

Roskens may lead delegation to China

NU President Ronald Roskens has been asked to consider leading a Nebraska delegation to China next summer.

The delegation would travel to China to become aware of a culture few Americans have visited. Roskens said.

"It would be a cultural in-depth trip," Roskens said. "The group would visit universities, schools and agricultural areas and other places of interest."

Roskens stressed that the trip is not definite. Restrictions placed on trips to China by the Chinese government must be considered, he said. The group size has been limited to only 96 people, he explained.

Interest in the trip must also be determined, Roskens said. However, early indications show "there is little

doubt that 96 people will be able to take the trip, Roskens said, which will cost about \$2,000 for two weeks.

Roskens said the trip was suggested by the Director of International Education at Kent State University. Roskens, who was a Kent State administrator before coming to Nebraska said he previously has led delegations to the Soviet Union through the Center. He said he always has wanted to lead a group to China.

Roskens said anyone may go on the trip. Interested parties should contact the president's office at Regents Hall.

Final decision on the trip will be made in mid-July, he said.

Few UNL students appeal grades to college boards

In these days of grade inflation, very few students are willing to pay the price for change.

Each college has a grade appeals committee, and most have appeals committees within departments, but students' appeals are at a minimum.

Al Dittmer, UNL ombudsman, said each college is required to have a grade appeals committee under the NU Regents bylaws. He said he would guess that such committees existed before, but that some colleges formed committees after students filed complaints.

Although participation is limited, Dittmer said he thinks the grade appeal committee is effective.

In many cases, compromise is the answer, Dittmer said.

When students come to his office with a grade complaint, Dittmer's first suggestion is that they try to settle the disagreement with the instructor. If that does not work, he said his office will help students prepare their appeal.

Procedures differ among colleges, he said, but generally administrators try to avoid having the student and instructor appear at the same time because direct confrontation could be uncomfortable.

Ted Hartung, dean of the College of Agriculture, said each department has its own committee and if the problem cannot be handled there it is appealed to a university wide committee.

Hartung said the faculty makes grading policies clear at the beginning of the se-

mester, which is one reason the appeals committee is not used extensively.

Max Larsen, College of Arts and Sciences dean, also said the grading appeals committee is effective. He said students are encouraged to first consult their instructors, then appeal to the grading appeals committee within the department and finally to the overall committee for the college.

Larsen said the system's effectiveness is shown by the fact only three cases were appealed to the university-wide committee from April 1977 to April 1978.

Teacher's College also has appeals committees in each department and not many students use the university side committee, according to Ronald Joekel, associate dean.

He said few appeals are brought to the universitywide committee because few students are failing and it is not "worth the hassle" for most students.

The students have a responsibility to uncover data to support their position and most students are not willing to do it, he said.

The architecture department has had one appeal in four years, according to William Speese, associate professor.

He said the committee tries to resolve the problem by working with the student and professor. If that is not effective, the appeal is made to the department committee where it is recorded by a secretary.

A College of Architecture appeals committee does exist but Speese said he can not remember its being used.

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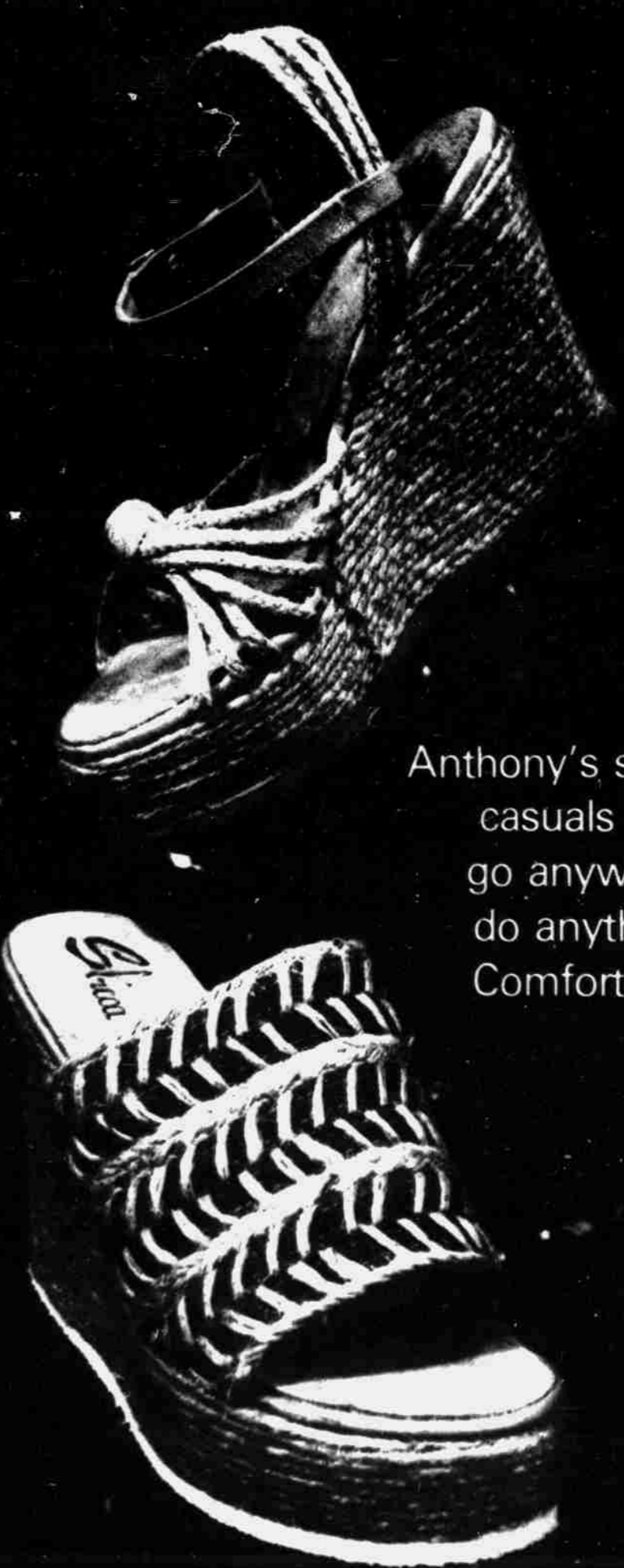
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