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Ramona Weatherly launches a kite for Karen Tangeman on a windy, sunny Wednesday, in a grassy area east of Memorial Stadium.

ASUN Senate committees forming, constitutions pass

By Betsy Miller

The 1982-83 ASUN Senate took more steps to begin organizing its committee structure at its Wednesday night meeting in the East Union.

The senators have not yet been assigned to committees, but Kathy Roth, speaker of the senate, said they should be on committees by the end of April.

In the meantime, the senate passed a bill that allows the ASUN Executive Committee to act as a Constitutions Committee until a Constitutions Committee is formed.

The senate then approved the constitutions of Towne Club, the Bowling Team, a Criminal Justice organization, the University Child Care Governing Board, the Student Sections of Consumer Affairs Majors, Phi Theta Kappa-Alumni Association, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Nebraska Engineering and Technology Executive Board and a design organization in the College of Home Economics. All these organizations had their constitutions reviewed by the Executive Committee.

Roth said most university-related groups

must have their constitutions reviewed yearly by the senate.

Eight ad-hoc committees, which can consist of ASUN members, faculty members and students in general, were approved by the senate to investigate issues related to financial aid questions, the ASUN legislative process, the Student Foundation, the Student Legal Services Advisory Committee, admission restrictions, student communication, lab fees evaluation and the University Bookstore.

Roth said ASUN President Dan Wedekind wanted action to be taken quickly. She said she thought the ad-hoc committees can work independently from other ASUN committees.

Wedekind and first vice president Bob Fitzgerald are in Philadelphia attending an American Association of University Students conference, Roth said.

The senate voted to allocate \$100 to pay the registration fees of Fitzgerald and Wedekind.

The senate also approved Doug Dey, a freshman from Waverly majoring in pre-law and agricultural economics, as its new parliamentarian.

Regents' bylaw on political activity under review

By Vicki Ruhga

NU attorney Richard Wood has been asked by UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale to review the NU Board of Regents' bylaw on political activity by university faculty members.

Lincoln city councilman Mike Steinman, who also is a UNL political science professor, is the only faculty member affected by the review.

"In 1979 when I first ran for council, I went through the notification process listed in the bylaws," Steinman said Wednesday. "I have again notified the chancellor that I will seek re-election."

When he ran for city council last time,

Steinman said, he made a request to the chancellor. The chairman of the political science department and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences wrote a reaction to Steinman's request, and based upon that, the chancellor allowed him to run for the office without any conditions, he said. The process took three days last time, Steinman said.

Steinman said he has the same job now that he had then, that of a full-time faculty member. Although he was on leave to work in the governor's office last time when he notified the chancellor, he was teaching in the fall when the election took place, just as he hopes to be teaching next year, he said.

"Given what I now know about the by-

law, I intend to run for re-election," Steinman said.

Wood said that he is reviewing the bylaw, and hopes to have an opinion to Massengale within the next 10 days. Wood said time is not an important factor because the election is a year away.

The bylaw states that faculty members have the right to participate in political life; however, each faculty member must perform the duties of his or her position at UNL without interference from outside activities.

Any UNL employee who is thinking about filing as a candidate for any part-time public office to which he may be elected or appointed must notify the

chancellor and appropriate dean or division head, according to the bylaw.

"It shall be the duty of the chancellor to determine to what extent such political activities will interfere with the employee's regular duties and to decide to what extent his duties and compensation shall be curtailed," the bylaw states.

The criteria for the chancellor's decision will be the amount of time which he or she will be required to devote to political activities during the period assigned for the performance of his duties at the university, and the time he would devote to such activities as classes, research and counseling. The duration of the political activities also would be considered by the chancellor.

Political leaders say Reagan changing students

By Eric Peterson

Leaders of two student political groups see UNL students' moving in different directions politically.

"I think (President) Reagan is pushing UNL students toward the center," said Jim Vitek, who heads the Nebraska Young Democrats. He cited reductions in social programs and disagreements with present foreign policy as reasons for the shift.

"A lot of students are insisting that there be nuclear disarmament talks," Vitek said.

Steve Gras, chairman of the Nebraska College Republicans, said UNL students are not necessarily becoming more liberal, but are concerned with different issues than most other Nebraskans.

"Most students tend to think like their parents politically, but I think students tend to focus on different things," Gras said. "Parents may have taxes as a priority, while students are very involved with financial aid."

According to the Secretary of State's office, figures from the Nov. 4, 1980 election show 424,963 registered Republicans and 376,534 registered Democrats in Nebraska.

Gras said students as a whole are not especially politically active.

"Most students seem to be concentrating on studies and their careers," Gras said.

He said the College Republicans will campaign for student involvement in several state races this year, including the

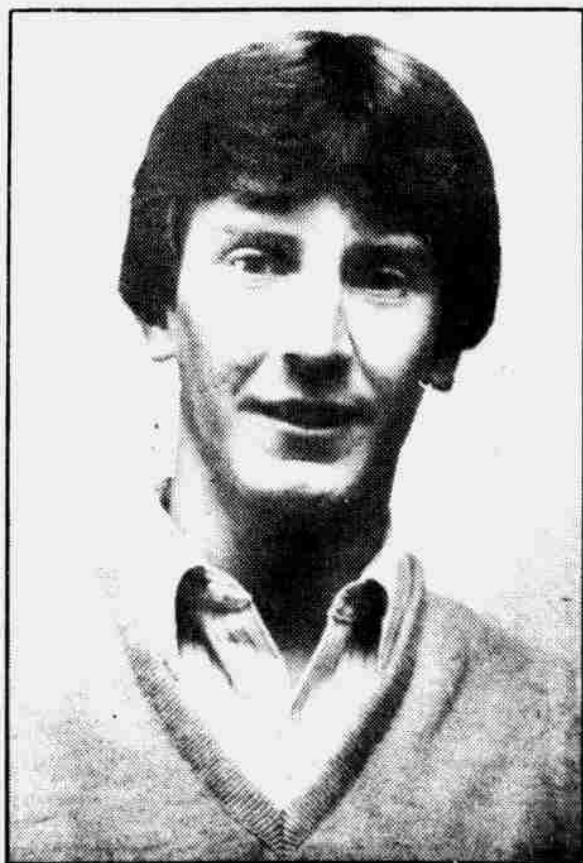


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Leonard "Steve" Gras

U.S. Senate race in which former Strategic Air Command vice commander Jim Keck, a Republican, is running against incumbent Democrat Ed Zorinsky.

"It's ironic that a Republican state like Nebraska has two Democrats in the senate," Gras said. "We want to help change that."

He said the College Republicans will also work to re-elect Gov. Charles Thone, the three Republican congresspeople, and

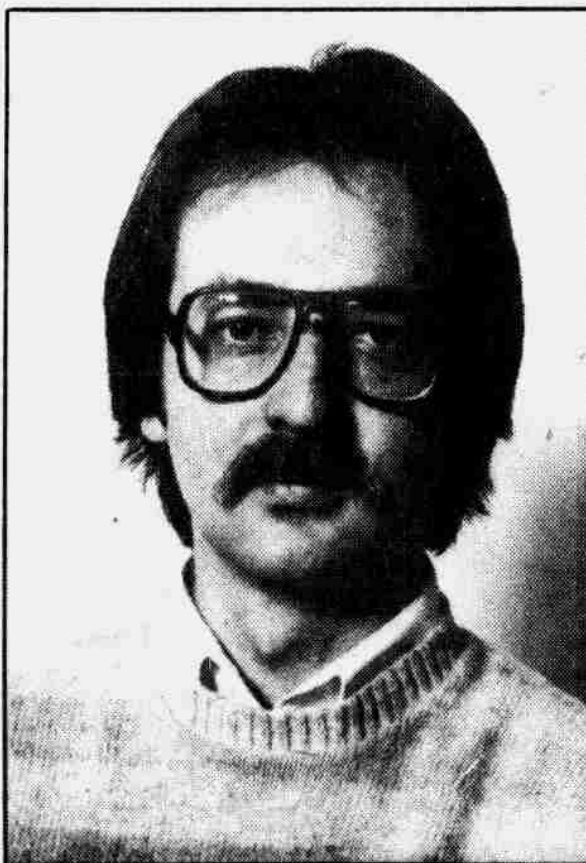


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James Vitek

certain state senators.

"The state legislature races are officially non-partisan, but some of the races have pretty clear Democratic and Republican divisions," Gras said.

He said Reagan's performance will be a favorable issue for Republicans in Nebraska.

"Two-thirds of the people approve of Reagan's performance in the state," Gras

said, and noted Nebraska's approval rating was the highest in a national poll.

Gras said the College Republicans group has about 60 members, and has been involved with strategy training by a team from the party headquarters in Washington, D.C. The College Republicans group has a \$3 membership fee.

Vitek agreed that Reagan's economic performance will be the major political issue this year.

"The Republicans will either be running on it or trying to distance themselves from it," Vitek said. Reps. Bereuter and Smith, who are from more rural or conservative districts, will probably campaign on the administration's popularity there, Vitek said. But Rep. Hal Daub, whose Omaha district has a high unemployment rate, may try to downplay his support for Reagan, he said.

Vitek said the Democratic nominee for governor will probably attack "what Thone's done by just not doing things." Lincoln businessman Bob Kerrey and former state senator George Burrows are currently running for the Democratic nomination.

The biggest student issue this year is financial aid, he said.

"There's a debate over cutting off student loans or making it so restrictive that no one can get them," Vitek said.

Vitek said the Young Democrats group is mostly but not exclusively university students. He said group members will participate individually in election races this year, but not as a whole.