

WEATHER: Mostly sunny and a little warmer Wednesday. High in the upper 30s to about 40. Light northeast wind. Mostly clear Wednesday night. Low in the mid teens. Partly sunny Thursday. High in the upper 30s.

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Condom giveaway allowed by judge

By Eric Paulak
Staff Reporter

Despite an attempt by university officials to get a court order preventing condom distribution on campus, members of the Gay/Lesbian Student Association and other volunteers handed out more than 700 pamphlets and condoms to students and faculty Tuesday.

GLSA President Rodney Bell II says the group plans a similar giveaway for April, possibly in the residence halls.

Tuesday's distribution started at 11:20 a.m., 20 minutes behind schedule, after GLSA members and volunteers learned the university's request for the restraining order had been turned down by Lancaster County District Judge Donald Endacott.

Endacott said UNL attorneys failed to present evidence that proved GLSA's action was harmful to the university.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jim Griesen said UNL was trying to stop GLSA from distributing commercial products on campus without prior approval.

John Taylor, director of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, said the university's attempt to stop the students was a violation of the First Amendment.

UNL political science Professor John Gruhl said GLSA was within its legal rights because the university already has allowed commercial products to be distributed on campus, setting a precedent. Gruhl said GLSA was giving out commercial items for an educational reason, not a commercial one.

University officials originally tried to stop distribution of the condoms because of a 1937 state statute that prohibits condom distribution without a license from the State Department of Health.

However, the statute was declared unconstitutional by Endacott in 1985.

Assistant Attorney General Marilyn Hutchinson said that in 1981 the constitutionality of the statute was ques-

tioned by her office, and was presented to the county court in the Douglas vs. Bierman case.

Lee Lucke, assistant director of the Bureau of Examining Boards, said the Health Department quit requiring that distributors of condoms be licensed as soon as the attorney general's office issued the opinion that it was unconstitutional in late 1981.

Although the statute was determined unconstitutional in the courts, it remains part of Nebraska state law because it has never been repealed.

An official in the office of the Clerk of the Legislature said the statute will remain law until it is appealed to the State Supreme Court. University officials would not comment on whether they will pursue it that far.

Bell said, "I think this is evidence that any more attempts by the administration to censor freedom of expression, to censor education aspects related to AIDS and other STD's (sexually transmitted diseases) may require action on the part of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union." The NCLU represented GLSA in opposing the university's restraining order request.

UNL freshman Phillip Wall, who handed out condom literature Tuesday, said that most people had been receptive. He estimated that about 90 percent of the people he talked to took the pamphlets.

Many students were somewhat amused by the giveaway and TV crews stationed in front of Broyhill Fountain.

"I think it's kind of funny," UNL student Anne Stuneeck said.

Another student, Linda Kinzie, said students need to be aware of how to have "safe sex."

Wendy Steinke, another student, said that she hopes college students "are mature enough to handle it."

Student volunteer Marc Frantz said many people will take some pamphlet suggestions as a joke. But even joking will raise awareness, he said.



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Phillip Wall, a freshman computer science major, volunteered to help GLSA hand out literature in celebration of UNL Condom Day Tuesday.

But freshman Tim Hoins said he thought handing out the condoms was "silly" and not morally right because it "promotes sexual activities and homosexuality."

Earlier, Union officials opposed the distribution of some pamphlets because they considered them too explicit.

Advice included in one pamphlet,

"Condom Sense," says: "Condoms taste terrible; granted it is sucking on a piece of latex rubber. So get kinky . . . spread a little jam or jelly on it, or some maple syrup and pretend it's an ice cream cone."

Amy Edwards and Jenny Deselms contributed to this story.

Committee kills vote for UNL students

By Michael Hooper
Senior Reporter

The Legislature's Education Committee voted Tuesday to kill a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment that would have given student regents a vote on the NU Board of Regents.

After hearing much testimony on LR23, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Tim Hall, committee members voted 5-1 to kill the proposal. Sen. Dennis Baack of Kimball was the lone supporter.

Sen. Vard Johnson of Omaha said after the meeting that most of the committee members felt "a vote should not be given to a client community." Johnson said students are not a "special constituency" deserving a vote on the NU Board of Regents.

Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk told the committee that a student regent vote would give students double representation — representation by the student regent and the regular regent from the students' district.

Although the board members appreciate student regent input, Robinson said, student regents could not do justice to their studies while being a voting member.

ASUN president Chris Scudder countered saying that just as students go to class, the regents have jobs. And since students are most affected by the regents' decisions, Scudder said they often know the issues better than the regular regents.

Robinson said since only 2,988 of about 24,000 eligible students at UNL voted in last year's ASUN election, the student regents would not represent the whole student body.

Under Hall's resolution the student regent vote would have rotated from NU's three campuses yearly.

Sen. Hall said students are not fully represented on the board because they lack a vote. Their opinions mean little without the power to vote, he said.

"We've already established that we need their representation, but we haven't legitimized it," Hall said. Without a vote on the board, Hall said, a student regent "is like a bastard child."

Student regents are not fully accountable to their constituents because they don't have a vote, said Scudder, a former UNL student regent.

Because student regents are expected to study the issues before the board and have the same responsibilities as the regular regents, they should have a vote, Scudder said.

Not all eligible voters put the regents in office, Scudder said. Sometimes only 5,000 voters put a senator in office, but just because not all eligible voters voted, doesn't mean the senators don't get to vote in the legislature, Scudder said.

"That's the beauty of democracy," Scudder said.

Dan Hofmeister, ASUN's first vice president, said that since students' tuition and fees make up more than 33 percent of the university budget, student regents should be able to vote on how it's spent.

Hofmeister said he was "overly disappointed" with the decision.

Student leaders now are considering the possibility of taking the issue directly to the voters through the initiative and referendum process, Hofmeister said.

'Dating Game' part of RH Week agenda

By Linda Holmes
Staff Reporter

"What do you look for in a date?" "Would you go on a blind date?" "What are your goals after graduation?"

These are some of the questions asked at auditions Monday for the Residence Hall Association's "Dating Game," scheduled for March 3 in the Nebraska Union. More auditions are scheduled today from 2 to 4 p.m.

"Dating Game," one of the activities scheduled for Residence Hall Week, March 1 through 7, will be patterned after the "Dating Game" television game show.

Susan Simon and Jill Light, co-chairmen of RH Week programming committee, and Russell Johnson, RHA treasurer, are the "Dating Game" voting panel.

Light said 16 students will be selected for the game. From those contestants, four couples will win dinner at Grandmother's restaurant and a movie of their choice. One couple, chosen by the audience, will win a limousine ride to Grandmother's, Light said.

Johnson said they are looking for people who are attractive, charismatic and self-confident.

Each round will last 15 minutes.

Questions from the contestants will be screened by the panel.

The idea of the "Dating Game" was a group effort, Light said.

RHA also plans a "Foodfast for the Homeless" March 4. For each student who gives up a meal in the residence hall that day, \$1 will be given to the Lincoln City Mission. Several downtown restaurants will offer discounts for residence-hall students that night.

RHA also has planned a dance and fashion show in the East Union from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. March 6, Simon said.

"This year's RH Week is geared more towards fun and students rather than programs," Light said. "We want

to pull attention towards RHA so students will see it's something to have fun with."

Admission to all the RH Week activities is free, Light said. Programs are carefully budgeted, she said. RHA pays if the programs are not sponsored by another source.

RHA funds come from a non-refundable student fee in residence-hall housing payments, Johnson said.

RHA budgets between \$1,000 and \$3,000 for RH week. RH week will cost about \$2,500 this year, Johnson said.

"RH Week is not a profit-making venture," Johnson said. "It's just to get people aware of the residence halls," he said.

NSSA funding approved by 8-2 vote

By Rob Fraass
Staff Reporter

The Committee for Fees Allocation voted 8-2 Tuesday night to fund the Nebraska State Students Association and reinstated it as UNL's legislative lobbying organization.

The committee voted on Feb. 10 to disassociate the university from the state-wide lobbying organization in favor of UNL's Government Liaison Committee. The appeals votes gives NSSA \$17,553 that originally was taken away from NSSA and given to GLC.

According to CFA chairman Rob Mellion, the main reason the funds

were reinstated to NSSA was because of CFA's confidence in Steve Linenberger, NSSA director.

"Steve has been doing a great job for NSSA," Mellion said. "I think he's a 110 percent improvement over the previous director."

Linenberger will be working with GLC on UNL's legislative issues, Mellion said. NSSA will be put on a one-year probation period where an NSSA/CFA sub-committee will govern it. After the probationary period, the sub-committee's report will be used as a guideline to determine NSSA funding for the 1988-89 fiscal year.

In other business, CFA approved the

Campus Recreation budget through a series of votes on several amendments.

Campus Recreation ended with a \$373,905 budget for the 1987-88 school year. The budget is a \$34,642 increase from last year.

CFA approved increases of \$21,000 for managerial staff, \$6,260 for intramural staff, \$7,538 for operating expenses and \$5,000 for an increase in the number of hours student employees work.

Several CFA members said the increases were justified because the use of Campus Recreation equipment and programs have gone up dramatically in recent years.

Job guides free for juniors today

Career guides will be distributed free to juniors today and Thursday at a booth in the Nebraska Union, in residence halls and in fraternities and sororities.

The 10-page guides, put together by the Student Alumni Association, include information on interviewing, resumes, graduate-school test dates and the Career Planning and Placement Center.

The guides also are available at the Student Information Center, Wick Alumni Center and the Career Planning and Placement Center.