

## Board elects officers, addresses issue proposals

By Ward W. Triplett III

Sid Pinney, Nebraska Union Board secretary, was voted president for the upcoming term during the board's Tuesday meeting at the Nebraska Union.

Pinney, a junior engineering major, defeated Pat Meister in an election to determine Laura Meyer's successor. Meyer, who served two terms as the board president, officiated the voting at her last board meeting.

Meister, also a junior, was voted vice president, while Connie Kay Eberspacher was elected secretary.

Pinney said in his election speech that increasing public awareness of the union's facilities and setting goals among the board's committees were the most important issues facing the board.

A pamphlet advertising what the union offers could be prepared, he said, and a separate advertising campaign for the food service should be started.

The committees, whose chairmen will be named next week, should be made up of students with specific academic backgrounds, Pinney said.

"I suggest that we go around to the different deans of the colleges, and have them tell us who the best and most qualified people are," Pinney said.

Pinney, a member of the executive board of the American College Unions International Organization, said the bookstore, South Crib renovation, proposed allocation of the deli space to a private business and plaza signs were the main issues facing the union.

Pinney also proposed that a student poll, conducted by a professional polling service, be taken to determine what union services students consider most valuable. The survey results would help determine space allocations and indicate what services need a closer look.

"For example, I see a need to move the Women's Resource Center to the second

floor, and move Student Legal Services downstairs," Pinney said.

"They (the Women's Resource Center) seem to be taking up a lot of space, and it would be to the board's advantage to look into that possibility," he said.

Pinney said that survey results, while being a good indicator, would not be the basis for all his decisions.

Meister had said in his election speech that a committee restructuring was called for, and proposed a cabinet meeting arrangement between the board executives so a better idea of meeting discussion topics could be established.

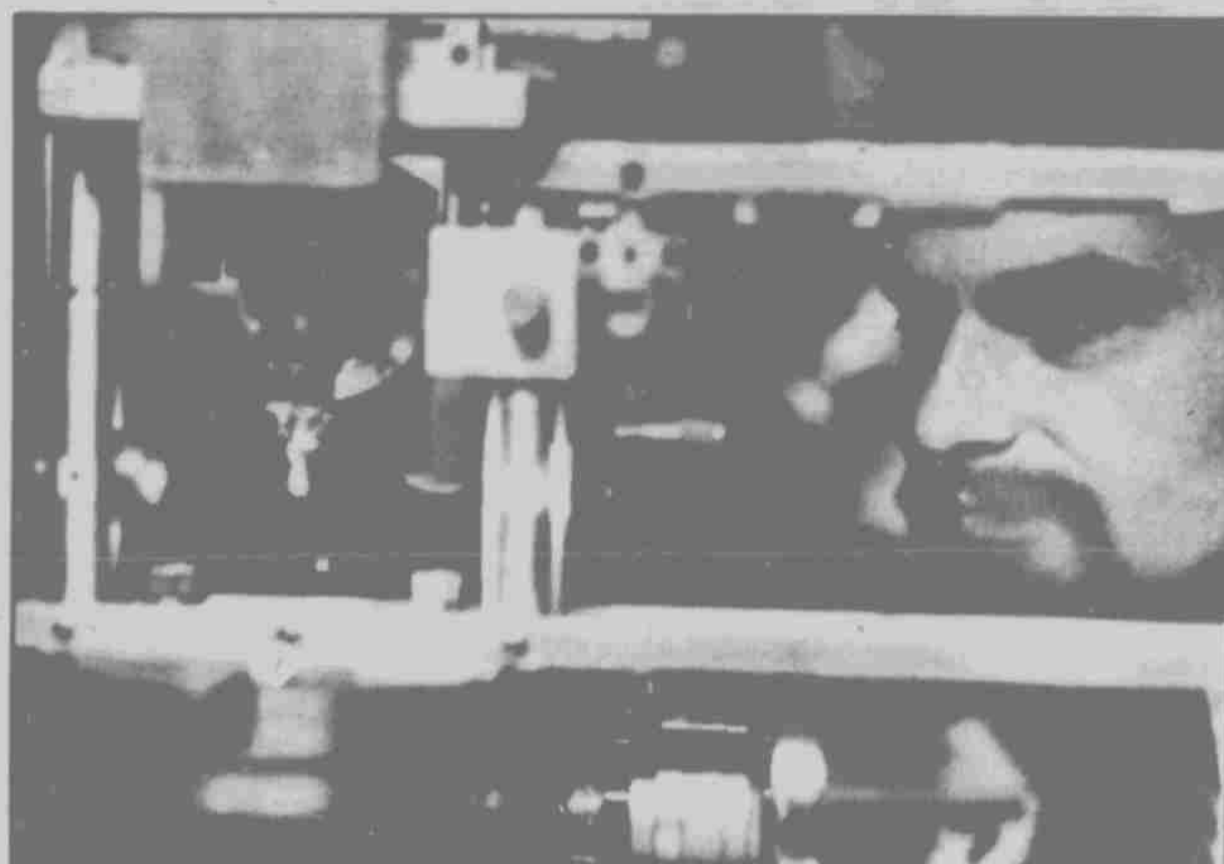
Meister also questioned the role of the Women's Resource Center, said to be requesting the room currently held by the Student Y and UPC Tri-Culture Center when room allocation requests come up this spring.

"A survey was done among sororities and only 5 percent of them had ever used the center," Meister said. "I'm not saying get rid of it, but I think we need to get input from students and see just how they're using it."

A committee formed by Campus Activities and Programs, through Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Richard Armstrong's recommendation, already is studying the resource center. Meister said that group might be able to produce an answer for the board's decision on space allocations in April.

Before the elections, Meister reported that the plaza signs are being constructed. Two locations, one 40 feet and the other 30 feet from both sides of Broyhill Fountain, were established.

Union Director Daryl Swanson suggested that board members begin considering the space allocation issue now. While the Student Y and the Tri-Culture Center may not need the amount of space they have now, their needs still must be addressed, he said. The resource center and legal services both have been mentioned to take over that space next year.



Staff photo by Joel Sartore

Karl-Heinz Brose, a graduate student from Berlin, Germany, eyes a laser beam used to study the elasticity of crystals.

## Spectroscopy allows chemists to trace atoms in molecules

By Lori Sullivan

New scientific methods enable chemists to "fingerprint" a molecule by tracing the atoms that compose it. Karl-Heinz Brose, a graduate student in chemistry, is a leader in this atomic detective work at UNL.

Brose came to UNL from Berlin University in 1977 as a Fulbright scholar. He began his master's degree work here in spectroscopy, the process used for tracing atoms. His basic tools are the rainbow colors of light, equipment for measuring light absorption, a computer that draws a spectrum diagram, and a substance to be analyzed.

Different colors of light, called light frequencies, are shined onto the substance. At precise points, the substance will absorb part of the light. The absorption occurs

when electrons, that orbit atoms within a substance react with light and literally jump out of their orbits.

These jumps are recorded by the computer on a two-dimensional graph, that shows how fast the substance absorbed different colors of light. Each type of atom has a characteristic pattern of light absorption; once any substance has been broken down and traced to find out what atoms are in it, the chemist knows exactly what the substance is.

Brose's work is interesting enough even before you find out that the project can work backward and still be successful. Some substances may be opaque to light. When he is working with one, he explained, he just reverses the light process and measures light that bounces off the substance rather than absorbed into it.

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# 1983 ASUN Senate race

## ACTION

### Petition reveals student views on drinking age

By Jann Nyffeler

Action Party candidates spoke against raising the legal drinking age at a meeting of party members in the Nebraska Union Wednesday.

Since Monday, Action has been circulating two petitions, both for and against raising the drinking age. As of Wednesday, of the approximately 700 students who had signed these petitions, 95 percent were opposed to raising the drinking age. The petitions, along with letters explaining corresponding student opinions, will be sent to the Legislature.

Laura Meyer, Action presidential candidate, said Action sees LB56 as an important student issue.

Meyer added that both viewpoints should be presented to senators, so they can see the number of UNL students who are opposed to raising the drinking age.

Greg Krieser, first vice presidential candidate, said that Nebraska has the highest drinking age of the surrounding states, with the exception of Missouri, where the legal drinking age is 21.

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## ANARKY

### Party wants to abolish ASUN administration

By Vicki Ruhga

Members of the Anarky Party climbed over bicycle racks to hold their second press conference on the north steps of the administrative building's closed south entrance Wednesday.

Anarky presidential candidate Joni Jacobs, a senior English major, revealed more details of the "Master Plan."

Jacobs did, however, reveal two details of the "Master Plan."

— The first major goal of the Anarky Party is to abolish ASUN. Once elected, all members of ASUN will either resign or be fired. Henceforth, there will be no more elections to distract the students' attention from worthwhile concerns. Vote for Anarky and you'll never have to vote again.

— Once in power, Anarky will require every administrator to justify his or her position, both as a public servant and as an assistant to higher education. If no justifiable purpose for their existence can be determined, central administration, like ASUN, will be eradicated from UNL. What has your administration done for you lately?

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## REACH

### Wallace: Reformation of ASUN charter needed

By Bill Allen

The Reach Party is calling for the constitutional reformation of the ASUN, Matt Wallace, presidential candidate for the party, said Wednesday.

At a 2:30 p.m. press conference in the Nebraska Union, Wallace said the ASUN constitution, instituted in 1967, has many "outdated provisions" and positions that don't apply in 1983.

As an example, Wallace said that the senate position of director of records is obsolete because its duties have been superseded by the current director of development.

Wallace said Reach proposes several ideas for reforming the constitution. These include:

— Faculty members serving on the student senate to foster a better working relationship between the two groups.

— A proposal to create a new executive position, presidential liaison, who would be responsible for expanding lines of communication to and from ASUN.

— The advent of presidential assistants, selected by the president, to help ease the workload of the student body president/student regent.

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