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**Weather:** Partly cloudy and mild today with a high of 67 (19C). Cloudy and warm tonight with a low of 38 (3C). A chance of showers early Friday, otherwise windy and cooler with a high of 58 (14C).

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Scudder reminisces about his time in office while staring out his Nebraska Union office window.

## Looking back... Scudder ends term as ASUN president

By Gene Gentrap  
Senior Reporter

work for a Lincoln law firm before entering law school.

Looking back, Mark Scudder says he has a special kind of "simplicity" in his life and in his job as president of ASUN. A simplicity necessary for reflection and, at the university level, a simplicity needed for a large institution to function.

He enjoys spending time with close friends, walking around his family's farm or just relaxing — something he hasn't had much time for this year while serving as student government president.

Scudder's term as ASUN president and student regent representative ended Wednesday evening with the installation of newly elected president Gerard Keating.

In a university system traditionally thought of as a large bureaucracy with unresponsive administrators and too much red tape, Scudder said he sees the university as a "simple place." He sees its simplicity as an "institution of administrators who are very responsive to student's needs."

"They have to be," he said. "The only reason the administration exists, is because students are here."

Scudder said the ASUN Senate played a major role in delaying a proposal to construct the new university bookstore before it was to be voted on by the NU Board of Regents. The proposal was held so more student input could be heard.

Scudder said he thinks there is always the chance for change at UNL.

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Although his term in office was productive, he said, it is an ending he is ready for.

Scudder said his interest in politics and government goes back to his childhood.

"I've learned to be a lawyer since I was eight years old," he said.

Though his father is an attorney, Scudder said he pressured him not to be a lawyer, because his father thought the job market was too tight.

"He always told me to go to med school," Scudder said. "But he remains very supportive of what I do."

He said his father's interest in law is just one thing the two have in common.

"Neither one of us has hair," he said.

Scudder said working 50 hours a week in the ASUN office while taking 39 hours of classes during his term was not easy.

But still he strives to do his best at everything he does.

Scudder, 22, is confident of his future. He plans to graduate in May with an Arts and Sciences degree in English. After graduating, he plans to

— the kind of change that is beneficial to students.

But one change that probably will not occur is the right for a student regent to vote, he said. A different vote is more effective.

"The student regent vote is not as vital as a persuasive vote," he said. "You need to persuade a majority vote from the regents anyway."

Scudder also finds a simplicity in the purpose of higher education.

"It should end in employment but should be aimed in the direction of an education in a total sense, a learning of the history of our civilization, not just an accumulation of facts."

Students should leave with a more broad perspective and exposure to liberal arts. My hope is that education is looked on as a life of the mind and a gaining of knowledge. I think now there is a swing toward that."

After law school, Scudder said he wants to go back to public service, probably in higher education.

"My term as president has increased my interest in public service," Scudder said. "It's been the greatest experience of my life."

## Attorney general plans to hire more minorities

By Jim Easmussen  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska Attorney General Robert Spire said Wednesday he plans to work hard for civil rights in Nebraska.

Spire told about 40 people at a "Face the Chamber" luncheon in downtown Lincoln that he thinks civil rights programs deserve the support of all states' attorney generals.

"We're going to take an active role in civil rights," he said. "If we determine that someone's civil rights are being violated, we will take legal action to remedy the situation."

Gov. Bob Kerrey appointed Spire, an Omaha attorney, on March 1 to replace former Attorney General Paul Douglas.

Since his appointment, Spire has established a civil rights division within the attorney general's office. He said he also plans to install an affirmative action hiring policy within the office. All 61 people employed by the office, including Spire, are white.

"That's not proper," Spire said. "If our office is going to represent the people of this state, we need the representation of minority groups in our office."

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'Sky's the limit'

## Graduates face many options

By Ad Hudler  
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**Editor's note:** This is the fourth article in a series aimed at helping students preparing to enter the job market.

Students who graduate from UNL next month will have to make some big occupational decisions. They'll face some big questions.

"What jobs are available to me?"  
"How can I get the kind of job I want?"

"What can I do with a degree in

English or accounting?"

And the many options available to the graduating senior make the situation even more confusing: Graduate school. Work. Play.

The sky's the limit, several career officials say.

Kenneth Cardinal, counselor in UNL's Career Planning and Placement Center, said the sky is as high as people make it.

"If you're willing to spend the time in whatever you decide to do, it's no problem," he said. "Go for it."

Cardinal said students have three main choices after they graduate: Go to

work, back to school or do nothing at all.

Some students who graduate with bachelor's degrees continue their education, working toward master's or doctoral degrees.

Henry Holtzclaw, UNL's dean of graduate studies, said some of those who go back to school do so because they develop an interest for a particular field during the last few semesters of their undergraduate work. Others continue because they want jobs in the medical or law fields, Holtzclaw said.

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