



## Union signs could cost \$35,000

By Janet Flx

Bidding for signs to direct traffic in the Nebraska Union will be completed this spring and the signs should be up early this summer, Union director Al Bennett said Thursday.

Ron Gierhan, acting vice chancellor for student affairs, said \$35,000 has been allocated for the signs. The \$35,000 is from \$80,430 approved by the NU Board of Regents and the Nebraska Legislature's Executive Council for Union replacements and improvements.

Bids may be less than \$35,000 so the entire allocation may not be spent. The \$80,430 is from the revenue bond-reserve account, Gierhan said.

The total Union Improvement and Renovation budget for the 1976-77 fiscal year is \$141,930, Gierhan said.

Gierhan said the revenue bond-reserve account is used to pay back principle and interest accrued on the debt. The debt retirement fund can only be used for maintenance and improvement of the University Health Center, residence halls and the Union.

Each student pays \$14.50 in student fees each semester in this revenue bond-debt retirement account, Gierhan said.

Bennett said the signs are designed to clearly identify services and update the appearance of the Union directory service.

According to Bennett, signs will be placed in each main entry. These signs will list the location and directory of Union services.

Additional signs will be placed throughout the Union to direct and identify offices, student organizations and facility services.

Large kiosks will identify the Harvest Room, the Crib, the main lounge and the barber shop.

Plans for outdoor kiosks are not included in the project, Bennett said, but that possibility may be considered in the future.

Bennett said proposals for outdoor kiosks have been submitted to his office three or four times. Each time, he said, the plans were rejected.

Bennett said the Union budget, at this time, would not be able to finance outdoor kiosks.

Eventually, Bennett said, an outdoor project might be possible. The outside Kiosk would make the Lincoln community aware of Union programs and services, he said.

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## Husker football player arraigned on assault charge

By Mary Jo Fitzl

A UNL football player was arraigned Thursday in Lancaster County Court and charged with second degree sexual assault in connection with a Tuesday incident in Schramm Residence Hall.

Senior Percy Eichelberger, a linebacker on the football team, was arraigned before Judge Robert Camp at 2 p.m. Thursday according to Deputy County Atty. Rod Rehm.

Eichelberger was released on personal recognizance and scheduled for a preliminary hearing Feb. 15, Rehm said.

Campus police reported that Eichelberger allegedly assaulted a female Schramm Hall resident in an elevator at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday. The woman was not injured, Rehm said.

Second degree sexual assault is sexual contact by force, Rehm said. A person convicted of this category of sexual assault could be subject to a penalty of up to one year in jail, he said.

Under the recently enacted sexual assault laws, what is

considered as forcible rape corresponds with first degree sexual assault, Rehm said.

Tuesday's incident is the fourth reported assault on campus since Jan. 1, Campus Police Officer Joe Wehner said.

The four alleged assaults are "more of a coincidence than anything else," Wehner said.

A freshman woman was allegedly assaulted in the basement of Schramm Hall early last Friday morning, Wehner said.

The next day, a male student was arrested and charged with assault and battery against a student security officer in the main lobby of Smith Hall.

A third assault this year was reported at Harper Hall but charges were dropped.

"We've had four (alleged) assaults and they're all in the same area and that's what is unusual," Wehner said. Campus crime rates usually show an increase at the beginning of the semester, he said, adding that the number of reported assaults are actually below average.

Campus Police records show 13 reported assaults from July 1976 to Dec. 31, 1976. Three of those were allegedly sexual assaults, Wehner said.

"I don't think they've (Campus Police) had a rash of assaults," he said.

Dick McKinnon, assistant director of housing in charge of residence education, said the four reported assaults are not related. The alleged assaults "just happened to be there," he said.

The alleged assaults were not the result of inadequate residence hall security, according to McKinnon.

As I understand it, the security has been very good there (the Harper-Schramm-Smith complex)," he said.

Wehner agreed with McKinnon, saying faulty security is not to blame for the incidents.

"I don't think there's been any breach of security," he said.

McKinnon said he will work through residence hall staffs to encourage students to be more cautious. They will re-emphasize some of the security precautions recommended annually for residence hall students, he said.

## 'Death with dignity' goal of right-to-die proposal

By Paula Dittick

"I, a UNL Student, being of sound mind, willfully, and voluntarily make known my desire that my life shall not be artificially prolonged under the circumstances set forth below . . ."

So begins a proposed directive in a legislative bill instructing doctors to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining procedures in the case of a patient's terminal condition.

Lincoln Sen. Wally Barnett introduced LB400, the Right-to-Die Bill.

This bill, patterned after a California statute, states: "Adults have a fundamental right to control decisions relating to the rendering of their own medical care."

LB400 demands the "death with dignity" document be signed before two witnesses, neither of whom can be related to the patient or benefit from the patient's estate.

The document could be revoked at any time, but must be reaffirmed every five years. It would be void in a preg-

nancy case.

Life-sustaining procedures are those which "serve only to artificially prolong the moment of death," according to the bill, which also states a terminal condition means "an incurable condition caused by injury, disease, or illness."

The attending physician and another doctor not previously connected with the case would have to diagnose and certify in writing that the patient was afflicted with a terminal condition before the document would be honored.

"The bill specifically states it is not an approval or endorsement of mercy killing, euthanasia or anything like that," Barnett said.

He predicted LB400 would pass and said it shouldn't be a controversial issue.

Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Barnett introduced the bill himself after his committee balked, he said.

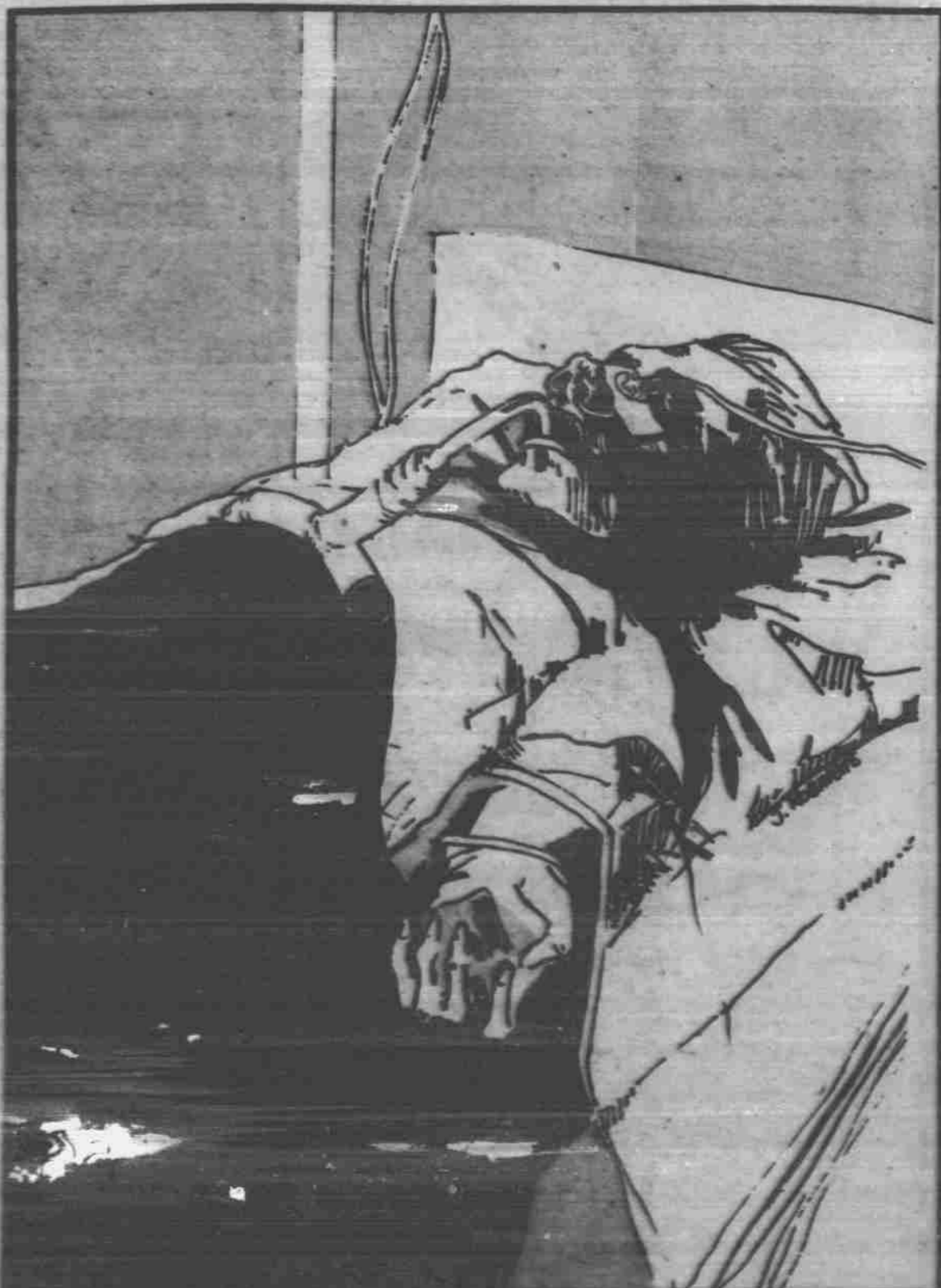
"They did not study the issue," Barnett said of the committee members. Calling the Right-to-Die Bill "a fairly new issue" he said.

Hemingford Sen. Samuel Cullan said, "I think we should wait for a few years to see how such legislation works in other states."

Cullan, a Judiciary Committee member, said the committee reviewed many bills and he didn't remember any particular discussion about LB400.

Calling himself a "prolife person," Cullan said people must be responsible for life at any and all stages.

He said he hadn't decided how he will vote on the bill, nor did he predict what decision the Legislature might make.



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