



Photo by Steve Boerner

Bill Korbus, NETV art director, designed the station's first logo. NBC introduced a similar one Jan. 1 to commemorate its fiftieth anniversary.

NETV, NBC-TV both claim logo

"But he that filches from me my logo robs me of that which enriches him, and makes me poor indeed." These words spoken by Shylock in Shakespeare's *Othello* are slightly changed to apply to the position taken by Nebraska Educational Television (NETV) when the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) introduced a similar logo Jan. 1 to commemorate its 50th birthday.

Discussion over the controversy will resume this week in Washington D.C., according to Pat Connolly, NETV attorney. Connolly is with the Washington law firm of Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, which is representing NETV.

NETV has been using the logo of the questioned letter N since June 10, 1975. NETV Art Director Bill Korbus developed it, the station's first logo. Despite previous statements to the press by NETV spokesmen, Korbus said the price of the logo was not less than \$100, and did cost more.

The release of the \$100 figure was "good for a grin," he said.

Both Korbus and NETV Network Program Manager Ron Hull refused to comment on the possibility of a court case.

"Everything is in our attorneys' hands," Hull said. "They have forbidden us to say one word."

Connolly said that since neither station had registered the logo as a trademark, ownership depends largely on "who used it first."

Chief: Conversion into metric system to feature an unpredictable education

By Kim Shepherd

Conversion to the metric system will be a slow process, according to Steve Malone, chief of the state department of weights and measures.

Malone said people will have to grow accustomed to the system gradually and that no one can predict how long the education process will take.

Nebraska's first venture into the metric world took place last December when the Mid-Continent Bottling Company, which bottles 7-UP, began to bottle their product in liter, or 33.8-ounce, containers.

Malone said the consumer will begin to see more and more packaging done in the metric system with expanding trade, but that the English system of measurement usually will be listed also.

When Pres. Gerald Ford signed the Metric Conversion Act, he pointed out that "90 per cent of the world's people use metric measurements in their everyday lives."

Although conversion to the metric system is not mandatory by this law, many United States industries have begun to use it.

\$700 million increase

Urging farmers to use the system, the Iowa Agriculture Dept. said the United States could increase trade by \$700 million if it adopted the metric system.

Farming will be one of the first areas hit by the conversion to metric, Malone said. He said the responsibility of informing the farmer and answering his questions will fall upon the county extension offices.

Malone said there are no plans now to educate the farmer about the metric system. He said he is concentrating with the people in his own department.

Malone said his office will continue to use the English system equipment they now have and convert it to the metric system because it would be too costly to buy new equipment.

Malone said the metric system is very easy but it's newness confuses people.

Teaching the metric system can be confusing, he said, because conversion charts differ. He said numbers become transposed and decimal points sometimes are deleted.

"I don't like to teach conversion, or even talk about it," Malone said. "It makes the system three times harder."

Harley Schrader, director of the UNL Physical Plant, said his department does not plan any formal education in the metric system.

He said each individual should educate himself.

"I don't think it's necessary because our people are of the caliber and work with numbers so much that it won't be any challenge," Schrader said.

The elementary education department is planning a week-long class on the metric system in May. The class, Metrics for Teachers, will be offered the week of May 17.

RHA secretary Buchman resigns job

By Betsie Ammons

The resignation of Residence Hall Association (RHA) secretary Robin Buchman Thursday night was the group's second officer resignation since the beginning of the 1975-1976 school year.

Former vice-president Karen Lundquist resigned her position Oct. 9 because of schedule conflicts. A new vice president, Tom Bradley from Kearney, was appointed November 7.

Buchman, a junior from Lincoln, told the group her decision to resign was not result of dissatisfaction with RHA or personality conflicts with representatives. She commended the representatives for "their hard work and dedication."

"I felt the job had no chance for personal expansion," Buchman explained after the meeting. She said the position did not allow her to use what she called her "interpersonal skills."

Buchman said she will continue working with RHA,

saying she felt her participation was important because of the large turnover of representatives in RHA and other campus decision-making groups.

A new secretary will be appointed Jan. 29, according to RHA President Sue Ihne, a junior from Amarillo, Texas. She said she wanted to avoid the delay that occurred when vice-president Karen Lundquist resigned.

Ihne told representatives to submit suggestions for secretary to her before the RHA executive committee meeting next week.

In other business, Ihne announced a Jan. 29 retreat for council members to discuss revision of the RHA constitution. The Constitutional Revision Committee has almost completed their work, committee chairman Doug Nelson said.

Judi Siminoe, chairman of the Food and Housing committee, said 100 students participated in a sack lunch program for those who remained in the dorm because of math finals. Residence halls do not offer an evening meal on the Friday of finals week, she said.

NU budget seen as primary issue

The university budget will continue to be a primary concern of the NU Board of Regents this year, Omaha Regent James Moylan, newly elected board chairman, said.

By stressing a policy of high performance, from staff and faculty members, regents also are trying to improve NU's academic quality to rank in the upper portion of the Big 8 schools, Moylan said.

"NU ranks fairly high now," he said, but added that he did not know its exact status.

Moylan said he also hopes the board will examine equality in funds, teaching work loads and academic

standards between UNL, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

He said he would like to see increased cooperation and information exchange in joint programs between the three campuses.

"I have no set plan at this time," he said. "The board just sets the policies. Administrators are responsible for day-to-day procedures."

Moylan, a lawyer, has served on the board five years. He is replacing Regent Kermit Wagner of Schuyler as chairman.



Photo by Ted Kish

Omaha James H. Moylan, chairman of the NU Board of Regents, says he wants to improve the academic quality of the university.