

Krivosha: O'Connor brings no dramatic change

By Ward W. Triplett III

Nebraska Chief Justice Norman Krivosha said Tuesday that today's expected Senate approval of Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court should not make any significant changes in the bench's structure or philosophy.

"I don't believe it is possible for a single member of the court to make dramatic changes in the bench," Krivosha said.

"I've been following the committee hearings, and from what I've heard, she is likely to be from the same mold as (retired) Judge (Potter) Stewart. I would not believe there could be any significant movement within the court whatsoever."

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 17-0 Tuesday afternoon to support O'Connor's nomination to the Court.

If the Senate approves the appointment, made by President Reagan in February, O'Connor will become the first woman to join the Court in United States' history.

U.S. senators from Nebraska remained uncommitted about voting for or against O'Connor, though one of them, J. James Exon, had been awaiting the vote of the judiciary committee to make a decision.

"He has said that he was very impressed with Mrs. O'Connor," said Mark Bowen, Exon's press agent. Exon and fellow Sen. Edward Zorinsky were on the Senate floor arguing the Farm Bill Tuesday afternoon and couldn't be reached for comment.

Zorinsky's press agent Mark Fuchs said the senator had not indicated how he would vote.

"He has been following the committee hearings closely, and studying Mrs. O'Connor's background," Fuchs said. Anti-abortion groups said that O'Connor has a record

of voting for legislation that would lift laws against abortion, and Moral Majority backers had claimed Reagan betrayed them by choosing her for the bench.

The issue apparently carried over in the committee hearings as Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., who had gone on record as not understanding O'Connor's position on the

"I don't think O'Connor's nomination made any difference as far as her sex. It depends on her ability," said UNL freshman Kathy Culver. For more opinions about the nomination, see Page 6.



Photo by Dave Bentz

Patti Meisenbach (left) and Kim Kaufman peer through the plants at the Plantasia Plant sale in the Nebraska Union Tuesday. The sale, sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta and the All-University Fund, lasts until Thursday.

Plantasia sale revenue benefits AUF

Plantasia, an annual sale sponsored by the All University Fund and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, began Tuesday, AUF spokesman John Beneke said.

Beneke said more than 8,000 plants, ranging from tropical foliage to cactus, will be sold through Thursday in the Nebraska Union ballroom.

He said the plants are provided by Greenfingers Greenhouse and will be sold by AUF, AUF and Greenfingers

each receive half the money collected, he said. AUF's share will go to an undetermined charity.

For the third year, Kappa Alpha Theta is providing the manpower to sell the plants as a philanthropy project, said Julia Sipple, philanthropy chairman. The sorority has 90 members who will work in shifts.

According to Beneke, the sale will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. He said prices for the plants start at \$1.

Regulations allow mopeds on campus

By Tricia Waters

The man buzzes along on his moped on the UNL City Campus. He rides it straight to the classroom building.

Near the building, two students strolling home from class see him pull up to park in a bicycle rack.

"Can he ride that on the sidewalk?" one student asks his companion.

"I don't think so, but maybe he can," the companion

says.

Legally, he can't ride the moped on campus sidewalks when the motor is running, said Capt. Ken Markle of University Police.

"They can pedal them on campus," Markle said. "They can park them in bicycle racks, but they can't park in motorcycle racks."

State and city regulations consider a moped a bicycle. State law defines it as a bicycle with pedals for movement by human power. Its maximum speed can't exceed 30 mph and its cylinder capacity can't exceed 50 cubic centimeters.

A moped has an automatic transmission and produces no more than two-brake horsepower.

Because the moped is considered a bicycle, moped riders must comply with bicycle traffic rules, which are the same as motor vehicle rules.

Mopeds must be registered like bicycles, through the Lincoln or University Police departments, bicycle dealers or city fire departments.

Off campus, riding on the sidewalk is regulated. Areas, such as downtown Lincoln and Havelock Avenue are off limits to moped riders.

Violating bicycle rules is a misdemeanor. If convicted of a violation, owners could lose their registration or have their moped impounded for up to six months.

So far, police have issued warnings to operators riding mopeds on campus with the motor running, Markle said. He said police will start handing out tickets if the illegal practice continues.

abortion issue, voted 'present' instead of yes or no, the only non-yes vote among the 18-member board.

Still, O'Connor is expected to gain the majority of the Senate's approval.

"I have believed from the outset that she was an appropriate appointment," Krivosha said. "I believe she has proven to have all the necessary skills and experience for the job."

Public defenders play large role

By Joe Kreizinger

The Lancaster County Public Defender's office plays a large role in providing legal representation for indigent clients who have been accused of crimes that could result in jail sentences.

The office, located in the County-City Building, handled 2,756 cases last year. The cases included 703 felonies, 689 city cases, 549 misdemeanors, 410 juvenile cases, 192 mental commitment hearings, 106 miscellaneous cases, 62 appeals and 45 contempt cases.

A public defender is appointed by judges of the municipal, district or county court system to aid those persons who need legal representation but are unable to afford it.

Dorothy Walker, deputy public defender, said the public defender is an extremely important facet in the governmental system.

"In our judicial system, we are expected to suppose someone as being innocent until proven guilty," Walker said. "If the state restricts you because you are poor, it is taking something away without due process."

Walker said 10 deputy public defenders are employed at the office. They were appointed to office by the Lancaster County Public Defender Dennis Keefe, who is an elected county official.

The office is organized to handle cases from three

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Massengale installation scheduled for Sunday

UNL's 16th chancellor will be officially installed in a one-hour ceremony Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Kimball Recital Hall.

Martin A. Massengale has been chief administrative officer at UNL since June 1. He is the former vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNL.

Featured speaker at the program will be James Olson, president of the University of Missouri since 1976 and a former director of the Nebraska State Historical Society. He is a former faculty member and administrator at UNL. Olson has written extensively on Nebraska and Indian history, including about 500 syndicated columns for Nebraska newspapers.

James P. O'Hanlon, president of the UNL Faculty Senate, will preside over the ceremony, which will begin after a procession from Westbrook Music Building into Kimball.

Also speaking during the installation will be Robert Prokop, chairman of the NU Board of Regents; Rick Mocker, ASUN president; NU President Ronald Roskens, and Massengale.

UNL faculty and students from the School of Music will provide music for the program using brass and the Miskell Memorial Organ.

In announcing the installation, Roskens said the occasion will be an opportunity to formally introduce the chancellor to the state's citizenry.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to the ceremony. A reception will follow.

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