

## ASUN agenda

UNL Chancellor Roy Young will speak in open forum at the ASUN meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday in Regency Suite A of the Nebraska Union.

ASUN President Bud Cuca said the senate will question the chancellor on the university budget. He said it will be broad with a general type of dialogue, adding that this communication is good for the administration and the senate.

"This may set a precedent for years to come for more contact between the senate and the administration," Cuca said. It is possible that the Chancellor may appear regularly at ASUN meetings, he said.

Kent Whitacre, ASUN treasurer, also is scheduled to speak in open forum at the meeting to report on the senate's budget status.

## Diplomat: hostages face certain trial

TEHRAN, Iran—Acting Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said the U.S. Embassy hostages will be put on trial "for sure," Iran's state television reported Tuesday.

The reported remark was the first time a top official had made such a definite statement of Iran's intent to try the hostages.

The government television, which Ghotbzadeh has directed since the Iranian revolution, said his comments were made in an interview with the Paris newspaper Le Figaro.

Previously, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has said the 50 embassy hostages would be tried as "spies" if the United States did not send the deposed shah to Iran.

In Washington Tuesday, a White House official who declined to be named said the Iranian militants had threatened to shoot some of the hostages "if they did not cooperate."

Also for the first time, Ghotbzadeh accused the three top U.S. diplomats in Iran, who have been held in the Foreign Ministry, of "having committed crimes."

"If they leave the ministry, they will be handed to the law enforcement officials," he was quoted as saying.

## Spraying 'wasteful'

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A federal program last summer to prevent a massive grasshopper infestation of 11 western states by aerial spraying was wasteful and mismanaged, a government report is quoted as saying.

The report, quoted in a story published Tuesday by the Kansas City Times, cites instances where pesticides fell over the wrong areas, where spraying had been opposed because of possible environmental damage, and where "there was divergent views" by USDA officials on how to proceed with the program.

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Rep. Virginia Smith, R-Neb., called the spraying program of 900,000 acres in Nebraska "a colossal federal debacle."

The report, assembled by a special investigatory team of the USDA's animal and plant health inspection service, contains a special section dealing with what Smith calls "the incredible mess in Nebraska."

Other areas sprayed were in the Dakotas, Montana, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Colorado and Kansas, the Times said.

## Irrigation reviewed

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court, in a case that could affect the ownership of a million acres of farmland in 17 western states, agreed Monday to resolve a stormy California dispute over land and water.

The justices will decide whether farm owners in the state's Imperial Valley must sell huge portions of their land—everything in excess of 160 acres for each family member—to continue receiving free government irrigation.

A federal appeals court has ruled that a 77-year-old law prohibits free water, vital for crop success, to larger farms.

Of the almost 10 million acres in 17 states covered by the law, ownership of about one million acres might have to be redistributed if irrigation is to continue.

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