

Chambers defends . . .

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in 1974 but he said the race for attorney general is closer to his heart because of his lack of regard for the legal system.

The legal system should try to uplift and elevate society, Chambers said. Instead, he said, the legal profession fails at these tasks.

"The legal system in Nebraska is a closed shop. It's a clubby little brotherhood. The system is designed to protect the inept, the incompetent and the stupid in their profession," Chambers said. "They consider me their biggest enemy because I have contempt for them and I know more about the law than they do."

Chambers will be campaigning extensively. The Rotarians in Grand Island and the city of Beatrice have invited

him to speak. Chambers said he will speak to any group that invites him. However, lack of money may be a problem for his campaign.

"People like me never have much money when they run for office. I'm sure Paul Douglas will have plenty of money. The reason that we have the people we have in office is that they are successful at raising money," Chambers said.

Politics has traditionally been an area that attracts lawyers, he said.

But, there are more important goals for Chambers than legal and political ones.

"The Legislature, being a lawyer, or if I win the Attorney General's race isn't my life or my wife. They are just arrows in my quiver - a means to an end to achieve freedom and justice," Chambers said.

'Economic illiteracy' focus of council

By Pat Higgins

A new emphasis on economic education is being used by William B. Walstad, the new director of the Nebraska Council on Economic Education.

This effort to improve economic knowledge will be made at the high school and even the elementary school level, with the Council on Economic Education providing resources and workshops for teachers at those levels.

"For too long, economics has been seen as a dry subject matter. Just look at the headlines every day - interest rates, inflation, unemployment. All of these areas have a large effect on the way we live," Walstad said.

High school graduates do not have a firm grasp of economics, he said. The students shouldn't be blamed because the teachers haven't been comfortable with the subject.

"It's a lot easier to educate when the students are young because by the time they get to college they have already formed their opinions - sometimes without

knowing the facts," Walstad said.

The Nebraska Council on Economic Education was formed in 1963. The state headquarters is in the College of Business Administration with branches at UNO and Hastings College. The non-partisan council has a purpose of providing objective economic information. Council officers include members of the business community, agriculture representatives and labor groups.

The post of executive director was vacant for more than a year until Walstad was appointed. He held a similar post at the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Walstad predicts that within five years Nebraska will be nationally recognized as a leader in economic education.

"Economic illiteracy is a major problem in this country. People need to understand the trade-offs that they make in everyday decisions. You should be able to work out career opportunities, for instance, as a kind of a cost-benefit analysis," Walstad said.

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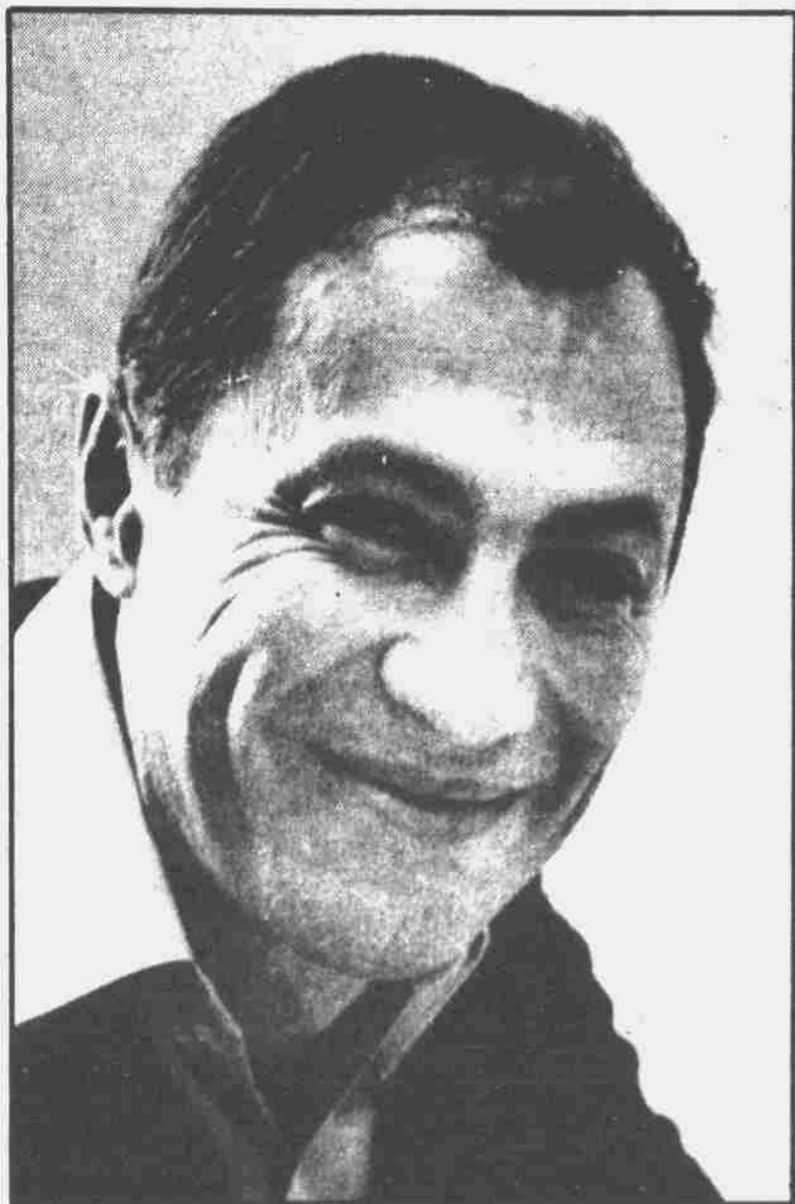
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Constantin Apostol

Romanian scholar joins UNL staff

One of the leading mathematicians in the field of operator theory has joined the UNL math department as a visiting professor.

Constantin Apostol has been appointed to teach for both fall and spring semesters. He is from Romania, where he is a research scientist at the National Institute of Scientific and Technical Creation in Budapest.

William J. Lewis, vice chairman of the mathematics and statistics department, said Apostol will be a valuable addition to the staff.

Apostol was teaching at the University of Michigan this past summer when he decided to extend his stay in the United States to a year, Lewis said.

UNL math professor Frank Gilfeather said Apostol visited about a dozen universities across the country last year, including UNL. In addition, Gilfeather and David Larson, another UNL math professor, visited Apostol in Romania.

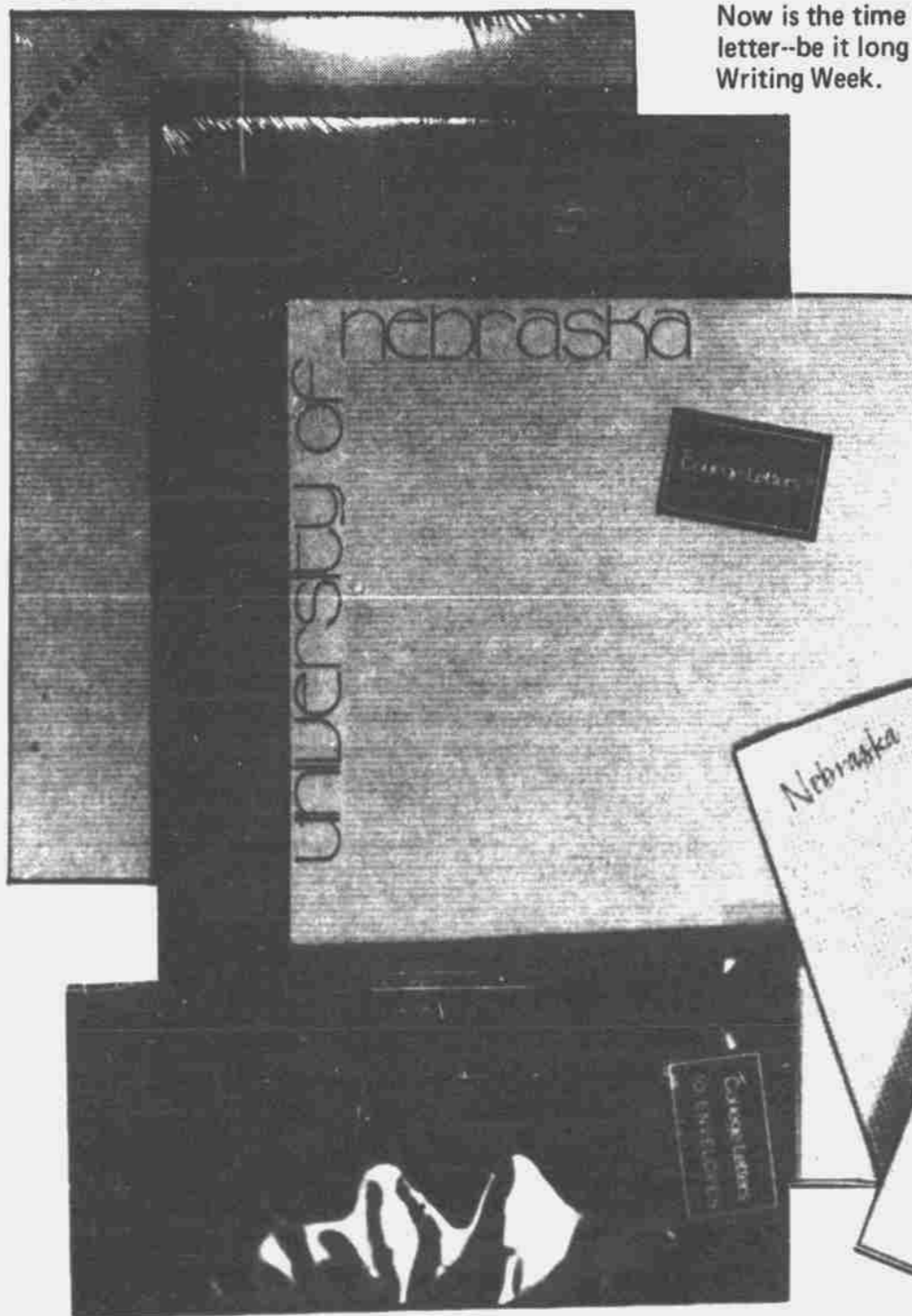
Gilfeather said there is quite a bit of correspondence between scientists and mathematicians from Eastern Europe and the United States.

Apostol will teach subjects such as differential equations and calculus at the university, Gilfeather said.

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