

Regents race attracts 19 candidates

The deadline to file for seats on the NU Board of Regents ended Friday with 19 candidates vying for the four district seats.

In the 3rd District, Kermit Wagner is not seeking reelection. Running for the seat are State Sen. Don Dworak of Columbus, who owns an insurance business; Jerry Schiermeyer, a Fremont banker; Margaret Robinson of Norfolk, president of Norfolk Iron and Metal Company; and Judy Larsen of Hooper.

In the 4th District, Robert Prokop of Wilbur is seeking his third six-year term as a regent. Opponents for the position are James W. Billups of Nebraska City; Clifton N. Foster of Bellevue, an education consultant; Nancy DeLong Hoch of Nebraska City, a housewife and past president of the NU Alumni Association; George P. Miller of Papillion, publisher of the *Papillion Times*; Lee Polikov of Bellevue, an attorney and chief administrative officer of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office; and Willard H. Waldo of DeWitt, a farmer and former member of the State Board of Education.

The incumbent in the 5th District is Robert R. Koefoot of Grand Island. His opponents are Leon E. Langemeier, a banker from Fremont; and James N. Norton, an attorney from David City.

Attorney James Moylan of Omaha is seeking reelection to the 8th District seat. He is being challenged by four candidates, all from Omaha. They are Sharon Donnermeyer Jackson; Arthur F. Montmorency, a Mutual of Omaha executive; Richard J. O'Brien, who works for an insurance agency; and Dr. Edgar H. Smith, a pathologist.

Four of the 19 candidates are women. According to Jim Raglin, NU director of public affairs, a woman has never been elected to the board of regents. However, he said, women have been appointed to finish unexpired terms.

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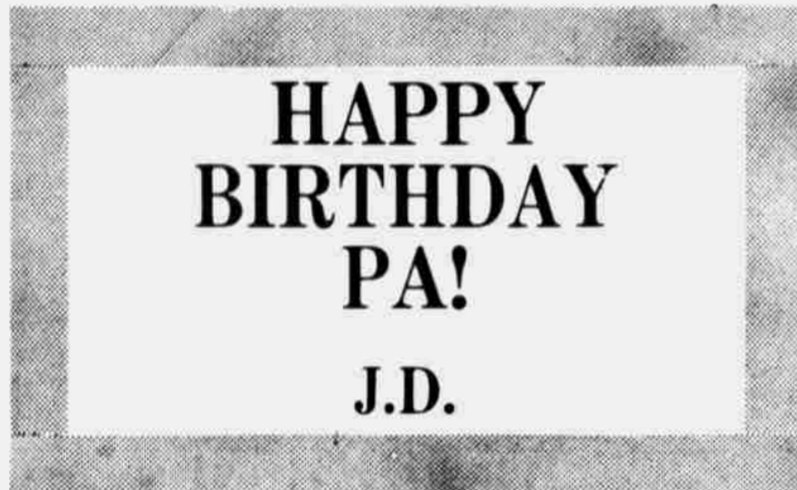
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"They said they don't want to talk about it. They don't even talk. We know why they want us to leave."

Firoz said that the business is going to relocate in another state.

Jeff's Pipe Shop, 227 N. 11th St., will not close, according to owner Jeff Ferber, but it will stop selling pipes and water pipes and start selling more gift items. He said he still may be able to sell rolling papers, but he wasn't sure.

"I'll be talking to law enforcement officials about that," he said.



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Ejection from rink spurs blind man's struggle for rights

By Willis Gray

Gary Doty is like most other young men. He likes to fish, walk and roller skate, like any other young man. However, Gary Doty is blind.

The 27-year-old Lincoln resident said that just because he can't see, he shouldn't be prohibited from doing what he wants if he does it well.

Case in point: roller skating. In January 1980, Doty and his girlfriend went to the Holiday Skate-world North to go skating.

He was asked to leave right after he entered the building. According to Doty, the rink's manager, Dennis Runyan, told him his white cane would be a safety hazard to others skating. After about 20 minutes of tense discussion, Doty put on a pair of skates and went out on the floor. He said the manager then called the police and he was soon ejected.

Doty said the manager was "hostile" and tried to intimidate both him and his girlfriend.

For Doty, the ejection from the roller rink was the first time he encountered discrimination because of his blindness. He decided to seek help. He eventually brought his case to the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights.

Finally, after a week delay and public hearings, the commission voted in Doty's favor. The roller rink's manager has appealed the decision to U.S. District Court.

Doty is pleased with the decision because it means he gets to skate, a hobby he has enjoyed since age 6. However, he also criticized the decision because it only affects him, and Doty said all blind people should be allowed to roller skate or do anything they want to.

Doty said most people know little about discrimination against the blind. He said this is because discrimination against the blind usually occurs in a different form than other types of discrimination.

Discrimination is usually shown in a patronizing attitude, he said.

"It's like they're saying, 'Let's look out for the poor blind person.'"

Doty attended UNL for 1 1/2 years as a philosophy major, but quit school when he married. He now builds waterbeds at Land and Sky waterbed company in Lincoln.

He said he went skating about three weeks ago at the same rink he was thrown out of. There were no incidents, he said, which surprised him.

Doty considers himself an "activist." He is president of the Lincoln chapter of the National Association for the Blind, a group Doty said "speaks out for the rights of all blind people."

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