

# Law Library's policies come under student fire

By Dick Pierson

Four members of the UNL College of Law Student Bar Association (SBA) are concerned that policies in hiring a permanent law librarian may jeopardize the College of Law's full accreditation by the American Bar Association (ABA).

According to an interpretation of law school accreditation criteria by an ABA legal education consultant, their concern may be warranted.

Concern was in response to UNL Dean of Libraries Gerald Rudolph's remark in the Dec. 3 Daily Nebraskan that the Sept. 13, law student protest was "an unfair move by a small number of law students to dramatize something—I'm not sure what their motives are—in the law college."

The students, Paul Canarsky, SBA vice-president, Sam Zeleski, member of the joint library-law school faculty and student law librarian search committee, Gary Baker, former member of the College of Law faculty-student library committee, and Becky Ross, are members of a special SBA library committee.

### Nearly a year

Baker said for nearly a year students and faculty have made their concerns and motivations known to Rudolph.

He said their original complaint to Dean Rudolph was a result of action taken last spring, when the student-faculty library committee drew up a set of rules for the library before the College of Law was moved to its new building on the East Campus.

Canarsky said prior to a law faculty meeting to approve the rules, Rudolph "unilaterally" issued a set of rules some of which conflicted with the committee recommendations.

That, he said, may violate ABA standards for law school libraries.

Those standards read as follows: "The law school library may be administered either as a part of the University Library, or as an autonomous unit, provided that however administered, its growth, development, and utilization are not interfered with or impeded and the best possible service is afforded the law school. Within such general policies as may be established by the Governing Board.

"(i) the dean, law librarian, and faculty of the law school shall be responsible for determining library policy, including the selection of acquisitions, arrangement of materials and reader services. The allocation of authority among the dean, law librarian, and faculty is a matter for determination by each institution;

### School budget

"(ii) the budget for the law library shall be determined as part of, and administered in the same manner as, the law school budget;

"(iii) the selection and retention of the law librarian shall be by the dean and faculty of the law school."

The UNL College of Law library has been a part of the university library system since 1946, according to Interim Chancellor Adam Breckenridge.

Among the students' concerns last spring, Baker said, were library hours of operation and a provision giving the law college dean some flexibility in determining library rules. Those issues, Baker said, were "preempted" by Rudolph's rules.

The next issue developed when the law librarian resigned effective April 1, Baker said.

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Some shelves in the College of Law's library still remain empty.

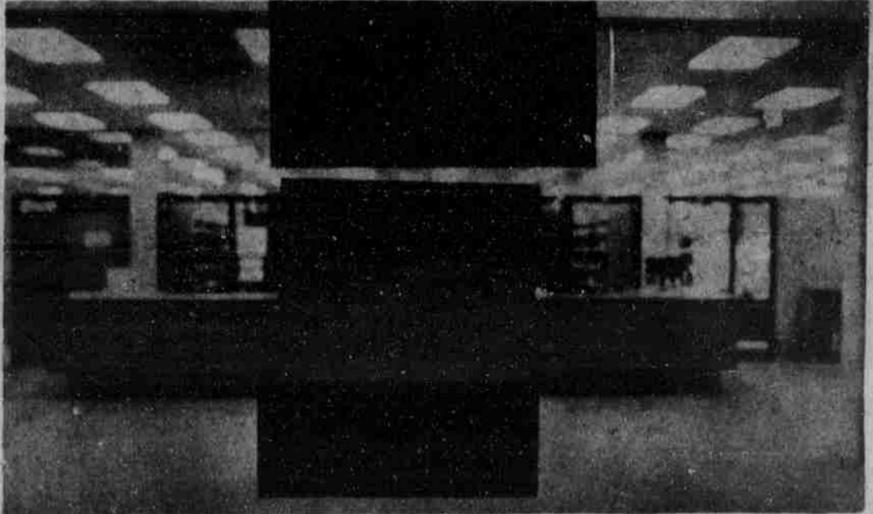


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Student concern about the Law Library's operation hours has been settled for now. The library will remain open until 2 a.m. during finals week and probably through next semester.

## Bader directs chairman to convene CSL

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ken Bader has directed Lyle Young, chairman of the Council on Student Life (CSL) to convene CSL with its original six members.

The six were recalled and replaced with Senators by the ASUN Senate Nov. 19 in an effort to bring more senate input into discussions between ASUN, CSL and the UNL administration about reorganizing CSL.

In a letter to ASUN President Jim Say, Bader said it was his judgment that the interim appointees should not be permitted to join CSL.

Bader wrote that he based his decision "upon the fact that I do not believe ASUN has proceeded properly within their power to address the critical issues at hand. Further, I believe that we have an ongoing commitment to the original appointees since each of them has invested their time in and contributed their efforts to the success of CSL."

Bader said in the letter that the final decision on who should be seated on CSL should come from the Student Court, not ASUN, CSL or the administration.

Young said that he did not call a meeting for Thursday night, CSL's regular meeting time, because there was not enough time to contact the original members.

CSL will meet the first week of second semester and consider such topics as the report on the Task Force on Differentiated Housing, he said.

The question is whether Bader had the authority to make his decision, Say said.

depending on whether he was delegated to make the decision by UNL Interim Chancellor Adam Breckenridge.

Late Thursday afternoon, Bader said he had been delegated to make the decision by Breckenridge and that Breckenridge agreed with the decision.

ASUN First Vice President Paul Morrison said that Bader seems to be saying the question of who sits on CSL should be settled in Student Court, but until then, the administration will decide.

"The administration doesn't respect our resolutions," Morrison said. He termed Bader's action "illegal."

## Med center asks OK for state funds

By Theresa Forman

Robert Sparks, chancellor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), will ask the NU Board of Regents Saturday to authorize UNMC to request from the Legislature a \$1.5 million supplemental appropriation.

The money would replace federal and state funds lost during the 1975-76 fiscal year.

The budget squeeze is heightened by an enrollment increase at UNMC this year and a decrease in patient load at the university hospital, Sparks said.

The board meets Saturday at 8 a.m. in Regents Hall, 3835 Holdrege St.

At the November regents' meeting, Douglas Peters, university hospital administrator, warned the board that UNMC is facing "a significant financial challenge."

University officials are scheduled to testify before the state Legislature's Appropriations Committee Tuesday.

### Chancellor nominees

Each of the regents Saturday will be given the list of nominees for chancellor of the UNL campus. The search committee submitted the names to NU president D.B. Varner Wednesday, who has said the list will not be made public until after the regents have seen it.

Target date for selection of a new chancellor is Jan. 12, the beginning of second semester.

The Special Committee of University Organization also will report to the board. Committee members include Varner, regents Kermit Hansen and Robert Prokop of Omaha, Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln and Robert Raun of Minden.

The committee, formed earlier this fall, visited several area campuses to look at systems operations, according to Bill Swanson, corporation secretary. The board will be told how the NU campuses compare, Swanson said, but no action on the report is expected until the January meeting.

A study comparing financial support levels at the three NU campuses, prepared by Steve Sample, NU vice president for Academic Affairs, will be presented at the meeting Saturday.

### Bargaining unit

The board will hear a report on pending litigation, which includes a motion for a rehearing filed by attorney Bruce Wright in the State Court of Industrial Relations.

Last month, the court ordered that UNL faculty members may form a collective bargaining unit, exclusive of UNO or UNMC faculty. The regents are seeking a system-wide bargaining unit.

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### Weather

Friday: Cloudy with a chance of occasional freezing drizzle or snow flurries, temperatures in the high 30s.

Saturday and Sunday: Cloudy with a good chance of snow, temperatures in the 30s.

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