resources available," Rasmussen said.

Problems with landlords or help with lease agreements are two areas where students can often use the free services, Rasmussen said.

"Specific legal questions will be answered only after a confidential attorney-client interview," he said. All information including appointments, is kept confidential, he added.

The Legal Services Center is located in Nebraska Union 334.



Legal Services Center lawyer, David Rasmussen.

## Faculty Senate proposes bylaws changes

Is it possible to tell whether a tenured UNL professor is fired because he is a troublemaker or because there is no money to pay him?

Under proposed bylaws changes adopted by the Faculty Senate Tuesday, the UNL administration would have to show that the entire UNL budget has decreased before a teacher can be fired.

This is to insure that UNL administration cannot use financial problems to disguise the different reason for firing a teacher, according to Wallace Rudolph, a member of the Academic Freedom & Planning Committee, which submitted the proposals.

Rudolph, a professor of law, also said that the proposed UNL bylaws, as currently

written, allow the chancellor too much power. The bylaws now would give him power to cut funds for a particular college, Rudolph said.

The new proposals, as adopted by the Senate, would require the entire university to show financial problems, and not a particular college, before funds may be cut.

UNL Chancellor James H. Zumberge has requested that all comments and endorsements on the bylaws from the Faculty Senate reach his office by Oct. 18.

The chancellor will then submit the bylaws to the Board of Regents for their approval.

Other proposals were offered at the meeting, but teachers left and there was no quorum so the suggestion could not be voted on.

Robert Narveson, associate professor of English, said at the meeting that the reason teachers do not attend is because their proposals do not really change things.

He said the Board of Regents do what they want to do anyway.

Richard Gilbert, President of the Faculty Senate, disagreed with Narveson.

"If faculty members would show muscle and come to the meetings and have lively debate, they would be listened to," Gilbert said.

By the end of the senate meeting, there were fewer than fifty faculty members present.



Lincoln Coalition Against Rape members Sue Aitcheson, Kathy Smith and Kathy Nelson.

## Student files suit against NU

Marc Wiitala would like to finish his graduate work in economics, but the University of Nebraska said he must pay nonresident tuition, which Wiitala said he cannot afford.

As a result, Wiitala filed suit in Lancaster District Court challenging the University's decision on his classification for residency tuition rates. According to the petition, Wiitala attended UNL from September, 1972 through May, 1973, after coming to Nebraska from South Dakota.

The petition stated he was not a student after May, 1973, but had an established domicile within the state since that time. Wiitala said he took a four-month vacation and "toured the

West Coast" beginning May, 1973.

He said he filed an affidavit for a residency classification in August, 1974, but it was denied. Wiitala said he paid Nebraska income tax in 1973 and is paying it again this year.

The petition states he is a registered and eligible voter and paid all applicable taxes as a resident of Nebraska.

A date hasn't been set in District Court for the case to be heard.

During the time he wasn't a student at UNL, Wiitala said he held various jobs in Omaha, Crete and on East Campus. He is currently employed as an ironworker for L. H. Sowles Co., which is contracted to build the new fieldhouse on East Campus.

## Rape line

### Service aids victims

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475-5171.

By dialing that number and requesting the rape line, a woman who has been raped can talk to counselors for emotional support and learn where to go for help.

The rape line, to open Sunday, is sponsored and staffed by the Lincoln Coalition Against Rape. Coalition members announced the opening of the rape line at a press conference Tuesday.

Through counseling, Coalition members said they also wanted to disprove what they labeled as the myths surrounding rape.

"A rapist is not a person lurking in the bushes," said UNL Women's Resource Center co-coordinator and coalition member Sue Aitcheson.

Aitcheson said rape studies conducted in Denver and Philadelphia concluded that the victim knows the rapist in one out of two cases. In addition, the studies concluded one out of two rapes take place in the victim's home.

According to Aitcheson, many women refuse to report a rape for fear of embarrassment during prosecution. But women are not required by law to be present during prosecution.

Phone counseling for rape victims, it cities where it is conducted already, has helped reduce the trauma a woman experiences in facing the array of hospital, police and court procedures, according to counseling committee chairwoman Kathy Nelsen. The counseling, if conducted properly and if it reaches the woman soon enough, can reduce the need for future, in-depth counseling, Nelsen said.

Rape line volunteers will urge victims to report rapes and will arrange transportation for them to a hospital by either the Lincoln Police or Open Door Health Center members, Nelsen said.

Coalition chairwoman Penny Hamilton said the coalition will enlist community support with the rape line. Volunteers will refer victims to other community agencies for further counseling.

Four policewomen are on call for possible rape cases, Hamilton said. A policewoman meets the rape victim at the hospital and later takes her statement.

Hamilton said she expects the rape line also will receive calls from "women who were raped several years ago and who now have someone to talk to about it."