

# Tension headaches related to bad bite in dental report

By Janet Lliteras

Anyone who suffers from tension headaches knows they can be a real bite. Waldemar Derijk, senior UNL dental student, said there may be a correlation.

Derijk said if a patient's teeth do not fit together properly, the jaw will open wider preventing two teeth from grating against each other.

This extra muscle activity can cause tension headaches, he said, just as a pebble causes blisters if not removed from a shoe.

Derijk has been chosen to present his paper concerning muscle activity in patients suffering from jawbone malfunctions to the 55th International Association of Dental Research (IADR) in Copenhagen April 1, he said.

Derijk said he uses electrodes to monitor changes in a patient's jawbone muscle activity.

To pinpoint muscle strain, Derijk places one electrode on the patients cheek and another on the earlobe and connects the two to an FM radio transmitter.

When a patient clenches his teeth, a light tap by the dentist's hand is given to the chin, he said.

A muscle reflex occurs, and, as the muscles relax, electrical impulses are absent,

causing silence in the radio transmission, he said.

If a patient's teeth do not fit together properly, he said, the silent period is longer. It is a warning signal, he explained, just as a person limps when a rock gets in his shoe.

The teeth are ground in isolated spots to correct the height difference, Derijk said.

Only "very, very small" bits are removed, he said, because everything in the mouth is magnified about 10 times.

Derijk, 32, is from Holland. He graduated from the University of Amsterdam in 1968 and came to the United States where he received his Ph.D. at UNL in 1974 in atomic physics.

Derijk received the Edward Hatton award in 1976 for his research project "An Optical Test for the Groove Adaptation of Dental Amalgams (silver fillings) Using a Helium-Neon Laser."

He is the second student from the NU College of Dentistry to submit his work to IADR and is the first to win an award.

Derijk said he hopes to continue his research after he graduates in May and he plans to apply for a research grant from the National Institute of Dental Research.



# Regents to review UNO student discipline code

By Kathy McAuliffe

Proposed changes in the University of Nebraska at Omaha's disciplinary code, prompted by problems with the impeachment of former UNO student regent Steve Shovers, will be reviewed Saturday by the NU Board of Regents.

The changes include the introduction of eligibility requirements for holding a student government office and the revision of disciplinary procedures followed when a student violates a university rule or policy.

Proposed changes would require that a student running for a government office not be on disciplinary probation although a student placed on disciplinary probation while holding an office need not automatically be removed from that office.

Shovers was impeached and removed from office last fall for having "committed wrongful authority" when he looked through confidential scholastic files in the UNO Secondary Education Dept. last summer.

Shovers had been placed on disciplinary probation in August by Ronald Beer, UNO vice chancellor for educational and student services. A UNO appeals board took Shovers off probation and instead put him on what was called disciplinary notice.

### Letter put in file

The notice allowed Shovers to continue in office, but required that a letter be placed in his permanent file describing the misconduct. The notice was a special classification used only in Shover's case.

Although UNO has a disciplinary code, the proposed changes would be more comprehensive, Beer said.

"The key thing is that it (disciplinary policy) gets in writing and people know their rights and what their options are," Beer said.

With the use of the proposed policy, Beer said, allegations made against a student holding an office would be submitted to Beer's office. Beer would review the allegations.

If he decides the allegation is valid, Beer would propose a sanction, he said. A sanction could be anything from a verbal or written warning placed in the student's records to suspension or expulsion and removal from office.

### Hearing board

Currently, a student can accept the sanction or reject it and appeal to a hearing board of four students, two faculty members and one staff member, he said. The board hears the case and makes a recommendation to the vice chancellor, who then can accept, reject or modify the proposal.

If the student rejects this sanction, he can appeal to an appeals board, which also consists of four students, two faculty members and one staff member. Their proposal also is approved, rejected or modified by the vice chancellor. If the student still is dissatisfied, he can appeal to the chancellor.

Some persons, including current UNO student regent John Malone, have questioned whether someone besides a student organization has the right to remove a student from office.

Beer said he thinks that since students are part of the entire university community, other members of the university community should be able to judge a student's actions. A student involved in government represents the entire university, he said.

### Different needs

Malone could not be reached for further comment, but Lou Ann Rinne, executive assistant in UNO's student government, said she believes students, as well as faculty

members and administrators, are separate parts of the university with different needs.

Rinne said each student organization should be allowed to use its own procedures to deal with disciplinary problems.

When an administrator is too involved in dealing with student discipline, "the potential for abuse is too great," she said.

At UNL, the university Judiciary Board hears and decides cases of students with alleged violations against the university, said Ron Gierhan, acting vice chancellor for student affairs. The vice chancellor

then implements the decision.

This is unlike UNO's proposed disciplinary policy, which does not separate executive and judicial functions, he said.

UNL's requirements for student government candidates also differ from UNL's, Gierhan said. UNL's only requirement is that a student be registered in regular day classes. Student organizations can set their own additional criteria for involvement. However, UNL's Council on Student Life has been advised to consider changes in eligibility requirements, he said.

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