

Student court debates ASUN's fate late Tuesday

By Marjie Lundstrom

At 9:15 Tuesday night the UNL Student Court had not reached a decision on a suit seeking to abolish the ASUN Senate. However, Chief Justice Fritz Stehlik said a decision would be made late Tuesday night.

The UNL Student Court heard two cases Tuesday night, the first contesting the disqualification of nine candidates of the High People's Coalition party (THC/LSD), and the second concerning ASUN abolition.

Nine members of the THC/LSD party were ruled ineligible because they did not obtain the required 35 signatures from per-

sons in the colleges they represent.

"Thirty-five signatures is very reasonable to show that the candidate does have some support in the college he wishes to run," said Joe Stavas, ASUN vice president.

Stavas said some of the THC/LSD candidates' signatures also had false addresses and telephone numbers.

THC/LSD presidential candidate Kirk Hemphill said the candidates did not know the information was false. Hemphill added that the THC/LSD party is "not a joke party to mock ASUN elections."

"The only thing that is a joke about us is our name," Hemphill said. "It's for voter

appeal.

"I am a serious candidate. I've had lots of experience with ASUN, and I was insulted that we were called a joke party," he said. "I would like to see ASUN be meaningful and worthwhile to the students."

James Rawly, a senior law student representing Hemphill, said the 35 signature requirement was "inappropriate" and should be proportional to the size of each college.

"Colleges are of different population," Rawly said. Individual colleges and the number of people in them should determine the required number of signatures.

Rawly said there have been "irregularities in enforcing this rule" in past ASUN elections.

The court also heard a suit filed by two UNL students to abolish the ASUN Senate.

Britt Miller and Randall Murphy said they examined ASUN meeting minutes and attendance records and found that ASUN hasn't had a legal quorum since Dec. 1.

By ASUN constitution a legal quorum

requires 24 ASUN senators to be present. Miller and Murphy charged that since 24 senators were not present at previous meetings, the actions should be declared null and void.

Because senators were appointed on Dec. 15 and Jan. 26 without a quorum, they said, those senators are ineligible.

"We can not interpret the law (ASUN constitution) one time and reverse it for a different situation," Miller said.

He said if the constitution was declared void, the NU Board of Regents or the administration would write a new one and "hopefully write it properly."

Steve Voight, a second year law student representing ASUN said that Miller's and Murphy's interpretation of the facts was false.

Voight said although a quorum must be present for most decisions, the replacement of senator vacancies constitutes an emergency.

By Robert's Rules of Order, he said, emergency action validly can be taken without the presence of a quorum.

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Student in fair condition after jump from building

By John Minnick

An 18-year-old UNL student was listed in fair condition at Lincoln General Hospital Tuesday after he ran across and jumped from the roof of Piper Residence Hall in the Neihardt Residence Center, Monday.

Campus police said Charles Michael Koch of Gretna jumped from the roof at 2:10 p.m., and eyewitnesses immediately called for help. The police said there was no sign of foul play.

A Lincoln General spokeswoman said Koch is in the intensive care unit with broken bones and cuts.

Tim Martin, a freshman from Lincoln, said he was on the roof of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity across the street, when he heard banging on the door to Piper's roof.

"He (Koch) broke through a boarded-up window in the door, fell down as he came out the north door and ran down the roof shrieking, 'I'm Jesus, I'm Jesus,' then ran down the west side of the roof until he jumped," Martin said.

Martin said that as Koch was falling he kept moving his arms and legs as if he was running. Koch landed feet first, then fell on his left side striking his head, Martin said. Two people followed Koch but Koch had already jumped by the time they got to the roof, according to Martin.

Followed Koch

Amir Rahbari, a graduate student from Iran who lives across the hall from Koch's room, was one of the students who followed Koch to the roof.

Rahbari said Koch had been running up and down the hall all afternoon yelling for his roommate. Koch seemed nervous so Rahbari and a friend, followed him, Rahbari said. He said Koch ran upstairs to the roof.

"He (Koch) went upstairs and had broken through the door by the time we got there," he said. "When we could get through the door, all I could see was his head going below the edge of the building."

Scott Hess, a junior from Omaha, said he was across the street and, after he saw Koch jump he ran across the street into the Chi Omega sorority house and asked one of the girls to call 911 the emergency services number.

"He kept going full-speed," Hess said. "I thought he was going to stop, but he didn't."

Health aide

Dan Macholan, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity health aide, said he saw Koch jump from across the street. He said he heard Koch's body hit the ground and ran toward it.

"He was bleeding pretty bad, and tried to move right away," Macholan said. I told him to lie back. He was choking . . . so I gently turned his head to the side and cleared his throat . . . Macholan said.

Koch's roommate, Ed Lacy, a sophomore from Hastings, said he was at work when Koch jumped, but he had seen Koch before he left for work at 1:30 p.m. and said he was all right.

"I've known Mike since the beginning of the year," Lacy said. "He hadn't had any problems recently. I have no idea why it happened."

Greg Hansen, a sophomore from Franklin, said he had a class with Koch and never had the idea he was different or anything was bothering him when he talked to him.

"He is a real nice kid, very outgoing and easy to talk to. I was really surprised when I found out," Hansen said.

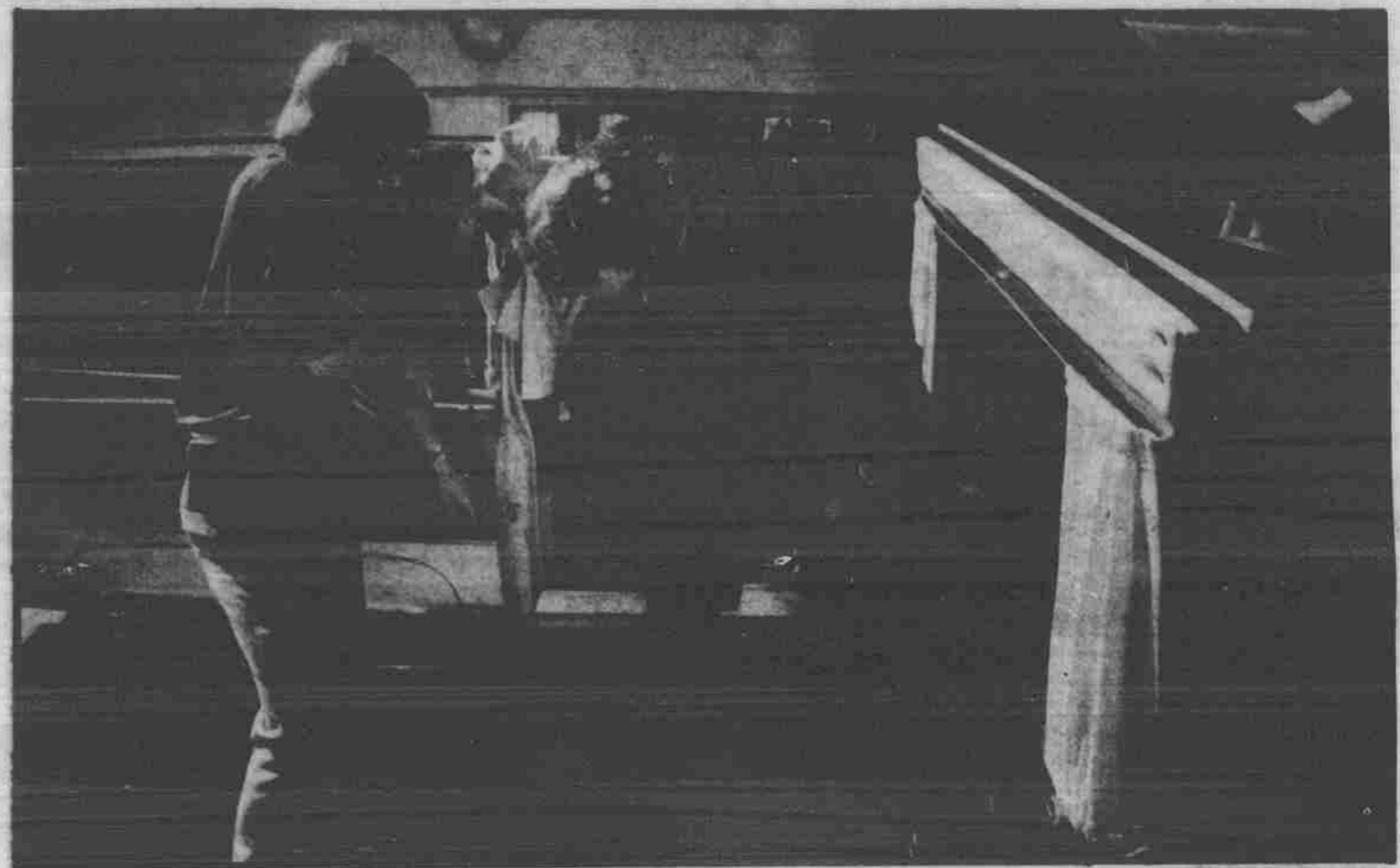


Photo by Ted Kirk

Ambulance attendants prepare to take Charles Michael Koch to Lincoln General Hospital Monday after Koch apparently jumped from the roof of Piper Residence Hall. The 18-year-old student was listed in fair condition Tuesday.

Greek candidate list—not slate

By Mary Jo Pitzl

A list of Greek candidates for today's ASUN election was distributed to a majority of fraternities and sororities early this week, but apparently it differs from last year's so-called Greek slate.

This year's list was supposed to include all Greek candidates, according to Doug Kristensen, Acacia fraternity member and past Interfraternity Council (IFC) president who helped compile and distribute the sheet.

"The big impetus is to get people out to vote," Kristensen said. The list also is to inform fraternity and sorority members of Greek candidates, he said.

However, at least 16 Greek candidates have been left off this year's list, a check indicated. Also, 12 fraternity or sorority presidents contacted said they had not received a list.

Kristensen said the list is not to be confused with last year's slate.

Organizers of the slate told the *Daily Nebraskan* that it was to encourage Greeks to vote and the secrecy surrounding its selection and distribution was to attract interest. The slate did not attempt to list all Greek candidates.

Kristensen said if any names were left off this year's list, the mistake was not intentional.

"You talk about endorsing people but that's not it," Kristensen said. "That's not our aim. We feel very badly if we left anyone off," he said.

The list also included recommended voting for the six constitutional amendments on today's ballot. It suggested that Greeks approve the first amendment which would give final approval of student fee allocations to student organizations. The list recommended a negative vote for the other five amendments.

Abel said the amendments were discussed at meetings of the students compiling the list, adding ASUN senators were consulted.

Greeks are not being forced to vote according to the list Abel said, stressing it is only a recommendation. Instructions at the bottom of the list explained an

attempt was made to list all Greeks running for office, and encouraged any deleted names to be added.

Kristensen said he and two friends distributed the mimeographed sheets to Greek houses Sunday afternoon. "I got tired of walking," Kristensen said, adding the chore "got to be bigger than we thought."

Gary Abel, Kappa Sigma fraternity president, who said he helped Kristensen compile the list, was surprised to hear at least 16 Greeks had been omitted from the Greek candidate list.

"Wow! Sixteen?" Abel said. "Whoops." Abel said the error could have happened when the list was being typed, because when there were questions if some were Greeks, "Instead of guessing, we left them off," Abel said.

Abel said the list was compiled by some fraternity and sorority members with input from a variety of contacts, including residence hall and off-campus representatives. "If you want to vote Greek, here's the best way to do it," he said.

The list started last semester with a group of people interested in recruiting candidates for the ASUN election, Abel said. He declined to identify the students involved, although he said committees were formed to handle various duties.

A running list of candidate possibilities, a ballot from last week's edition of the *Daily Nebraskan*, and opinions of the students involved were used as a guide in typing up the final copy of the list, Abel said.

Polls are open

Students may vote from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today in the Nebraska Union, Nebraska Hall and Nebraska East Union for ASUN executive and senatorial candidates.

Each student must present his own identification card when voting, according to ASUN election rules. No student can vote more than once. Disabled students should arrange before noon with the ASUN secretary to vote.

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