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Death penalty protest is planned

A silent protest against the death penalty is planned Wednesday when the Nebraska Supreme Court convenes at the UNL Law College to hear arguments in five cases.

A group calling itself Law Students Against the Death Penalty has planned the protest and has written a letter to Supreme Court justices explaining why the protest was planned.

In the letter, the group says imposition of the penalty is arbitrary and unjust.

"In view of the fact that Gov. (Charles) Thone vetoed the Legislature's repeal of the death penalty last year and that the Nebraska Supreme Court has set execution dates for three persons on death row, we feel it is necessary to raise our concerns," the letter said.

Laura Beard, a freshman law student and member of the student group, said black armbands will be worn during the court's session.

The group will distribute the armbands before the session begins, and will be taking names and comments of persons opposed to the penalty.

Charles Starkweather, executed in 1959, was the last person to die in Nebraska's electric chair. Last year, the Legislature passed a bill sponsored by Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers that would have replaced the death penalty with a mandatory 30 year prison sentence, but Thone vetoed the bill after the legislative session.

Chambers has introduced an identical bill this year, which recently received its public hearing. Thone has said he will veto the bill again if it passes.

Environmental group seeks new member

Citizens for Environmental Improvement, a Lincoln non-profit organization, is looking for a new board member to serve the city and incorporate new ideas and goals, board member Terry Johnson said.

Currently the citizens' group operates the recycling centers on North 33rd Street, the City County Building and 56th Street and Normal Boulevard, Johnson said.

This year is the 10th anniversary for the group the purpose of which is to involve Lincolnites in the environment, Johnson said.

But, Johnson said, "We are reorganizing and branching out into some other areas. We need some new members with new ideas and energy."

The expanding areas, Johnson said, include an organic gardening class he taught this year at Southeast Community College.

The group also isowrking on programs for Earth Day April 22, a day of environmental promotion, Johnson said.

Visiting econ professor to lecture

Marc R. Tool, an economics professor from California State University-Sacramento will give three lectures at UNL March 6 and 7.

Known as a holistic institutional economist, Tool is the author of "The Discretionary Economy: A Normative Theory of Political Economy" and "A Social Value Theory in Neoinstitutional Economics."

He is president of the Association for Institutional Thought, a board member of the Association for Evolu-

Alumni bestow fellowships

A \$50,000 fund has been established with the University of Nebraska Foundation by alumni Henry J. and Nellie M. Broderson of Menlo Park, Calif., to support fellowships for graduate students studying chemistry on the Lincoln campus.

tionary Economics and associate editor of the Journal of Economic Issues.

Tool's research interests are in normative economic analysis, discretionary policy processes and the social value theory of capitalism and Marxism.

Tool's first lecture, "The Case for Economic Planning," will be in the Student Union Auditorium at 3 p.m. March 6. His second lecture, to be presented later that evening at an Omicron Delta Epsilon banquet at 6:30, is "Competing Perspectives in Political Economy: Holistic Economics as Option Three." Reservations can be made by contacting Susan Vanicek, CBA 363.

Tool will conclude his lecture series at UNL on March 7 at 10:30 a.m. with "The Compulsive Shift to Institutional Economics" in CBA 328.



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