

## Suit planned against Josh sponsors

By Mary Jo Pitzl

A UNL student and a UNL graduate said they plan to file suit with ASUN early next week to protest Christian activist Josh McDowell's speech and ask for the revocation of the charters of the four campus groups who sponsored him, the Daily Nebraskan has learned.

McDowell spoke to a Union crowd of more than 1,000 Wednesday about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The student, who requested anonymity, said the suit would charge the four campus religious organizations sponsoring McDowell with violation of the university's religion policy. The policy forbids the use of university facilities for any organized event featuring religious worship or testimony.

The suit would ask that the charters of the Baptist Student Union, Campus Crusade for Christ, Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship and the Navigators-UNL be revoked, the student said.

The prospective plaintiffs charge that McDowell violated the religion policy by giving testimony during his speech.

However, the office of student affairs "has not yet reached closure" on whether McDowell gave testimony, according to Vice Chancellor Richard Armstrong.

He said two questions cloud the issue: whether testimony as defined by the NU Board of Regents' policy was given Wednesday and if the policy statement itself is defensible from a legal standpoint.

"I'm just not in a position to say whether or not what he gave last night (Wednesday) was testimony," Armstrong said.

"It so happens that all this is going on at the same time the regents' policy is being reviewed," Armstrong said.

He explained that Council of Student Affairs officers and the NU legal counsel have been examining the religion policy "rather intensively" for about two months. The council is composed of the vice chancellors for student affairs from the three NU campuses.

"We find ourselves not so certain about the interpretation and the enforceability of the policy," Armstrong said.

NU Attorney Dick Wood said he has been reviewing several proposed modifications in the religion policy, but refused to comment on them. Wood said he had no estimate of when the council would reach a decision on policy change.

Armstrong said the possibility of conflict arising from bringing a religion-oriented speaker to campus while the policy was under scrutiny did not come up when McDowell's visit was being planned.

Because of the cloudiness of the policy and the lack of complaints to his office, Armstrong said that McDowell's

speech today in the Union Ballroom would proceed as scheduled.

McDowell will address fraternity and sorority members invited by the four religious organizations on "Options of Leadership," at 12:30 p.m., according to Glen Maloney, program consultant for Campus Activities and Programs.

Maloney said the speech grew out of the enthusiastic response McDowell received from the fraternity and sorority members when he first visited campus more than five years ago.



The world of religion and different beliefs can be a strange and unusual place. For this Daily Nebraskan reporter, seated beside a mural of the Tree of Life, the only escape was to vanish. For more on religion turn to the Fathom section.

## Students for Life to file as official organization

By Patti Gallagher

UNL Students for Life, "an organization dedicated to protecting the right to life for every person" will focus on eliminating the "propaganda" created by pro-choice advocates and the notion that pro-lifers are religiously based, according to president Judy Tiehen.

Students for Life will soon be recognized as an official UNL organization, Tiehen said, having applied to Campus Activities and Programs in mid-November, and filing a constitution Thursday.

In working for the rights of the unborn child, Tiehen said walls of misinformation have been built by pro-choice or pro-abortion groups.

Addressing issues from cries of violating women's rights, to "using God," to questioning "the exceptions" to their anti-abortion stand, Tiehen said Students for Life are "trying to get around the propaganda" created by those opposed to their causes.

In attempting to break down these walls, Students for Life will serve to "educate on the university level," about pro-life matters, she said.

"We are definitely not against women's rights," Tiehen said, because pro-life is a "human-rights issue. A whole other being is involved here," she said, taking the issue out of the solely women-rights scope.

Freedom is a key word for feminists opposed to pro-life, Tiehen said. "They accuse us of eliminating freedom" for a woman to choose between pregnancy and abortion, she said, but "we are trying to create freedom for the unborn."

Tiehen said the pro-life cause is often termed religious, and therefore emotional, but refuted this saying "we are not more emotional than cerebral, and not trying to push God on anyone."

"It is very clear to me only pro-lifers are attacked on using God," Tiehen said, emphasizing that "we are not religious fanatics" with a majority of the group's membership steering clear of religious arguments because they are generally in-

effective.

Arguments that there are exceptions to abortion cases are not substantial for Students for Life, she said.

"You can't allow any exceptions in abortion," she said, because human life is a basic, constitutional right. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" can only be attained when the rest is made possible, she said.

The "exceptions" of rape, incest, unwanted children, and excess cost to society are all secondary to this basic, constitutional right, Tiehen said.

Plans for the organization include attendance at legislative sessions to support LB891. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Donald Dworak of Columbus, would exclude group insurance abortion coverage paid in part by public funds for state employees, Tiehen said.

The group also plans national level action, with current opposition aimed at the "Bouman-bill," Tiehen said. The bill, which has been passed in the house and is before the Senate, allows states to decide if Medicare and Welfare funds are given to abortion.

Tiehen said a majority of the group attended the annual Walk for Life, in downtown Lincoln January 19, at which she was a featured speaker. Other organizational events will be planned once the group gets on its feet, and the money starts to flow, she said.

"The ultimate goal" of Students for Life, and all pro-life groups, Tiehen said, "is a human life amendment to the constitution."

Students for Life currently has between 70 and 90 members, Tiehen said, and will hold its first organized meeting Tuesday in the Nebraska Union at 7 p.m.

The group will become official once the "formalities of the constitution bit" are cleared, Tiehen said.

The process of becoming an officially recognized university program begins with submitting a letter of intent to CAP, said Glen Maloney, CAP program consultant.

The proposed group must state its purpose of formation, include five members, and have a faculty sponsor, Maloney said.

Roy Loudon, UNL administrator of personnel and risk management, will sponsor the Students for Life.

The program or group can then act for

60 days, and is officially recognized after the acceptance of their constitution, he said. The constitution committee of ASUN then reviews the proposed constitution, Maloney said, and upon approval by the ASUN Senate, the organization is then an official university program.

## Artwork law stumps CPC

By Michelle Carr

A recently passed Nebraska law perplexed the UNL Central Planning Committee Thursday.

The statute, enacted as LB662, requires that all new state buildings use 1 percent of the construction cost to erect artwork on the building grounds.

However, members of the planning committee questioned the wording of the statute and some of the statute's requirements.

Harley Schrader, director of the UNL Physical Plant, said the definition of construction cost is not clear. Schrader said that some definitions include utilities, movable machinery, planning and land acquisition in construction cost, thus raising the amount required for artwork.

The planning committee was scheduled to approve policy for acquiring art for construction projects, which was to be

recommended to UNL Chancellor Roy Young and the NU Board of Regents. However, the committee tabled the motion until legal counsel issues a statement on the statute's wording.

Schrader also said that 1 percent of the construction cost should be used to pay for the erection and the maintenance of the artwork.

He said artwork, such as the Broyhill Fountain, is "a real drag as far as maintenance is concerned." He said if a major fountain breaks down, it would cost \$10,000 to repair.

"We can't afford \$10,000 when we have academic concerns," he said.

The statute also requires the creation of a committee to oversee art construction on the campuses. Schrader said that a representative of the physical plant should be included on the committee, Robert Knoll, UNL English professor said that a position on the committee for a student representative also should be ensured.

In other action, the committee approved a new name for the Former Veterinary Science building on East Campus. The committee approved the name, Natural Resources Hall.

Various faculty and employees of the building said the old name caused confusion among students and the postal office.

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