

# Board addresses 1984-85 issues

By Jonathan Taylor

The policies, goals and issues of the 1984-85 Nebraska Union Board were discussed Tuesday night in the board's first meeting led by newly elected president, Mary Marcy.

In an effort "to explain my style of running things," Marcy reviewed meeting criteria, parliamentary procedure and a list of "norms" established at the Union Board retreat Feb. 17-18.

Location of the bookstore and culture center, improved handicap accessibility to the union and university policy conformity were some of the issues in which the board plans to progress. The board also

discussed its operating policies and the appointment of a parliamentarian to deal with any discrepancies in parliamentary procedure.

Marcy also said the Union Board had acquired space in the union office. Through regular office hours, board members will learn the operational procedures and get to know the people in the union office, she said.

Possible union ownership of the union vending machines presently operated by University Vending Systems also was discussed by the board.

In Marcy's presentation, she said the income from the machines could be used to reduce student fees or provide additional services. She said the vending machines are in direct competition with the food services in the union.

But, if the union operated the machines, she said, the prices would have to rise because the union vending system would be smaller.

Todd Knobel, board vice president, urged committee chairmen to begin selecting their non-union board committee members. Knobel said the selection of these 'at-large' committee members "gives everyone a chance" to be active in union business and not a select few who know somebody, he said.

Planning committee member Brigid O'Neil gave her report on the Handicapped and Disabled Students Organization and their accessibility to the union. She said the relatively new group criticized the Nebraska Union for lack of handicapped access to the restrooms and no access to the proposed computer room if it is converted to a 24-hour area. Group members also said they were concerned about whether the electronic ramp door in the Nebraska Union would operate during a fire and the possibility of an alternate exit.

In other board action, the decision to allow the Recreation Department bulletin board space was tabled until the next meeting March 20.

The board also passed motions to allow all student groups 50 percent off the union room rental fee if the space is used for blood collection, and to allow 'at-large' committee members only two unexcused absences before they are dismissed.

Sara Boatman, director of Campus Activities and Programs also spoke to the board, introducing herself and her organization to the new members.

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### Committee approves aid for Central America

WASHINGTON — A key Senate committee Wednesday approved President Reagan's requests for aid for El Salvador and for Nicaraguan rebels, reversing defeats he suffered last week. The unanimous voice votes by the Appropriations Committee mean the battle moves to the full Senate, controlled by Republicans, where passage is likely but not certain. The two controversial Central America measures were attached to a popular \$150 million food aid for drought-stricken Africa and this could assist passage. The committee granted Reagan's request for an extra \$92.7 million for the U.S.-backed government of El Salvador in its fight against leftist guerrillas.

### Senator urges Meese withdrawal

WASHINGTON — A leading Senate critic of Edwin Meese Wednesday urged him to ask President Reagan to withdraw his nomination as attorney general. Democratic Sen. Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio told reporters that the latest revelations about Meese's personal financial transactions hurt his chances of winning Senate approval.

At the White House, Reagan repeated his support for Meese and Senate Republican leaders also defended him. "I see nothing that would disqualify Meese to serve as attorney general," Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker told reporters. Metzenbaum's call followed an apology by Meese for failing to report an interest-free loan of \$15,000 to his wife from a close friend later named as his White House assistant. Metzenbaum, who serves on the committee inquiring about Meese, has also called for appointment of a special prosecutor to look into questions raised at the nomination hearings.

### State-written prayers prohibited

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Wednesday to prohibit states from writing school prayers for schoolchildren. In the first vote on the controversial legislation to permit prayer in public schools, the Senate adopted the prohibition as an amendment to the proposed constitutional amendment unanimously 96-0. The Senate has been bogged down in a filibuster over the proposed constitutional amendment for two weeks and some of its supporters say it does not have the necessary two-thirds vote needed for passage.

### IRA political leader wounded

BELFAST, Ireland — Gerry Adams, leader of the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, was shot and wounded Wednesday by gunmen in a car in the center of Belfast. Police sources said they thought the outlawed hard-line Protestant Ulster Volunteer Force was behind the shooting. Hospital sources said Adams, 34, president of Sinn Fein and a member of the British Parliament, was hit in the neck, shoulder and upper arm but was not seriously wounded. Four Sinn Fein members, who were in a car with Adams at the time of the attack, were also hit but their condition was stable, the sources added.

### Glomp asks for tolerance

WARSAW, Poland — Cardinal Josef Glomp urged Poland's Communist rulers Wednesday to show more tolerance toward the practice of religion by the country's Roman Catholics and stop trying to ban religious symbols from all state buildings. The Polish primate, celebrating mass at St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw, stressed that the church wanted peace but would defend religious rights. His sermon was a response to government efforts to remove crucifixes from secular institutions, which have led Catholics and local officials to clash in Garwolin, near Warsaw. The stripping of crosses from the walls of a Garwolin high school last week provoked protests by students and the closure of the school by the authorities.

### Second Berlin Wall built

WEST BERLIN, West Germany — East German workers have begun building a second wall about 80 yards behind the original Berlin Wall which has divided the former German capital for 23 years, the West Berlin city government said. A city spokesman said so far about 100 yards of new wall has been constructed to the south of the Brandenburg Gate. It runs across the base of a 22-acre triangle of land which juts into West Berlin.

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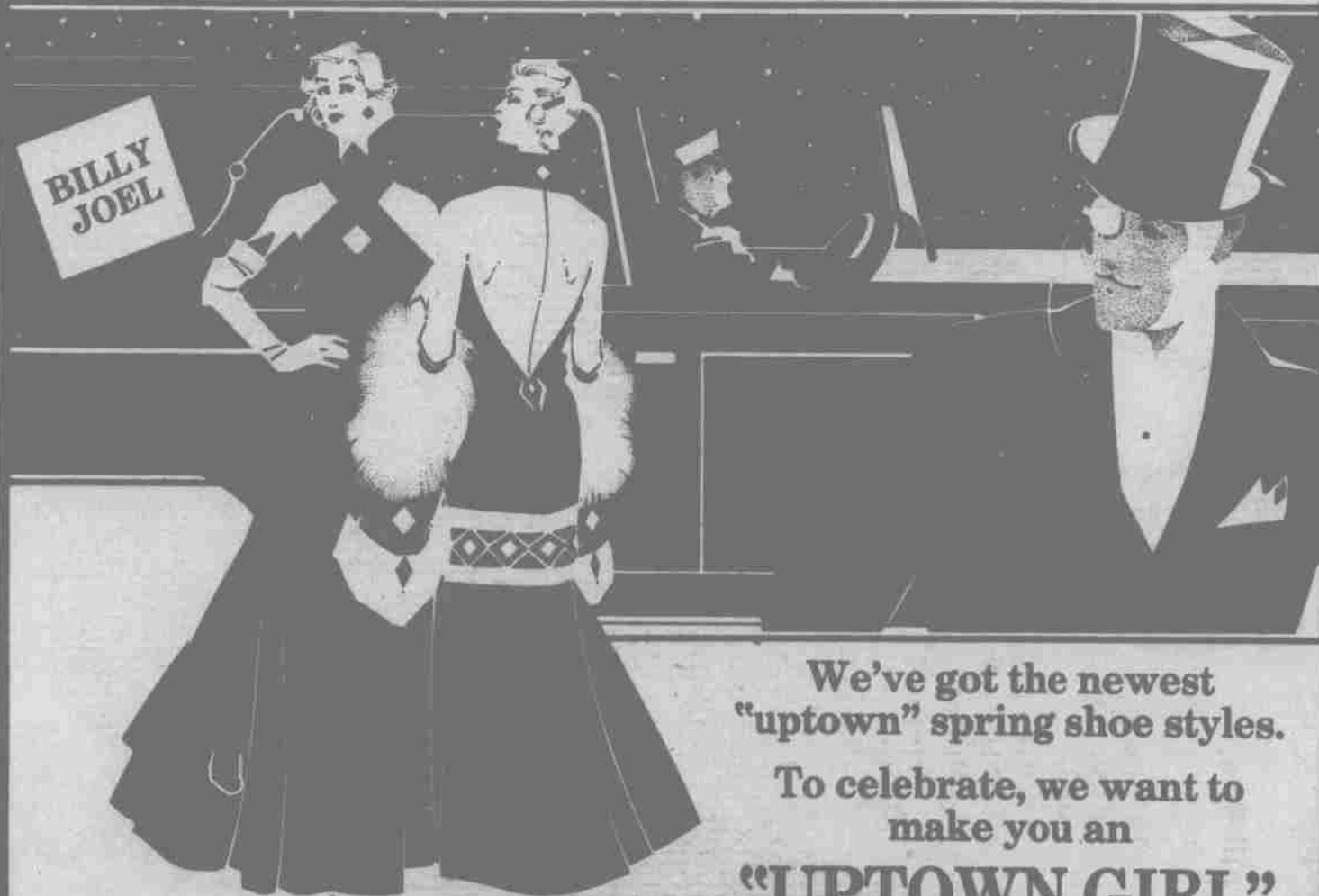
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