

# Tradition put aside, NU female regent?

By Kathy Stokebrand

Since the formation of the NU Board of Regents in 1869, only one woman has served on the board in a voting position.

Mrs. J. G. Elliott was appointed to the board to take her husband's position after his death in 1974. She served in that position for eight months.

During that time, Mrs. Elliott said, she was treated graciously and respectfully. She said she wouldn't be a bit surprised if a woman was elected to the board in the near future but added that a woman shouldn't obtain the position just because she is a woman.

Elliott said it is important to have "thinking" people on the board. The race and sex of the members doesn't matter. Men can be just as perceptive on subjects as women, she said.

Helen Lang, a secretary in the election division of the office of the Nebraska Secretary of State, said only two women have had a nonvoting student regent position. One of these was appointed.

There is the possibility of another woman student regent in the near future. Katie Rinn and Mike Smith, will be in a run-off election for the presidency of the UNO student body on Nov. 15 and 16. If Rinn wins this election she will be the second woman ever elected to membership on the Board of Regents.

Rinn said she can see why people might believe she would be in an awkward position as the only female on the board but added that she has met all of the members of the board and worked with some university administrators and has developed a rapport with them.

Rinn said she doesn't mean the students on the board and the voting board members haven't been representative but feels the job can only be enhanced by having a woman on the board. She said as a woman she might be able to view problems from a perspective other members might not.

She said statistics have shown that about 15 percent of voters will only vote for the male nominee in an election with a candidate from both sexes. Rinn said she hasn't given up on that 15 percent, and added that every student is a potential vote.

Within the past 10 years only one woman, Mrs. Fred A. Seaton, has run for a voting board member position, Lang said. Rinn said this might be because qualified women feel it would be too hard to get elected.

There are no restrictions to keep women from running, according to Regent James Moylan. There are women on the state board of education and their voting districts are identical to the regents voting districts, he said.

In the Big Eight, Oklahoma University is the only other school with an all male board. All other Big Eight schools, with the exception of Iowa State University, have one or two female and seven or eight male board members. Iowa State has three female and six male board members.

# Two students killed in crash Saturday

Two UNL students died and a third was critically injured in a two truck collision early Saturday, according to the Nebraska State Patrol.

Engineering student Roger Fullerton, 20, Cody, and agriculture major Randy Adams, 19, Crete, both freshmen, were killed while riding in the back of a pickup truck.

The truck ran into a parked semi-trailer truck at 1:55 a.m. Saturday on Interstate 80 near the Waverly exchange. The semi was unoccupied.

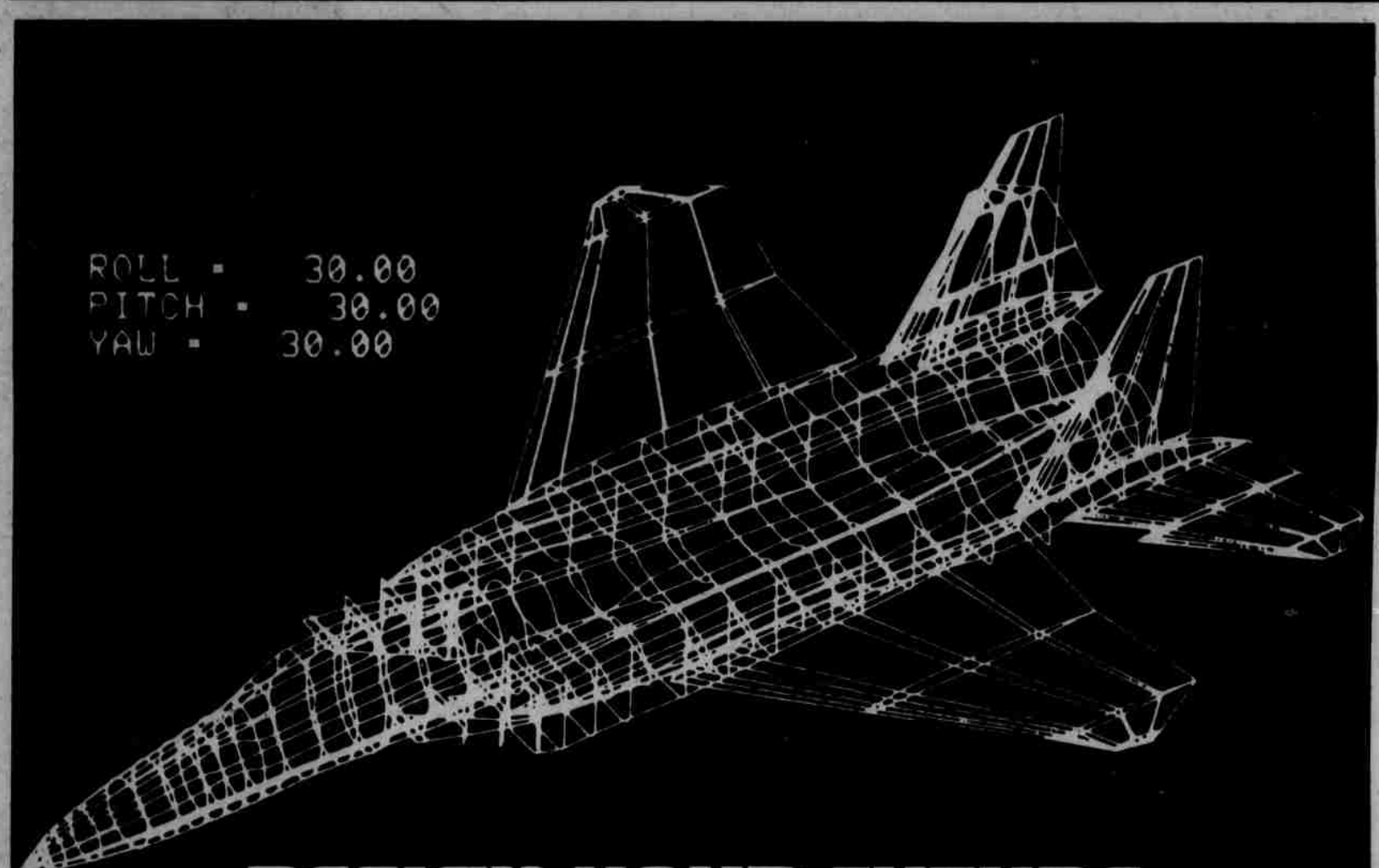
A State Patrol spokesman said the driver of the pickup, sophomore agriculture major Timothy J. Nollette, 20, may have fallen asleep before the collision. Nollette was treated for minor injuries and released.

As of 9:30 p.m. Sunday, a St. Elizabeth's Community Health Center spokesman reported that Pamela J. Smith, an 18-year-old freshman from Elsmere, was in critical condition. James Marshall, 20, of Lincoln, was listed in serious condition.



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