

Student Court places YAF, president on probation

By Lucy Bighia

Student Court announced its decision Sunday against the UNL chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom and its president, Jeff Chizek.

The decision follows an Oct. 29-31 hearing, stemming from charges brought by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and ASUN President Ken Marienau.

The court decided that: "—Chizek authorized a letter to various Nebraskans concerning activities and organizations at the University which contained various false or misleading statements, and which misrepresented what organization would receive funds solicited by the letter."

(The above letter was circulated follow-

ing Jane Fonda's campus appearance last October.)

—The UNL chapter of YAF ratified or approved the letter by failing to act, once it learned that the letter was sent under the signature of the chairman of the UNL YAF.

The court formally recommended that Chizek be placed on University Probation. If Chizek, while on probation, is found to have violated the Code of Conduct, he shall be subject to suspension from the university.

The court ordered the UNL YAF be placed on organizational probation for two years, subject to the following terms:

1) UNL YAF must file, during the academic year, a monthly report with the Clerk of the Student Court.

The reports must include the names and addresses of the group's officers and members, specific activities undertaken by the group, and copies of all letters or printed materials distributed by UNL YAF, or containing any identifying marks enabling the reader to associate the materials with the UNL YAF.

2) Neither UNL YAF or any of its officers or members can undertake any activities without clearly indicating how UNL YAF is associated with the activity.

3) After six months, UNL YAF may petition the court for termination of probationary status.

4) ASUN, Marienau, or the court may, at any time, petition for revocation of probation for failure to comply with the above terms.

Randall Jauken, counsel for the defense, said, "Of course, we think it's wrong. We definitely plan to appeal, we don't know for sure who to, though. There's gotta be an appeal somewhere."

Jauken said that nobody was injured by YAF's letter. The plaintiffs "failed to show any" detrimental reliance, because all of the people that relied on the letter sent the money to the right party (Nebraska YAF)," he said.

Marienau said the court's decision was "about the degree of relief we were seeking. Although we had asked for suspension, we can live with probation.

"We're happy with the decision," he said, "but I think it's an empty victory, considering we don't have a speaker's program."

Thursday's turkey dressed and ready long before feasts

By Mary Fastenau

Most Thanksgiving dinners will be courtesy of someone who was not invited—the turkey.

Even though they do not receive an invitation, turkeys usually are dressed and ready long before Thanksgiving day, according to a turkey farmer.

Lloyd Bevans, of Waverly, said there is no pre-Thanksgiving flurry of activity because most of the birds have been slaughtered and packaged by that time.

He has been selling turkeys for market since May, he said. And although he is still selling turkeys, they will not decorate the Thanksgiving table.

Not multi-colored

The turkey you eat will not be the multi-colored beast that appears in grade school rooms or on Thanksgiving cards. Rather it will have once been a large white-feathered hybrid bird that never learned to fly.

Bevans said commercially-grown turkeys get heavy so quickly that they cannot support their weight to fly.

The white turkeys are taken to a packing plant instead of being hunted and shot from a tree, and are also "de-toed and de-beaked," he said.

He said there usually are 5,000 turkeys in a feeding building at one time. Turkeys are usually totally confined except when being moved from building to building.

The buildings are one sign of the increased technology required in turkey farming, Bevans said.

The feeding system is another evidence of increased specialization.

Feed varieties

Five feed varieties are fed to hens and six or seven are fed to toms, he said. The feeds vary in protein content.

Turkeys are marketed in terms of how long they have been on feed, not in terms of weight, Bevans said. For example, they try to sell the hens after 17 weeks when they are 14 to 15 pounds, which will make the finished product weight 10 or 12 pounds.

Bevans said he specializes in hens because there is a demand for the smaller size.

He also is trying to create a demand for his turkeys by developing his own brand name, Nebraska Grown-Cornhusker Crown turkeys.

Nash-Finch bought 20,000 of his turkeys this year and is marketing them through local grocery stores, he said. Bevans said he hopes to increase the number of turkeys marketed next year.

He said he developed his own label to encourage Nebraska grown products.

Bevans said turkey has changed from a "specialty meat" associated with Thanksgiving and Christmas to a meat included in a normal diet.

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Are we not turkeys?

Enforcement of some university rules to be investigated by ASUN committee

The power to enforce several university regulations, including liquor purchasing by student groups, may change hands.

ASUN's Constitution Committee has begun investigating the source of several regulations to see whether ASUN should be the enforcing agent, according to President Ken Marienau.

Depending on the results, ASUN may recommend that the UNL administration be in charge of enforcing the laws, Marienau added. Currently, ASUN may enforce the rules by revoking an organization's charter.

One of the policies in question is the purchase of liquor by student groups. Organizational funds may not be used to buy alcohol for parties under the current laws. Student groups are also required to bank through UNL, eliminating an outside account to use for that purpose.

However, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Richard Armstrong noted that groups can hold parties in licensed drinking establishments. The responsibility for keeping

minors from drinking then is up to the dealer, he added.

"If the party is held off campus in a licensed place, the university no longer bears the responsibility for enforcing drinking guidelines," Armstrong said.

Marienau said an organization cannot use its funds or collect money to buy liquor in the group's name.

"However, if a person wanted to throw a party and intended to take the liability for minors, he could provide the alcohol," he added.

The All-University Toga party held Friday night was within the guidelines. Since it was at the Royal Grove, Union Program Manager Sara Boatman said. The Royal Grove was responsible for minors and the liquor was donated so no money was spent, she added.

Marienau said he did not think any regulations would change due to the investigation.

"The regulations would still exist. It simply wouldn't be up to ASUN to enforce them," he said.