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## 'Hail, Mary' decision draws responses

By Bill Allen  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery Director George Neubert has received telephone calls for and against his decision to cancel the film "Hail, Mary."

At least one person has picketed the art gallery because of the cancellation.

Neubert said his decision to cancel Jean-Luc Godard's controversial film was based on a statement of principle, not on political or administrative pressure.

Sheldon presents films and exhibits purely for aesthetic viewing, Neubert said. Because the film has been condemned by the Catholic Church and Catholics have picketed the film at theaters throughout the nation, the artistic value has been distorted, he said.

The film presents a contemporary depiction of the birth of Christ and includes two nude scenes of the actress who portrays Mary. In the film, Mary

works in her father's service station and Joseph drives a cab.

Dan Ladely, Sheldon Film Series director, said that he originally scheduled the film based on Godard's international fame as a film artist.

Sheldon has shown his films in the past, Ladely said. "Hail, Mary" is Godard's latest work.

Neubert said that Ladely came to him with information about the controversy, including a letter from state Sen. Bernice Labeledz, who expressed concern about the film. Labeledz could not be reached for comment Monday.

"I surveyed other cities (where the film was shown)," Neubert said, "and found that the issues of the film had been distorted. I felt it would be detrimental to Sheldon to show the film, so I made a decision, right or wrong."

Neubert, who has not seen the film, said his decision was a compromise—not censorship. He said that politicians who want to use Sheldon as a political whipping post might use this

film to lobby against university spending.

Sheldon, as well as other parts of UNL, has been subject to legislative budget cuts the last two years. Neubert said the "Hail, Mary" cancellation could hurt Sheldon financially.

"I don't know whether this is a great film," Neubert said. "Everything Godard does is not great. Why should I jeopardize the goals of the Sheldon Art Gallery for it?"

"Probably one of the most volatile issues is when you touch someone's religion," said Neubert, who is not Catholic. "I felt quite frankly, that this had been totally distorted."

He said any meaning the film intended has been misconstrued and misunderstood by the publicity.

Ron Kurtenbach, a UNL graduate student, is protesting the withdrawal of the film. Picketing in front of the gallery Monday, he said that the film was withdrawn only for financial reasons. By canceling the film, Neubert raised

the issue of "whether professional integrity will be supported at the university," Kurtenbach said.

Neubert said he discussed the film with John Yost, associate to the chancellor. But Neubert said he made a routine discussion and was not pressured by anyone on the administration to cancel the film.

Yost said that as the director Neubert has full responsibility for any programming decisions at Sheldon.

Neubert said Ladely wrote a letter to Labeledz, explaining that the film had won an award and had received several positive critical reviews.

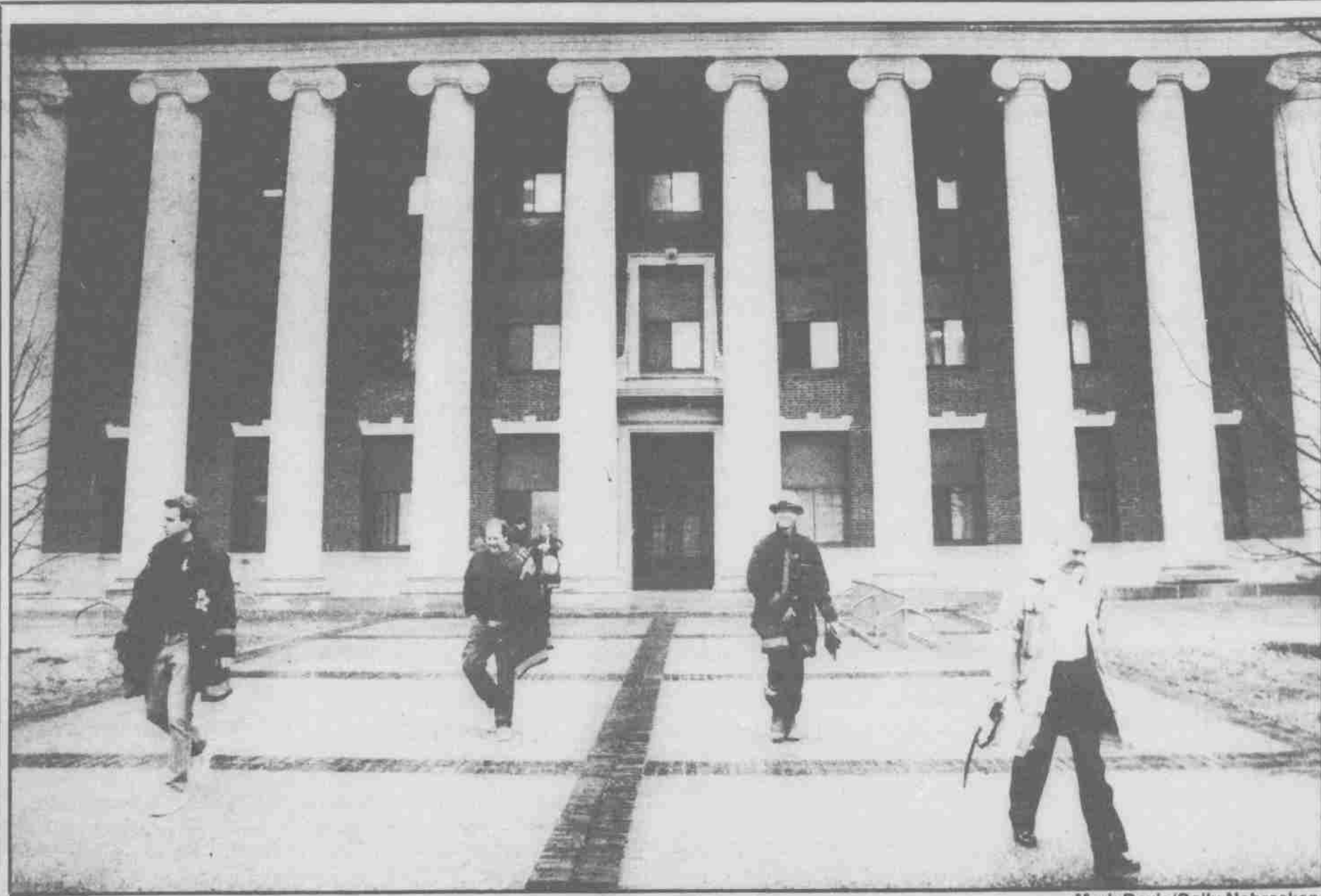
Kurtenbach said the university should "hang a red light from Sheldon," because "it is now a house of intellectual prostitution."

He said he plans to picket again today and hopes people will join him.

Neubert said that if students want to see "Hail, Mary" it may be shown in the Nebraska Union or another campus building.



Neubert



Mark Davis/Daily Nebraskan

Fire marshalls leave the UNL College of Business Administration Monday morning after investigating a false bomb threat.

## CBA evacuated after bomb threat

### Classes canceled, but police say threat was a 'hoax'

From staff reports

A bomb threat at the UNL College of Business Administration forced students and faculty into the rain Monday morning.

UNL police officer Bill Manning said an anonymous person called a university operator at 7:56 a.m. and said a bomb was set to explode at 9 a.m. in the CBA building.

Police then evacuated the building and searched for the bomb. All 8:30 a.m. classes

were canceled.

Manning said he and five other UNL police officers, an investigator, and an inspector from the state Fire Marshall's office, searched the building

Searchers found no bomb, and the building reopened at 9:30 a.m.

Manning said UNL police received three bomb threats in 1985, eight threats in 1984 and seven threats in 1983.

Manning called the bomb threat "a hoax," but said the Lincoln Bomb Disposal Unit would have been called immediately if something suspicious had been found.

"It would have taken nothing to get them here," Manning said, referring to the amount of time it would have taken for the disposal unit to arrive on campus.

Manning said campus police still are investigating the bomb threat.

## Ex-gambler will speak during forum

By Lise Olsen  
Senior Reporter

A nationally known gambling expert and a former professional football player will speak at a UNL gambling forum in March.

Washington, D.C., Veteran's Hospital worker Dr. Robert Custer and former quarterback Art Schlichter will speak at the forum. Schlichter played for the Baltimore Colts (now Indianapolis) before he was suspended for gambling.

Eleven student and administrative leaders representing different UNL perspectives endorsed the public forum at a meeting Monday in the Nebraska Union.

The forum, which is sponsored by several UNL groups, could address gambling-related issues such as compulsive gambling, gambling as a hobby or money-making venture and dealing with friends that gamble.

ASUN leaders, Jeff Fishback and Gerard Keating, and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Rudy Lewis have been planning a gambling program since January. Other campus groups, including Residence Hall Association, Intrafraternity Council, Panhellenic and UNL housing, also have been working individually on a program since 11 gambling-related arrests at UNL in December.

Custer said Monday he would speak at UNL. Custer, a nationally recognized gambling expert, reportedly has worked with several students from Big Eight schools.

University housing, RHA, ASUN, Panhellenic and Intrafraternity Council will pay the \$1,000 speakers' fees and expenses for Custer's and Schlichter's appearances.

Campus leaders at the meeting expressed concern that gamblers may not attend the forum.

Several emphasized that gambling had not been treated as seriously as other potentially dangerous social activities.

Other details and a definite date for the forum will be announced this week.

Lt. Ken Cauble of the UNL police said student interest in and requests for information about gambling had increased dramatically since the December arrests.

Cauble said that the program should not be limited to students.