

Chief justice seeks to leave old problems behind

The new chief justice of the UNL Student Court, Todd Morrison, says that last year's problems are last year's problems, and he will be concerned only with this year's objectives.

Morrison, 23, was named chief justice by the ASUN executive committee last month. A junior in the Law College, Morrison is the only graduate student of the eight-member student court.

Morrison, a native of Omaha, succeeds Joe Nigro as chief justice.

Last spring, following a controversial hearing involving Electoral Commission Director Jennifer Fager, ASUN formed a committee to investigate the court's actions in the case.

That committee concluded that the court had acted inconsistently with the Judicial Code and requested that Nigro resign his position.

"I think the court will have to be very careful when making decisions this year," Morrison said. "After last year, I know people are going to be critical of us, so we have to be sure to thoroughly examine all the cases before we make any decision."

The appointment is Morrison's first involvement with student government at UNL. As an undergraduate at UNO, Morrison served on the student hearing board for a semester.

Morrison said he applied for the student court position for the involvement and experience the position would provide.

"It seemed like it would be a very interesting posi-

tion," he said. "It would allow me to become more involved with the campus.

"Being on East Campus most of the time, I don't get much of a chance to get involved in the university. This seemed like a good area to do that in," Morrison said.

He added that the position would be helpful to his future law career.

The student court is a special committee that meets only when requested by ASUN. Thus, Morrison said, he will hold an introductory meeting "just to see who everybody is."

Morrison said he would like to see the court switch to a more arbitrary form of decision-making.

"I hope to get the sides together, sit them down and settle the dispute arbitrarily," Morrison said.

"I think that it would be the best way to go," he said. "We would try to have both sides reach some sort of satisfaction, instead of just saying, 'you're right' and 'you're wrong.' I know that would be better than having people up screaming at each other, with no one really paying attention to what the other is saying."

Morrison said he also wants to work with the court and ASUN to create a definite list of what the student courts' powers and purposes are.

"Right now, the ASUN Constitution just says we should look into the dispute," Morrison said. "But there's nothing in there to tell us what we should be doing, or what we can or can't do. I would like to set some guidelines for that."



Staff Photo by Dave Bentz

Todd Morrison

Council to award 250 associateships

The National Research Council is holding its 28th annual Associateship program for scientists and engineers with doctorate degrees.

Approximately 250 new full-time associateships will be awarded on a competitive basis in 1983 for research in chemistry, engineering and mathematics, and in the earth, environmental, physical, space and life sciences. Most of these associateships are open to both recent doctorate degree holders and senior investigators.

The awards are for one year, with a possible extension for a second year. In a few programs, initial awards are made for two years with a possible third year of support at an academic institution.

Recent doctoral degree earners may receive stipends which range from \$23,500 to a maximum of \$50,000 a year for senior associates.

A stipend supplement up to \$5,000 may be made available to awardees with recognized doctoral degree

in engineering, computer science or certain areas of earth geological sciences. Allowances are made for relocation and for limited professional travel. The research will be conducted in one of 18 federal research institutions at laboratories located throughout the United States.

Initiated in 1954, the Associateship Programs have contributed to the career development of more than 3,500 scientists, ranging from recent Ph.D. recipients to distinguished senior scientists.

Applications to the Research Council for the current programs must be postmarked no later than Jan. 15, 1983. The award winners will be announced in April.

Information on specific research opportunities and federal laboratories, as well as application materials, may be obtained from Associateship Programs, JH 610-D1, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20418. The phone number for the organization is (202) 334-2760.

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It is the state legislature which will bear the disproportionate burden of creating legislation to deal with the state administration of these programs. Therefore, it is state legislators who must be fairly compensated for their extended duty.

Presently, Nebraska ranks fifth-lowest in salaries to state legislators. When combined with expense allowances, the salary paid to our state senators is 48th of 50 state legislatures.

Nebraskans already have rejected this year's legislative plea for fair compensation by defeating the proposal in the May primary. A vote for the reimbursement of expenses to state legislators on the November ballot would alleviate some of the financial burden placed on them while continuing to offer generic priced government to the citizens of our state.

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"Friendly Persuasion," starring Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire and Anthony Perkins, will be shown at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery Auditorium Thursday at 7 p.m. and 9:17 p.m.

Tickets for the film, which was nominated for six Academy Awards, are \$2 each and can be purchased at the Nebraska Union north desk or at the door. The William Wyler film is sponsored by the UNL library staff.

The Nebraska State Student Association is seeking a permanent director. The NSSA executive director should provide leadership for the organization, have expertise in research and effective lobbying for student interests, and be able to enhance communication and cooperation among Nebraska students.

The candidate should possess skills in written and oral communication, organizing, administration and lobbying.

The position pays \$10,000 to \$11,000 annually.

Interested people should contact Nette Nelson, NSSA secretary, at 1910 N. Cotner Blvd., Lincoln Neb., 68505, by Oct. 28, 1982.