

## ASUN waiting response Ruling due today on student vote

By Jonathan Taylor  
Senior Reporter

Regardless of Attorney General Robert Spire's ruling today on the constitutionality of a student regents' vote, ASUN president Gerard Keating says progress has been made on the issue.

Keating said a large block of support has been built that will be useful if the proposed constitutional amendment is killed in committee or on the floor of the Legislature. The amendment would give one combined vote to student regents from UNO, UNL and the NU Medical Center.

If approved by the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee and the Legislature, LR306 will be placed on the ballot.

Keating said the attorney general's office announced Monday that Spire will rule on LR306 today.

It is unlikely that LR306 will be successful on its first trip through the Capitol, Keating said, but "there is no question that with the facts presented (in last week's hearing) that the bill should be put on the floor and put on the ballot next November."

Keating said it usually takes three sessions for constitutional

amendments to get legislative approval. The lottery bill, he said, is a good example of this. But despite the unfavorable odds, Keating said, he is optimistic about the bill's fate.

"It is important that the amendment be on the ballot this fall," he said. "Otherwise it will be two years before it can be on the next ballot."

ASUN also is awaiting a response from Gov. Bob Kerrey's office regarding a proposed amendment to LR32, which also would grant the three student regents one combined vote.

If passed without the amendment, LR32 would give Nebraskan's governor the power to appoint members to the NU Board of Regents. Student regents still would be selected by students on each campus and would have no voting rights.

Keating said it is not known when the governor's office will respond.

Giving student regents voting rights would create a working relationship between the three student body presidents that has not existed before, Keating said.

Currently, student regents are not aware of each other's opinions on issues that come before the board, Keating said, because they do not have to vote.

## Broken pole causes power outage

The lights went out Monday afternoon on City and East campuses and in the State Capitol after a circuit breaker shut down power to UNL's electric plant for almost half an hour.

Carol Douglas of Lincoln Electric System said a power pole near LES' substation at 2nd and M streets broke, causing a 34,500-kilovolt power line to fall. When the line fell, she said, a circuit breaker automatically turned off power from 4:03 to 4:28 p.m. at UNL and the capitol, which draws its power from UNL's electric plant.

Gary Thalken, utilities manager at UNL's physical plant, said plant employees tried to restore power to some UNL buildings by using the plant's own generating power.

Power in the Nebraska Union was restored shortly after the first outage, but the lights flickered and died twice more before power was restored permanently.

The outage sent some people scurrying from the Nebraska Union and made it necessary to force open the sliding doors off the main lounge so people in

wheelchairs could leave. But those who were near windows stayed where they were.

Most UNL officials were unavailable for comment on possible damage. But Donald Leuenberger, director of NU's Computing Resource Network, said the university's main computer files are protected against memory loss resulting from power failure.

"The only time we'd be damaged is if a tremendous voltage came down the line," he said.

## Star death (not film type) is lecture topic presented by Columbia associate professor

A free lecture exploring the death of stars will be presented Thursday at 8 p.m. in Henzlik Hall Auditorium, 15th and Vine streets.

"Supernova: The Catastrophic Death of Stars," will be presented by David Helfand, associate professor of physics and astronomy at Columbia University. He will describe his work and discuss the attempt to predict which stars are about to die.

Helfand, a leading expert in the field of X-ray astronomy, has studied the gaseous debris of exploding stars from their electromagnetic radiation. He also has examined the powerful X-rays emitted by supernova debris in the Milky Way and other galaxies.

His studies are made using satellites flying above the earth's atmosphere.

Helfand's lecture is sponsored by

the Harlow Shapley Visiting Lecture-ship Program of the American Astro-

nomical Society and by the UNL department of physics and astronomy.

## International programs announced

International Educational Services is using February, the month of love, to bring foreign and U.S. students together.

Rod Merta, IES program coordinator, said his office has scheduled an arm wrestling tournament, a square dance and a quiz bowl to promote friendship among UNL's various culture groups.

The arm wrestling tournament, organized by the International Athletic Committee, is scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday.

All students are eligible to sign-up for the tournament. The sign-up booth

is in the Nebraska Union today and Wednesday.

Trophies, medals and gift certificates will be awarded in eight weight classes.

The Friends of Foreign Students will sponsor a square dance on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 16th and K streets. All foreign students and their host friends are invited.

The World Academia Quiz Bowl sponsored by IES, will be Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union.

For more information call the IES office, 472-3264.

## Sue Tidball award honors humanitarians

By Shari Pace  
Staff Reporter

Wanted: a caring, open, humane, educationally creative and just person for the 1986 Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity.

The award honors Sue Tidball, who worked for the United Ministries in Higher Education as a counselor and resource consultant at UNL for 20 years. Known for her positive, caring sensitivity to others, Tidball worked until her death in 1976 for UNL despite an incurable, debilitating disease.

The award recognizes faculty, staff and students who make "significant contributions toward a more humane and creative campus community," according to the award committee. Nominations must be submitted by March 3 to the award committee, at 640 N. 16th St., Lincoln, 68508.

One to three people will receive the award.

Larry Doerr, staff coordinator for the award process, said that when the award was first presented in 1982, the committee, which is made up of faculty, students and staff, received 22 nominations. Since then the number has decreased, averaging only eight to 10 nominations a year.

Anyone on the UNL campus, secretaries and maintenance people included, can be nominated for the award. They must, however, meet the following criteria:

- Creative involvement in efforts to improve the learning/working environment, educational process and or the quality of campus and community life.
- Contributions that promote community by bridging gaps among the diverse groups of people and interests on the campus and/or by forging links between the campus and the larger community.
- Evidence of caring attitudes, activities and relationships that have a lasting effect on people's lives.

The nomination forms are available at the following offices: Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic, Campus Activities and Programs, Division of Continuing Studies, Personnel, the Culture Center and all residence hall desks. The forms must be turned in to the committee by March 3.

The committee will select the recipient(s) after reading the forms. The recipient(s) and nominees will be honored at the Annual Award Event and Celebration on April 13.



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