

Fear of violence reason

# Iran debate canceled

By Julie Bird

A proposed debate at UNL about the Iranian takeover of the American embassy in Tehran was cancelled by the Union Program Council Talks and Topics committee this week because committee members, UPC members and administration officials feared violence would erupt.

Although no date had been set for the debate, UNL political science professor Ivan Volgyes said he had been contacted about participating, and a tentative date of Wed., Nov. 28, was discussed. Volgyes was not told until Tuesday evening Wednesday would not be the date, and he wrote a letter to the Daily Nebraskan stating he felt the debate was "cancelled by the administration because they feared violence."

Kathy Sjulín, a junior from Shenandoah, Iowa, who had been arranging the debate, said Volgyes was correct in thinking that Nov. 28 would have been the correct date. She said miscommunication among members of the Talks and Topics committee caused some confusion.

Sjulín said she had not been able to reach Volgyes. However she did contact Volgyes' wife and told her the debate was being postponed for three reasons. Most Talks and Topics members were against the debate forum, she said, the Iranian situation itself was too emotional and the administration had not been supportive of the idea.

Sjulín had contacted Peter Levitov, coordinator of UNL International Educational Services, about possible candidates for the debate, according to Talks and Topics chairman Rocky Yapp.

Levitov then contacted Dean of Students David DeCoster, who expressed some concern that such a debate would cause adverse reactions.

**SJULIN'S PROPOSED** candidates for the debate, Volgyes and a person chosen by the Iranian Muslim Association, were deemed too far apart on the political spectrum by Talks and Topics and UPC, Yapp said.

In the Talks and Topics meeting Thursday, UPC chairwoman Pam Fritz said UPC did not want to be responsible for getting someone hurt.

DeCoster was at the meeting and said a debate would not be a very good idea. "From what I know, it appears to me it would be unwise or terribly risky to do this," he said.

Yapp said that administration officials never forbade the meeting, but did discourage it.

**LEVITOV TOLD** committee members Thursday they were "sitting on a powder keg."

Sara Boatman, associate director of the Nebraska Union and former Talks and Topics adviser, said the committee was forgetting that there was only one week left for the debate since there are no programs allowed during dead week or finals week.

The committee then decided against a debate, but was in favor of a discussion forum on Iran. A proposal by member Mary Tait to have a symposium on the Middle East next semester was accepted, leaving the possibility of a specific discussion on Iran.

# Chambers: NU's bubble broken

By The Associated Press

better shot for black students, employees and athletes at UN."

Despite the fact that blacks play football for the UNL Cornhuskers, racism is still strong at NU, State Sen. Ernest Chambers told University of Oklahoma tailback Billy Sims in a letter last week.

"Oklahoma can and will beat Nebraska this Saturday," Chambers said in a letter to Sims dated Nov. 20.

"I shall be able to convert the terrible tragedy into a learning experience for Nebraska," Chambers wrote Sims.

"And perhaps I will be able to obtain a

Chambers, of Omaha, is the only black in the 49-member Nebraska Legislature.

"You will have to find something to puncture the Oklahoma fanatical bubble, as I have found Oklahoma to puncture the Nebraska bubble," Chambers told Sims.

"Let me tell you the reason for this letter," he wrote. "You all are in a position to make it possible for me to crow — or to eat crow. This is a bad state for black people in general, and despite the fact that some black men play on the Nebraska team, racism is strong at NU."

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7 a.m. — Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, Room 401.

12:30-1:30 p.m.—UPC Culture Center "Charles Pace," Room 232.

1-2 p.m.—Muslim Student Association, Room 337.

1:30-2:30 p.m.—Bowling Exam, The Rostrum.

2-3 p.m.—Office of University Information-Philip Handler News Conference, Georgian Suite B.

2-3 p.m.—Flights & Study Tours Orientation, Room 215.

2-4 p.m.—Student Y Jazz Group, South Crib.

5-6 p.m.—Flights & Study Tours Orientation, The Rostrum.

6 p.m.—Rec Room Team Bowling Tournament, Rec Room.

7-8:30 p.m.—Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, Georgian Suite.

7:15 to 10 p.m.—The Navigators, Room 232.

7:30 p.m.—UPC Culture Center "Charles Pace," Regency Suite.

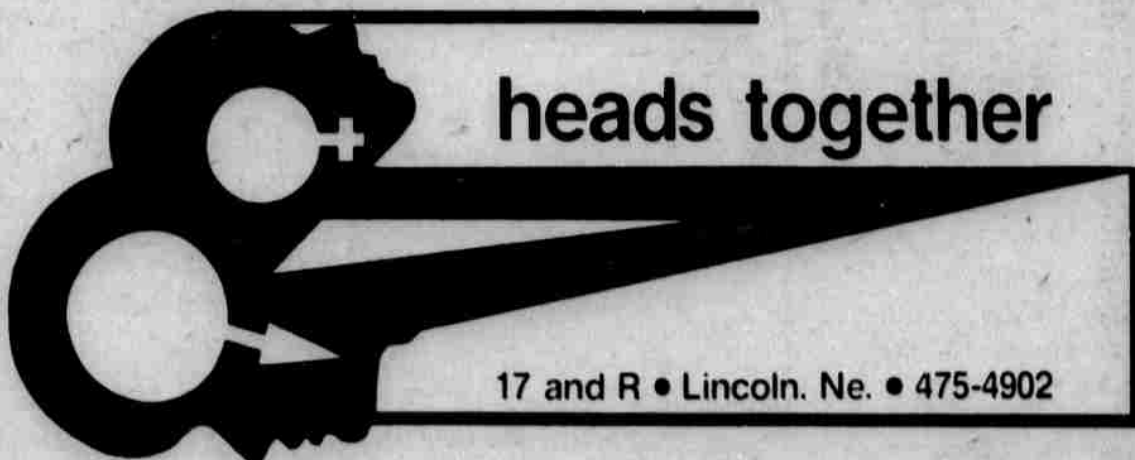
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