

# Speaker: extremists rejected by farmers

By Kirk Zebolsky  
Staff Reporter

Most Nebraska farmers blame themselves if they have financial troubles and resist recruiting efforts of extremist groups that blame government and the international banking community for the farm depression, said a UNL professor Monday at a seminar in the East Union.

Jack Kay, associate professor of speech communication, is evaluating 150 hours of taped discussions with 100 farmers, said farmers acknowledge contact with members of the groups but believe that "a lot of their ideas are just not true," and quickly repudiate them.

The groups, which also advocate

white supremacy, are trying to increase their numbers by taking advantage of failing farmers, Kay said.

But in the last 2 1/2 years Nebraska farmers have been "very, very resistant" to the groups, Kay said, because more farmers buy into the metaphor "farming is a business" and blame only themselves for financial problems.

The "Farmer-as-a-businessperson" metaphor was created by the government about 15 years ago, Kay said, when farmers were recommended through agricultural extension offices and farmers' cooperatives as good business people. Books and literature have perpetuated the metaphor, he said.

The problem with farmers blaming only themselves is that they resist not only extremism but all outside help,

including church groups, and face their problems alone, Kay said.

Farmers who sympathize with the extremist groups think in terms of the metaphor "farming as embodied as a cultural heritage," Kay said, and believe someone "is trying to take my life, money and heritage."

Arthur Kirk, the Cairo farmer who was shot by state patrolmen in a stand-off over foreclosure papers, is now seen as a martyr to some extremists, Kay said.

Thirty percent of the farmers interviewed last summer claimed they were in financial distress, and 70 percent said they were "OK or prospering," Kay said.

The interviewing was funded by a grant from the UNL Research Council.

On his own, Kay visited last year's "world congress" — a meeting of 40 extremist leaders in Hayden Lake, Idaho.

Kay said that until experiencing the activities of the extremists, he didn't think they seriously believed the ideas they advocated. He said he was surprised to find that they are "incredibly sincere."

Active members number about 1,500 nationwide and they have up to 300,000 sympathizers, according to a Kansas City researcher who has made the extremists his life's study.

Kay said the extremists have more influence among farmers in the South and Pacific Northwest. Kay said he is more worried about their influence among students than among farmers.

## UNL debate team makes nationals

A first-round invitation to the National Debate Tournament has been extended to the UNL debate team of senior John Fritch of Palmyra and junior Bradley Walker of Lincoln.

A first-round invitation is reserved for the top 16 teams in the nation, said Jack Kay, director of forensics and chairman of the UNL department of speech communication. Other teams can qualify for the national tournament by placing high in district competitions, he said.

A national panel of coaches selected Fritch and Walker because of their strong season.



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 Select one (1) by marking the box to the left of the name.  
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 Do you favor the teaching of courses by video taped instruction as advocated by Gary Schwendiman, Dean of CBA, and the UNL Administration?  
 — YES — NO — UNDECIDED

**ASUN SURVEY GAY/LESBIAN PROGRAMMING**  
 1. Are you a homosexual?  
 — YES — NO — UNDECIDED  
 2. Do you favor the funding of a University Program Gay/Lesbian Council with student fees?  
 — YES — NO — UNDECIDED

**ASUN CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS ELECTIONS OF EXECUTIVES ARTICLE VI SECTION 2 A**  
 PRESENTLY:  
 THE PRESIDENT/FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL BE ELECTED AS A SLATE  
 THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL BE ELECTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL  
 CHANGE TO:  
 THE PRESIDENT, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT AND THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL BE ELECTED AS A SLATE  
 A VOTE YES IS TO CHANGE TO PRESIDENT/FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT/SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT TO A SLATE  
 A VOTE NO IS TO LEAVE IT AS PRESIDENT/FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT AND SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT SEPARATE

**NAME CHANGE**  
 PRESENTLY:  
 ARTICLE I. NAME  
 THE NAME OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE THE ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT LINCOLN, HEREIN AFTER REFERRED TO AS THE ASSOCIATION.  
 CHANGE TO:  
 THE NAME OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE UNL STUDENT GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.  
 A VOTE YES IS TO CHANGE THE NAME ASUN TO UNL STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
 A VOTE NO IS TO RETAIN THE NAME ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT LINCOLN

**ASUN CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS AGENDA RESPONSIBILITIES**  
 ARTICLE VI - SECTION 2 A, 2  
 A. PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, CHOSEN UNDER THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS:  
 1. TO SET THE AGENDA, BY NOTICE GIVEN IN WRITING TO THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO EACH REGULAR STUDENT SENATE MEETING, WHICH AGENDA MAY BE ALTERED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING, AND SUBJECT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 1.  
 CHANGE TO:  
 1. LETTER F. WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDING:  
 THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE SHALL SET THE AGENDA OF THE SENATE BY NOTICE GIVEN IN WRITING TO THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO EACH REGULAR STUDENT SENATE MEETING, WHICH AGENDA MAY BE ALTERED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING, AND SUBJECT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 1. AND  
 A VOTE YES IS TO TRANSFER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AGENDA FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE  
 A VOTE NO IS TO LEAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AGENDA WITH THE PRESIDENT

**C. RECALL**  
 ARTICLE VII SECTION 4 C  
 1. BY A PETITION SIGNED BY THIRTY-THREE (33) PERCENT OF ALL THE REGULAR FULL-TIME STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A COLLEGE TO REQUIRE THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION TO SCHEDULE AND CONDUCT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) CLASS DAYS A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR A SENATE SEAT IN THAT COLLEGE BY THE FINAL APPOINTMENT AT THIS SPRING GENERAL ELECTION.  
 2. BY A PETITION SIGNED BY THIRTY-THREE (33) PERCENT OF ALL THE REGULAR ENROLLED FULL-TIME STUDENTS OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY, TO REQUIRE THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION TO SCHEDULE AND CONDUCT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) CLASS DAYS A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PRESIDENCY, FIRST OR SECOND VICE-PRESIDENCY OF THE ASSOCIATION.  
 3. RECALL PROCEDURE. IN ALL CASES OF RECALL, THE OFFICIAL RECALLED SHALL CONTINUE IN THE POWERS OF HIS OFFICE UNTIL THE SPECIAL ELECTION AND MAY BE A CANDIDATE AT THE ELECTION. THE SPECIAL ELECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE RULES PROMULGATED BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION AND RESEMBLING AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE THOSE DESCRIBED IN THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION. CANDIDATES ELECTED AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION SHALL SERVE ONLY FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE RECALLED OFFICIAL.  
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A VOTE YES IS TO CHANGE FROM "REGULARLY FULL-TIME STUDENTS" TO "THOSE VOTING IN THE LAST ASUN ELECTION"  
 A VOTE NO IS TO KEEP THE LANGUAGE "REGULARLY FULL-TIME STUDENTS"

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