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**High court spy decision—
no effect on state, UNL**

By Rex Seline

Undercover agents are not operating on the UNL campus, but they have in the past, according to area law enforcement officials.

Reports from the officials and Student Legal Services Center attorney David Rasmussen indicate that a recent California Supreme Court decision concerning undercover agents will have no effect on their operations in Nebraska.

According to an Associated Press report, the California court said police officers may not pose as university students merely to compile intelligence dossiers on students and professors for future use.

Right to privacy

The decision of the court was unanimous and marked the first interpretation of the 1972 California constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to privacy, according to the report.

The gathering of information about students or professors for dossiers and future use has never occurred on the UNL campus, according to spokesmen for the State Patrol, Campus Police, the Lincoln Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Additionally, they indicated that the California decision would have no effect on their operations because of the difference in jurisdictions.

"A California decision would have no practical effect on Nebraska," Rasmussen said. "One state's decision would not be binding on another state although some weight might be given to it as an arguing point."

No federal effect

Rasmussen added that the only decisions that would have bearing in Nebraska would be made by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, Federal District Court in Nebraska and the Nebraska Supreme Court.

FBI spokesman Edward J. Krupinsky, special agent in charge of Nebraska and Iowa, added that a state's decision would have no effect on the federal government.

"I can't be specific about the California case, but I can't see how it could affect us in any way," Krupinsky said.

He added that the FBI was not presently engaged in the use of undercover agents on any campus and therefore the decision would have no effect.

Agents on campus

Nebraska State Patrol spokesman Wayne Rowe, director of drug investigations, said the information that undercover agents exist on campus "wouldn't be information that I could

put out.

"There could be (agents on campus), but I couldn't say," Rowe said.

According to Rowe, there have been agents on campus in the past. Those agents were not involved in compiling dossiers but were investigating reports of "ongoing criminal activity," he said.

Rowe contended that the use of undercover agents would most likely be for investigations of drug-related crimes.

Student, employe cover

State Patrol Chief Cletus Karthausser said such an agent might pose as a student or a university employe.

"The use of undercover agents would be related to the investigation of a crime," Karthausser said. He said he couldn't even think of a case when dossiers were compiled.

The State Patrol does not have to notify the campus police when it makes a campus investigation, but usually does as a matter of "courtesy," according to Karthausser and Rowe.

Campus Police Chief Gail Gade said the campus police have never made use of undercover agents, for the six years that he's been here.

"This doesn't mean that there aren't some who have been here. The city, state and county sheriff all, have jurisdiction on campus," Gade said.

Drug investigations

"The others could very well send undercover agents here without telling us," Gade said.

Gade said he "couldn't even remember the last time we had that sort of person on campus," but speculated that it might have been "about two years ago. It's not done often."

The last known use of an undercover agent on campus was for drug investigations, according to Gade.

Although there may have been "some people that were on our campus" conducting investigations during the campus radicalism, student strike days of the early seventies, Gade said, they were probably here later when there was trouble with drugs.

No dossiers

He said no agency he knew of would have the time necessary to compile a dossier on a subject.

A Lincoln FBI spokesman said he did not know if undercover agents had been on campus in the past because such information would require an extensive file check.

Because UNL is a state institution, the Lincoln Police Department has never made use of so-called campus spies, according to a spokesman.

**High school seniors take UNL courses
Students attend two schools**

If some of the faces on campus look particularly young and hopeful, they may belong to high school seniors who are getting a jump on their college careers while completing high school graduation requirements.

Exact numbers seem hard to pinpoint, but guidance counsellors at Lincoln high schools report that few of their students are presently following the "half and half" program.

Beryl Bowlin, a counselor at Northeast High, said five Northeast seniors are now taking classes at UNL, while three are enrolled at Nebraska Wesleyan. She said these

students are "highly motivated and ready for advanced classes."

"With their background work, most of the students get along pretty well" in university classes, she said.

Don Darnell, a Southeast High counselor, said advantages and disadvantages to such a program are discussed with the interested students and their parents before enrollment in a college-level class. He said about three Southeast students are taking both high school and college classes.

No shift problem

Darnell agreed that for most high school seniors who express an interest in taking college classes, the shift from high school to college classes is no problem.

"These are very capable people or they wouldn't be asking" about such a program, Darnell added.

Jim Rakers of East High, added that he discourages students from embarking on such a program unless they are "better-than-average students, and independent." He explained that most high school students who enroll in college classes do so during the second semester of their senior year. He listed three major reasons for students choosing to become "visiting students" at UNL.

"In some cases, the students' parents won't let

them graduate early; in other cases we feel they aren't mature enough to graduate. Also, some students are involved in activities, such as cheerleading, which they don't want to leave behind," Rakers said.

Gerald Bowker, Director of Academic Services, said that until recently, UNL asked that high school students who wanted to take college classes be in the upper 10 per cent of their class. This requirement has been dropped, but students still must secure the recommendation of their high school counselors before being admitted.

Broad course offering

Commenting on why so few high school seniors chose to begin college careers while finishing high school requirements, Bowker noted that students are allowed to take only those courses which are not offered at their high school and for which they display a real need.

"The course offerings are so broad at the Lincoln high schools" that most students can find what they want within their own high school, he said. Bowker added that it is difficult for a high school senior to fit a college class into his or her schedule.

"I've heard all kinds of strange reasons" for students taking college-level classes, Rakers commented.