

# Editorial

## Kudos for a few

No slams here. No heated debate, no deficit, no Caspar Weinberger — we're devoting this space to kudos for a few deserving people.

The Daily Nebraskan has devoted a column, called "Who's News" to the members of the university community who have done something special for two semesters. Today, we're devoting the editorial column to them.

Two graduate students from the UNL Teachers College who earned their doctoral degrees in 1984 received national recognition for their dissertations.

Joan Oftedahl of Westby, Wis., received the 1985 Distinguished Award in Teacher Education for her paper, "Secondary English Methods Courses in the Midwest as Viewed by Methods Professors and Secondary English Teachers."

Marilyn Harris of Lincoln received the Phi Delta Kappa Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award for her paper, "Secondary School Parents, Teachers, and Building Administrators Regarding the Applications of Computer Technology in the Public Schools." Neither will win any awards for title brevity.

Ezekial Bahar, a professor of electrical engineering, was the only professor from UNL to be nominated and selected as a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. The international organization honored Bahar for "contributing to the theory of propagation, scattering and depolarization of electromagnetic waves." He was probably shocked to get the award.

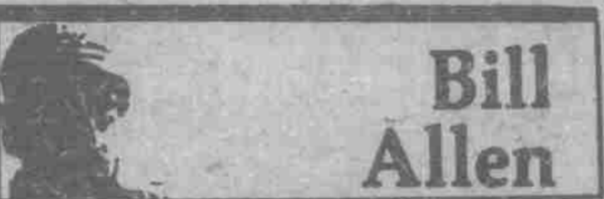
Dr. John Schmitz, chairman of the department of veterinary science at UNL, was appointed to represent the association of American Veterinary Colleges on the National Board Examination Committee of the American Veterinary Medical Association. The national 12-member committee works with the professional examination service that creates the tests given to veterinary graduates seeking licenses.

We congratulate these special members of the UNL community. We encourage readers to submit names to the Daily Nebraskan for our Who's News column. If you know of someone who has won an award or done something special, let us know.



## Author hates Lucy Reagan plays Desi's character

I hate Lucy. Everyone loves her, but to me she was a squawking housewife who couldn't control herself outside her own home and always depended on Rickie to get her out of trouble. I hated the screaming. "Riiiiickee!!!!!!" Then Arnez walks in with "Wasa madder wif my wittle wousewife?" Ahhh.



Bill Allen

Knowing about this hate will help you understand the nightmare I had last night. Ronald Reagan, then actor Reagan, met and fell in love with Lucille Ball. He continued on his fateful journey to the Whitehouse and lo and behold, Lucy was the first lady. Ahhhh. In the midst of a somewhat blissful sleep, dreaming of the long lost puppy I never looked for, my inner visions switched to a Curtis Mathes television set. I dream rich.

"Welcome to 'I Love Lucy.' Starring Lucy Reagan. Also Casper Mertz and his wife Ethel. And Bonnie Reagan."  
"We'll be back after these commercials for lemon-scented dog food."  
I, of course, got up and went to the bathroom. I don't like commercials even in my dreams. I got back just as the show started.  
"Gee, Ethel," Lucy said. "I don't think we're supposed to be in here."  
"Oh Lucy, I know little Rickie ran in here. My! Look at all these lights."  
"Oh, look at this panel Ethel. It says Top Secret."  
"Ooo, Lucy, what could it be?"  
"I'll bet I know, Ethel. Ronnie promised me a surprise birthday present — something about china. I'll bet he hid it behind this panel."  
"Here, Lucy, let me help you with that. Here's a screwdriver."  
"There, Ethel," Lucy said, "I've got it. Awwww, Ettthelllll, there's nothing here but a bunch of buttons."  
"Well, what are you waiting for Lucy? Push some buttons."  
"Do you think I should?"  
"Sure."  
"Oh, gee Ethel, look at that map lighting up

on the big screen."  
"Oooo, Lucy, you just destroyed the Soviet Bloc. You must of set off some kind of nuclear bomb."  
"Oh Ethel, what will Ronnie do? Waaaah!!!"  
"Mommy, mommy" Ronnie yells, running into the room. "What are you doing in here?"  
"Oh, Ronnie, I didn't mean to. Waaaah!"  
"Mean to what dear?"  
"Destroy the Soviet Bloc."  
"What?"  
"I hit these buttons, see, and this screen lit up, see and boom, there goes the Kremlin."  
"Oh, Lucy," Ronnie said, smiling and vibrating from the neck up, "This isn't the real military control room. This is just my toy."  
"You mean I didn't destroy Russia?"  
"No. This room is just for fun. As long as those Democrats control the House, they'll never let me destroy the real Russia. But they can't stop me from kidding around, can they? Heh, heh."  
"Oh, Ronnie, I love you."  
"Now, mommy, now."  
"Does this mean you won't kill us," Ethel said, coming out from under a table.  
They all laugh. The show fades into a commercial, and I turn the channel, roll over and watch the Solid Gold Dancers.

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## RHA members protest proposed ASUN pay

In the March 13 ASUN elections UNL students will have the chance to decide whether the first- and second-vice president of ASUN will each receive an annual salary of \$998. As members of the RHA senate we encourage you to vote against the proposed salaries.

The primary function of UNL students is classwork; volunteer student groups and clubs provide valuable opportunities for students to complement their scholastic work. Groups allow students to meet new people, gain useful leadership experience, learn skills and study new ideas, explore important issues affecting them as student and as citizens, and otherwise have fun taking part in activities with others who share similar goals.

ASUN is the supreme student group on campus, and in addition to the many services it provides each year (i.e., ASUN book exchange), ASUN acts as an advocacy group for issues of concern to UNL students. As long as we recognize that voluntary organizations are secondary

to academic work, we cannot find any fault in campus group involvement. We differ, however, with the idea of elevating voluntary service in these groups to the level of salaried positions.

When salaries are paid in the "real world," someone is hired to perform duties for a given number of hours a week. The first- and second-vice presidents of ASUN run for these posts voluntarily, ostensibly to serve UNL students and give their best time and effort to ASUN. Who is to say whether the ASUN vice presidents will do a sufficient job to earn a salary? If vice presidents of ASUN fail to meet the salaried standards set for them, should they be fired?

It might be argued that offering a stipend will attract a greater quality of candidates for the two offices. We contend, instead, that the level of competitiveness for ASUN offices already brings out strong contenders, and when weighed against the possibility of candidates seeking a vice presidency exclusively for the \$998 we would prefer to keep the system the way it is.

There is yet another question: Is it right for a voluntary organization, dedicated to service and funded by UNL student fees, to allocate so much

money for salaries? This money should be spent on newer, better programming ideas — or not spent at all. ASUN has received a good deal of criticism — both external and from within — in 1984-85. Two thousand dollars would go a long

way toward informing UNL students about the important functions ASUN performs and would thus eliminate some of this criticism. If there are drawbacks in today's ASUN, then now is not the time to discuss a boost in student fees to finance salaries.

At our last meeting the RHA senate permanently eliminated the payment of salaries for RHA executives. We hope all UNL students will follow this trend by voting against the proposed salary for ASUN officers in the March 13 elections.

## Letters

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