

UNL debate coach is political moderator

Jack Kay, director of the UNL debate team, is acting as moderator for a series of political debates to be broadcast over radio station KHAT-FM (106 fm).

The debates are co-sponsored by the UNL Department of Speech Communications and the Cornhusker debate team.

According to Kay, the debates air at 6 p.m. The first debate was Oct. 5 between Sen. Shirley Marsh and LaVon Crosby, legislative candidates for Lincoln's 29th District.

The second debate will be Oct. 12 between Sen. Steve Fowler and Jerry Sellentin legislative candidates for the 27th District.

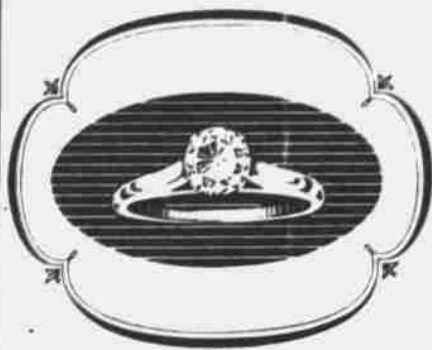
The third debate, between Rep. Doug Bereuter and Rex Story, will be Nov. 2.

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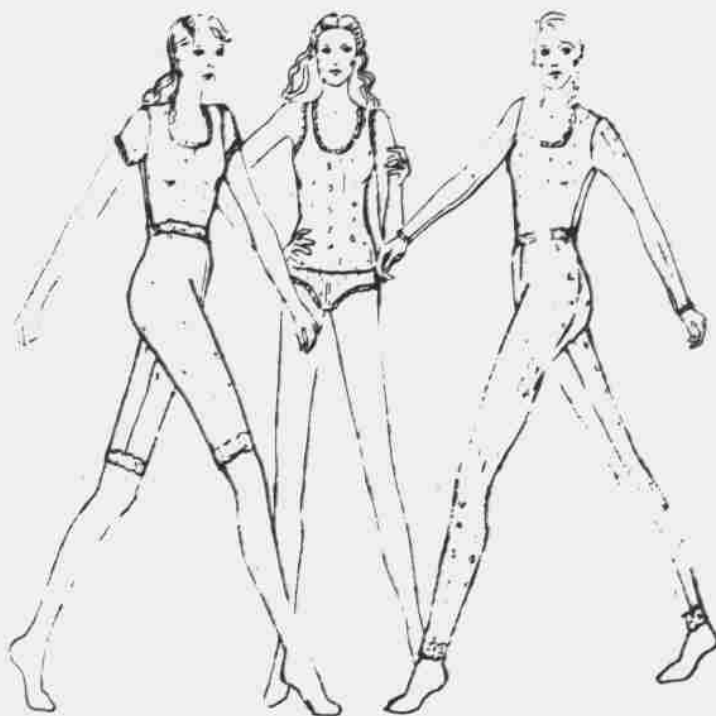
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Students mourn the painting of Architectural Hall's door, and refuse to enter until the paint is removed.

Funeral for a dear friend: Architectural Hall's door

By Jim Faddis

About 30 architectural students paid their last respects to a dear friend Wednesday—the door leading into Architectural Hall.

"This is a friend who has stood by us through hot and cold, one who has never left us or failed us," said Rick LaRosa, a junior architecture student.

The cause for the student's mourning was the painting of the door's wood frame. "Presently, under this ugly cover lies a beautiful being," LaRosa said.

The door's funeral was complete with a flower wreath and taped mourning music.

LaRosa said the door which was painted Monday, and the whole building is a national historical landmark. The only thing that can be done to a landmark is to restore or improve it, he said, and this was not done.

"The painting of the door was just the easy and cheap way to do it," he said. Junior Chuck Dallugue told the students to wake up.

"If they can do this to this door, they can do it to anything," Dallugue said. "We can't become insensitive to the beauty of buildings like those who painted this door are," he added.

The architecture students then decided they would not pass through the door until the paint was stripped off.

Architecture College Dean Cecil Steward agreed with the students that the door shouldn't have been painted.

"In my opinion, the paint is a defacement of the building," Steward said. "Ever since the building was constructed there has been a natural wood finish on the door."

The door was painted to preserve it, said Harley Schrader, UNL physical plant director.

He said the university has problems maintaining varnished surfaces and all such surfaces on campus are being painted.

The door was not the building's original door, Schrader said, and for it to be restored it would have to be replaced. Steward said this was splitting hairs over the issue.

"The building is almost 90-years-old and the entrance has always had a wood finish just like the inside of the building," he said.

Steward said he has asked that the paint be stripped off the door and that it be varnished, but Schrader said that probably won't be done.

"We don't have the budget to go around redoing things, and I don't think it should be redone," Schrader said.

Steward said he understands the financial constraints the physical plant is under.

"But I think because Architectural Hall is a historical landmark, a different allocation of money should be made to preserve it."

Professor will study behavior of leaders

A \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Navy has been awarded to UNL Management Professor Fred Luthans to discover what "makes the difference between success and failure" among government, business and military leaders.

According to Luthans, the aim of the three-year study will be "to develop a leader behavior observations system, a new way to measure leadership behavior."

Leadership ability traditionally has been measured by questionnaires, which Luthans calls an indirect approach. "The indirect approach, in my opinion, is an invalid approach to measure leadership," Luthans said. "We will actually observe what they do during the day rather than asking them to recall how they think they behave. Our preliminary studies show that there is not a great deal of convergence between the two."

Managers from government, business and possibly the military in the Midwest will be observed by Luthans and several doctoral students.

"Participant observers" also will assist and will include such on-the-job personnel as coworkers and secretaries. Such observers will be asked to fill out a form evaluating their managers' planning and organizational skills over a time sampling basis.



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