

## Councilman predicts...

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"The council has had a genuine interest in all transportation modes. The mayor shares that commitment. In the last (Lincoln) Transportation Department report, for the first time there was a part actually labeled 'Alternatives to the Automobile.'" he said. Car pooling, bicycle paths and mass transit are viable alternatives to the automobiles that carry only the driver, he said.

But the city will have increasing difficulty financing such plans, Steinman said.

"The Reagan administration is planning to eliminate federal funds for mass transit by 1984. The state is also reducing some areas of revenue. We may have to adjust the sales tax so the bus system doesn't atrophy."

Students should get more involved in city government, the councilman said.

"If students really want to get involved in city government in the coming year, there is going to be a major revision of the city's comprehensive plan. Transportation will be a major part of that. If students are interested in bicycle paths and mass transit, they ought to be out in force to support them."

GLC chairperson Nette Nelson said she had talked to

the mayor about setting aside a student position on the mayor's advisory council's because of the two-year waiting list on some of them—such as the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Steinman suggested that students testify to committees even if they can't immediately get on a particular city committee. Nelson said students face disincentives to getting more involved in Lincoln politics by registering as voters here, including: students traditionally registering in their hometown; they would be liable to the present wheel tax if they registered here; and among some city employees "there is a pervasive feeling that students are meddling in city politics with no guarantee they'll be taxpayers."

Steinman said he could sympathize because faculty members involved in politics often encounter the same attitude.

"A lot of people think the faculty person is just going to find another job in a couple of years anyway. Happily, I think it's a minority feeling," he said.

Students definitely can affect city government.

"It's a very open government, and I'm not just saying this because I'm part of it. As a political scientist who's

lived in other places, I can say Lincoln is a lot more open and democratic than many other places," he said.

Nelson said the next two GLC information breakfasts will be Nov. 10 with Sen. Lowell Johnson of North Bend and Nov. 17 with Sen. Don Dworak of Columbus. Both are at 7:30 a.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Interested people should make reservations with GLC the day before each breakfast, she said.

## Fewer faculty at NU but salaries increase

The number of full-time faculty members at NU is down by almost 6 percent from six years ago, but faculty salaries are up.

A report from the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education showed that the number of full-time faculty members at NU decreased by 1,756 to 1,655 since 1975-76, with nine-month average pay up 44 percent to \$23,425 a year.

Harry Allen, director of the office of institutional research at UNL, said budget cuts are primarily responsible for the reduction.

"We've been under a rollback. Our budgets have been tight, several vacancies have not been filled," he said. "I think that there has been a general reduction in funds for faculty positions."

The number of full-time faculty members at other Nebraska colleges and universities has increased, the report said.

At the Nebraska state colleges, full-time faculty numbers increased by about 25 people per college, or 5.85 percent. Faculty pay was up 43 percent to an average of \$19,813 per year.

At community colleges, the number of full-time faculty members increased by 101, 19 percent, and pay was up 36 percent to an average of \$15,599.

Private colleges and universities in Nebraska showed an increase in faculty of 38 people or 4.4 percent, and salaries were up 36.7 percent to an average of \$18,444.

Pay for the average full-time faculty member has increased by more than a third since 1975-76, the report said. Salaries for women rose slightly more than those for men, but are still generally below men's salaries the report said.

The study shows that the average nine-month salary for faculty at all Nebraska colleges was \$20,479 in 1980-81, up 40 percent from the 1975-76 average of \$14,649.

The number of faculty on tenure — long-time employees who are almost certain to be rehired — has declined at NU and private colleges, but has increased at the four state colleges.

Faculty totals do not include part-time workers, graduate assistants or people who work on more than one campus or in more than one department.

## Misinformation received

Because of misinformation given to a Daily Nebraskan reporter, it was incorrectly reported yesterday that only three Nebraska State Senators are members of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Sen. Rex Haberman, of Imperial, said that all senators in the Legislature are members of the NCSL.

## First lady says she likes to write for free

There is nothing better than being a journalist and talking to people and broadening your horizons, Ruth Thone, wife of Gov. Charles Thone, said Tuesday at the Nebraska Union.

Thone spoke of her past experiences as a news reporter as a part of a series of talks on women's careers sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and the Student Y.

"All I ever wanted to do was be a news reporter," Thone said. "It gave me a wonderful vehicle for asking people questions all the time."

Thone was editor of the Daily Nebraskan while she was in college and worked for KOLN-TV and a local radio station. Thone has written for the *Omaha World-Herald* and the *Washington Post*.

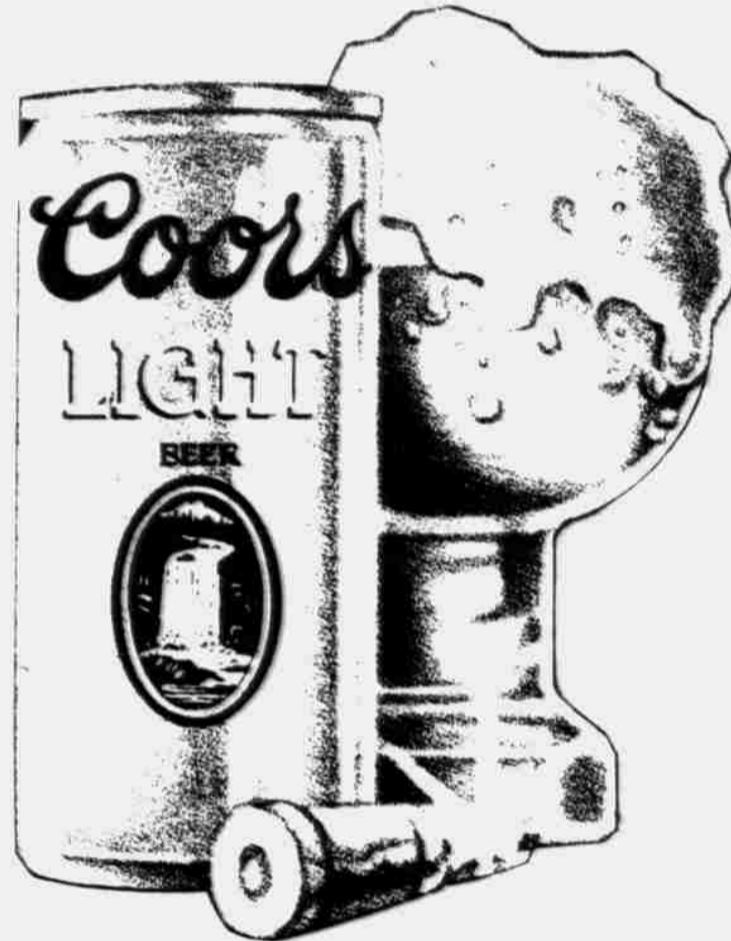
The type of writing she enjoys doing now is factual, first person short stories, Thone said. She said she likes to write the sort of pieces that allow her to express her feelings.

"One of the deepest things in me is the need to write and it must not be tied into being paid for it," Thone said. Thone said writing is difficult, especially re-writing a story.

Thone said she would like to write a weekly column. "A weekly column is like yeast, one idea leads to another," she said.

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