

# New quorum rule allows reinstatement of senators

By Betale Ammons

Eight of the ten ASUN senators whose appointments were declared invalid Tuesday by the UNL Student Court were re-appointed by the Senate at their Wednesday meeting.

Clayton Eari, Lisa Danberg, Mike Herman, Rick Martin, Sheila Jones, Dave Eberhart, Cathy Koubek and Dave Roehr were reinstated at the meeting in Nebraska Union.

Two others, Andrew Jefferson and Charles Lui, were not at the meeting and their appointments were tabled until next week.

A Student Court decision declaring null

and void all action since Dec. 15, 1976 invalidated their appointments.

The decision was reached Tuesday night in a case filed by UNL students Randall Murphy and Britt Miller charging that the Senate had not had a legal quorum since Dec. 1.

Eighteen senators elected or appointed before Dec. 15 unanimously voted for the reappointments.

That action was made possible by a clause in the Student Court decision lowering the quorum needed at ASUN meetings from two thirds of the number of seats supposed to be filled (35) to two thirds of the number of senators currently serving.

The Senate also voted to accept resolution 56, which declares as valid all actions taken since Dec. 15.

The resolution was discussed at a special Senate meeting Tuesday but they failed to vote because of lack of a quorum.

ASUN President Bill Mueller said the appointments and resolution 56 were handled separately as a safeguard for the Senate.

"We're being awfully careful so certain people don't think we're trying to railroad these appointments, which we're not," Mueller said.

Sen. Frank Thompson questioned whether the resolution should include all action taken by the Senate. That would include government bills, he said, which require a two week waiting period after first reading.

However, it was determined that the bills had been read to the Senate at previous meetings, even though a correct quorum wasn't present.

Thompson also spoke in Open Forum asking the Senate to appeal the Student Court's decision to the Council on Student Life.

The Senate also discussed a resolution by Sen. Scott Cook asking the ASUN

Electoral Commission to schedule the ASUN General Election for April 13. However, by 10 p.m., no action had been taken.

In other business, the Senate approved the appointment of law student Sue Loeke as an associate Student Court justice for the remainder of the 1977-78 academic year and appointed Fritz Stehlik as this year's Chief Justice.

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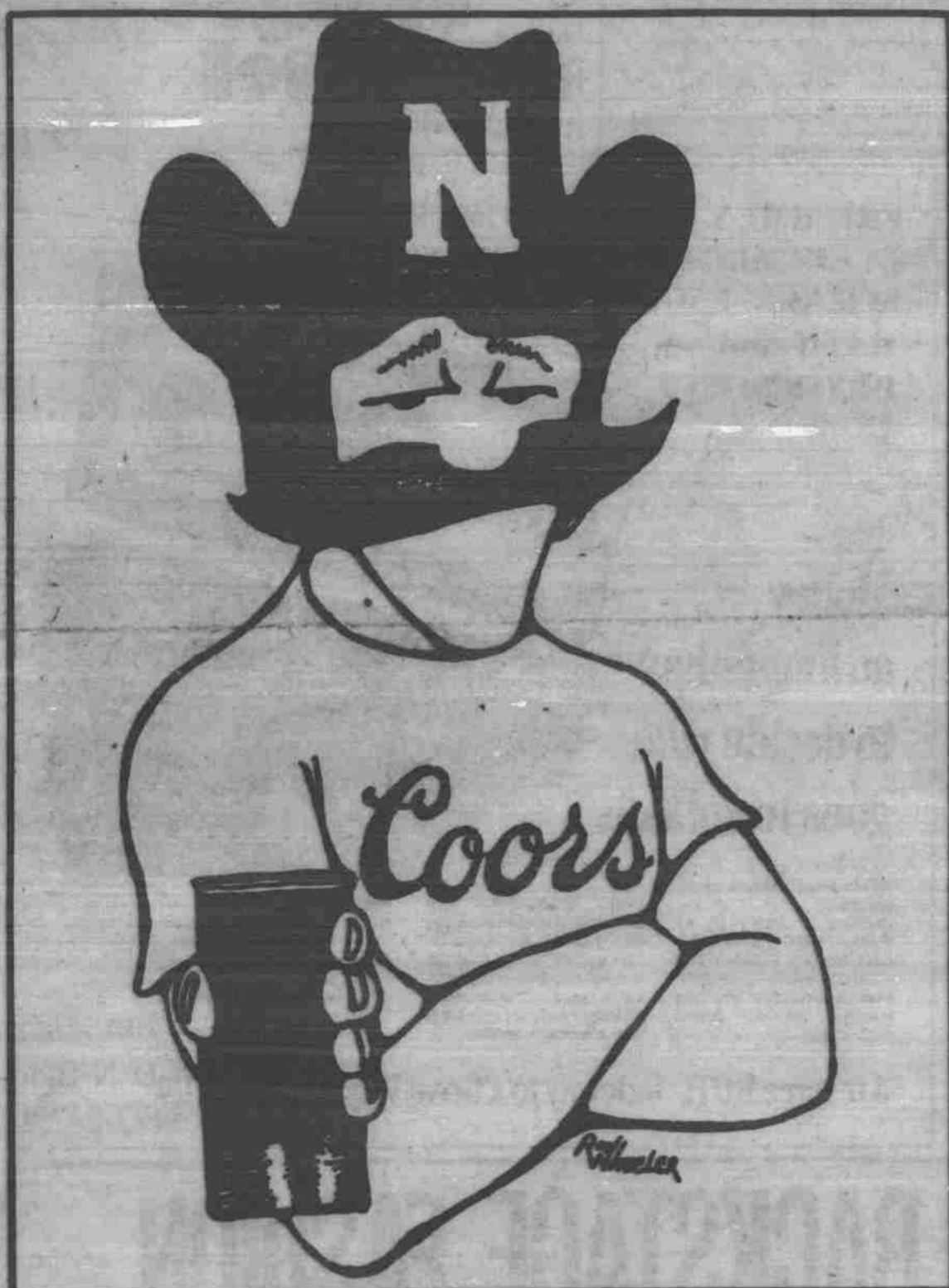
Friday is the last day students may pre-register for first semester of next year and qualify for free drop and add. Students who do not turn in their forms and \$25 fee to Administration Bldg. 204 by 5 p.m. will not be allowed to go through the free drop and add period during finals week this semester.

Students still may pre-register until July 1, but may not go through drop and add until July.

Students who pre-register by Friday, then decide to withdraw from UNL, will be entitled to a full refund.

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## Famous Golden libation not due until early July

By Mike Patten

Lincolmites will have to wait at least three more months before the first bottle of Colorado's most famous export appears on local liquor store shelves.

The Adolph Coors Brewing Co., in Golden, Colo. recently named two Lincoln businessmen as distributors for the Lincoln area. The announcement brought Lincolmites a step closer to the beer in the funny cans. Coors beer comes in 7, 11, and 15-ounce cans.

George and Robert Easley recently were named by the brewery along with 13 other Nebraska distributors to distribute Coors in Nebraska, which becomes the 14th state where Coors is sold.

Robert Easley is chairman of the board of Mutual Savings Co. His son George, is vice president of the investment firm of Kirkpatrick-Pettis Smith Polian Inc.

Available in July

According to George Easley, the earliest Coors will be available in Lincoln is the first of July. The Easleys currently are building a refrigerated warehouse and having their federal permit to distribute processed.

Anita Krajeski of the Coors public relations staff in Golden said the normal wait for a permit to be processed is 60-90 days. After their permit is processed, she said, it would be "anywhere between 60

days and six months" before the beer would be sold in Lincoln.

Both Krajeski and Easley estimated that the beer probably would be available in July.

According to Easley, Coors will be priced comparable to other premium beers.

"We will be in the neighborhood of \$5.45 a case," he said.

Eastern-most states

Nebraska will join Kansas and Texas as the eastern-most states in which Coors will be sold. Coors currently is sold in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Wyoming, Utah and Washington.

Krajeski said the brewery ships about three-fourths of its beer by train and the rest by truck. The ultimate decision about how to ship Nebraska's beer will be made by the Coors Transportation Dept. The company will decide after reviewing the needs of the 14 distributors chosen, Krajeski said. All distributors are required to provide trucks, warehouses and anything else needed for beer distribution, she said.

"We chose them (the distributors) on the basis of three criteria," she said. "First, we looked at their business ability. Second we looked at their community activities, and last, they had to have the capital."

Among those recently turned down by Coors distributorships was former Vice President Spiro Agnew.

## Court rejects appeal of nine disqualified candidates

By Mary Jo Pitzl

The appeal of nine would-be ASUN Senate candidates was rejected by the UNL Student Court Wednesday.

In a statement released late Wednesday afternoon, the court denied a petition asking to nullify the disqualifications of nine members of the High People's Coalition (THC/LSD) party. Plaintiffs in the case were Paul Bejot, et. al., according to the opinion released by student justice Rich Moderow.

The court had decided the case early Wednesday morning after three and a half hours of deliberation but did not release the result until the formal opinion was written. It was one of two cases involving ASUN, heard and deliberated on by the court Tuesday night.

The candidates were disqualified three weeks ago by the ASUN Electoral Commission because their filing petitions lacked the required signatures. Election rules state each candidate must have 35 signatures from students within the candidate's college.

Moderow said the court denied the petition because it was beyond reasonable consideration established by Electoral Commission rules.

"Thirty-five signatures is not an unreasonable requirement to show a person's commitment to seeking the office," Moderow said in his written opinion.

Moderow's opinion relates to the other ruling handed down at 3 a.m. Wednesday. That ruling on a petition filed by Britt Miller and Randall Murphy, stated all action taken by the ASUN Senate since Dec. 15 is invalid be-

cause the Senate did not have a legal quorum.

In his opinion Moderow wrote:

"It is my opinion that should the present Senate approve all the activities of the Senate between Dec. 15, 1976 and March 29, 1977, which concern the ASUN elections, it would not be necessary for a new filing period to be opened.

"If the Senate takes this option, the Election Commission decision to bar the plaintiffs from the ballot stands."

If the Senate reopens the filing period, the 35 signatures requirement from the candidate's college is fair if applied as earlier this year, Moderow wrote.

The only duty remaining for the six student justices who heard the two suits is to write concurring opinions on the Miller-Murphy suit.

The Miller-Murphy opinion released by Chief Justice Fritz Stehlik was a general statement on the justices' voting in the suit, according to Moderow.

"We had trouble getting identical opinions to reach the same decision," he said, explaining the concurring opinions will give each justice a chance to express his specific views on the suit.

Student justice Susan Ugal said the concurring opinions will be completed at each justice's discretion. There is no deadline.

Clarifying the court's decision on quorums, student justice Jackie Learned said that as of Wednesday, two-thirds of the current seated ASUN members will consti-

tute a quorum. Under these new rules, 16 senators were required for a quorum at Wednesday's ASUN meeting.

A declaratory statement issued by the court on Dec. 19, interpreted the ASUN constitution to define a quorum as 24 members. This measure was an attempt to clarify the interpretation of a quorum, Learned said, but it was violated by ASUN members.

The court therefore ruled that only senators elected or appointed before Dec. 15 are valid ASUN representatives. Under this rule, 24 senators as of Wednesday were legal representatives.

Changing its December position, the court ruled Wednesday that two-thirds of the current seated ASUN members constitute a quorum. Sixteen senate members were required for a quorum at Wednesday's ASUN meeting under this two-thirds rule.

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