

# Task force ideas meet opposition

By Mike Patten

Six people attended the ASUN task force on student government's open hearing Sunday night, but only one person indicated approval of any of its proposals to change the structure of student government at UNL.

Don Macke, president of the Nebraska University Public Interest Research Group, told the task force he thinks its idea of consolidating student groups is excellent, but suggested the task force find a way to give student government more power.

"Right now we can put in our two cents worth and that's all we can do," he said.

Ken Christoffersen, ASUN vice president, said he objected to increasing the size of the elected body to 76. He also said the task force has not met the goals it was charged with when it was created last spring.

"I feel that if you had 76 senators who were all ready to go," he said, "you'd spend all your time debating."

Charlie Fellingham, ASUN first vice president, said he did not think there are 76 people at UNL who would be interested in running for a student government position.

"Last year I had to reappoint over 3/4 of the senate," he said. "The plan can not work because you won't have enough senators on the ballot."

Task Force Chairman Steve Pederson said the proposal was designed to create more interest in student government.

ASUN President Greg Johnson objected to a proposal to allow voting faculty and staff members to serve on student committees.

"You have to remember that this is a student government," he said. "They already have a government to represent them and no one has invited me to attend. I'd like to attend if they would let me, but I don't think they'll let me."

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## Campus policewomen to get hearing

The State Court of Industrial Relations last week blocked the reclassification of two female UNL police officers.

According to Police Chief Gail Gade, Officer Barbara McGill was to have been reclassified because she is pregnant and can no longer do the job she was hired for. He said McGill's doctor had said it would be better if McGill worked indoors as a clerk, for example. Reclassification from officer to clerk involves a payout.

Gade said another proposal was to have McGill take her sick leave and vacation during her pregnancy.

A reasonable time after her pregnancy, McGill would have been given back her job as an officer at the same pay level, he said.

Gade also said Officer Mary Fleming was to have been reclassified because of a knee injury, but her doctor last week said she was fit to go back to work.

A hearing Nov. 14 by the State Court of Industrial

Relations will determine if reclassification is in order, according to Gade.

Another female officer, Joy Citta, said the hearing on that date will decide whether the labor union she is president of has the right to become the collective bargaining unit for the campus police. The court was told Citta has been harassed by Gade because she is president of the union's local.

Citta said her reason for making Local 567 of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers the bargaining unit for campus police is to have a better way of bargaining for wages, hours and working conditions.

Gade said he opposes the union.

"I am opposed because I don't see any reason for a union in our department. A union would create problems between management and labor," he said.

Officers McGill and Fleming are union members, but would be ineligible to vote in a representation election if they are reclassified.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Even the Star-Spangled Banner didn't keep this policewoman from her duties at Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo. before kickoff in the Husker-Tiger tilt. For more on the game turn to p. 10.

# Marsh regrets result of befriending 'Moonie'

By Larry Lutz

News Editor

State Treasurer Frank Marsh expresses surprise and disappointment with the result of a relationship established in 1972 with a pioneer of the Unification (Moonie) Church.

His consternation concerns a reference made about him by Lokesh Mazumdar on page 330 of a church training manual obtained by a reporter. Marsh said the reference was made without his knowledge or approval.

Marsh also said he was surprised to learn that his and Mazumdar's recollection differed on the details of their early relationship.

Specifically, Marsh and Mazumdar disagree on whether they exchanged gifts during the "Moonie's" frequent visits to Marsh, who was then lieutenant governor.

Marsh said he knew of Mazumdar's church membership at the time but did not think it significant. The church's activities began in the United States in 1962 but were still little known 10 years later, when Marsh and Mazumdar became friend.

Mazumdar was in Nebraska doing pioneer or missionary work for the church, which was founded by a Korean minister, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Mazumdar was the first church official to come to the state.

### Meeting with Marsh

It was during that time Mazumdar met Marsh.

Now, Marsh says, he regrets the outcome and would do the whole thing differently if he could, since he thinks he went "beyond the bounds of ordinary propriety" in extending his friendship to Mazumdar.

The friendship began five years ago when they were introduced by a mutual friend. The friend introduced them because he knew of Marsh's widespread reputation as a "friend of the foreign student." Mazumdar, a native of India, said although he was not a student, he was received warmly by Marsh.

During those visits, Mazumdar says he exchanged gifts with Marsh. In the manual, he is quoted as saying he could "walk into his (Marsh's) office anytime," that he "always took (Marsh) a gift" and that he "never left empty-handed."

Mazumdar said it was crucial he make important friends whom he deemed influential.

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Although Mazumdar later became a high official in the church's bureaucracy, Marsh said their relationship was never more than a blossoming friendship.

### Candles, candles

"When Lokesh came into my office, it was always on a close, personal level," Marsh said. "He gave me gifts but they were never anything of consequence. Candles, candies, flowers, things like that."

Contacted in New York, Mazumdar would not specify what the gifts were, but he did say they were "significant and tangible."

He said his gifts were "a token of love, even though it may sometimes seem phony or artificial."

He said the gifts were "material and always of some worth."

Marsh denied any of the gifts were valuable and said there was nothing significant he could have given to Mazumdar.

"The only thing Lokesh carried away from this office," Marsh said, "was our friendship." Marsh denied giving Mazumdar any gifts, saying Mazumdar must be speaking in symbolic terms of their friendship.

"I had nothing I could give him from this office. There was nothing he could have carried away."

In addition to the manual's reference, Marsh said there was one other surprise, indicating he may have misjudged Mazumdar's intentions.

### Recommendation letter

In 1974, Mazumdar asked Marsh for a letter of recommendation, which Marsh agreed to write. Marsh said he thought Mazumdar would use the letter as a character reference in New York "to get himself introduced."

He said he was "glad to write the letter. It was an act of open trust."

Marsh has since learned that the letter was used to help establish a "Moonie" college at Hempstead, on Long Island, N.Y. Marsh said he regrets writing that letter and intends to ask that it be withdrawn.

Marsh said he was "chagrined to learn my name had been used for the church's benefit." He said his friendship with Mazumdar had been tarnished, but that to protect that friendship, he had not yet asked that the letter be withdrawn.

Marsh, a United Methodist and chairman of his church's administrative board, said he would not judge Mazumdar's religious beliefs. He added that he thought Mazumdar showed religious concern and dedication.

However, Mazumdar's religious zeal may have damaged their friendship, according to Marsh.

### Cannot trust

"I don't think I could completely trust him now,"

Marsh said. "If he walked into my office today, I would smile at him and be courteous. I just wish he hadn't taken advantage of me or my name."

"I believe now he may feel some uncomfortableness about our relationship. I was never brainwashed. I just did not know he was using our relationship to help the church."

Marsh said spontaneous visits were not unusual. Marsh said his new friend often would come in with a group of students to visit, but just as often would come alone.

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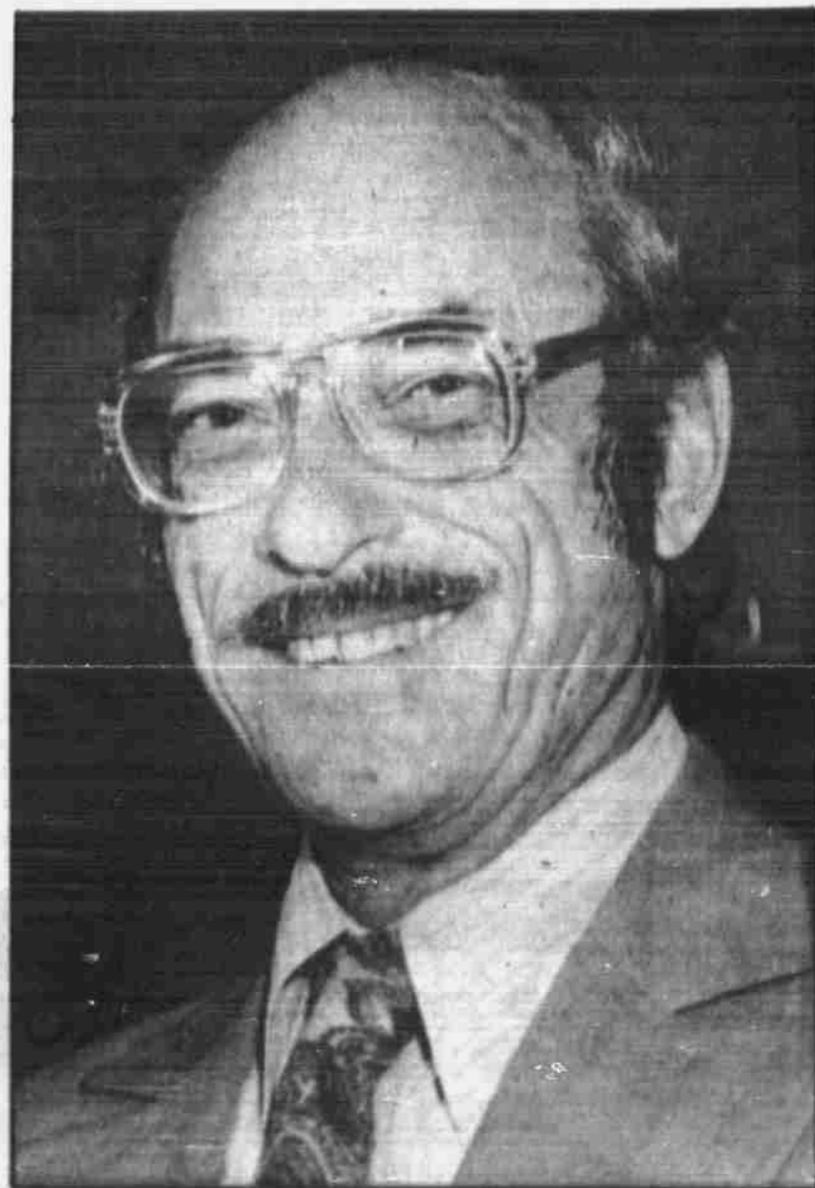


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