

Professor blasts Reagan

By Dorothy Pritchard
Senior Reporter

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln political science professor Wednesday labeled foreign policy during President Reagan's seven years in office a "consistent record of failure."

Professor Bill Avery, speaking to a group of about 30 people at The Gathering Place, 15th and E streets, cited examples of why he believes Reagan's policies are failures, including: lack of arms control agreements in the past seven years despite "abundant" opportunities for arms agreements; "a disastrous Middle East performance," including the deaths of 241 Marines in Lebanon; no progress toward peace in Central America and the militarization of that region; a "head in the sand" policy toward apartheid in South Africa; an "ill-conceived" Persian Gulf policy; and "absolutely ridiculous" arms sales to Iran.

Reagan's "quick fix" of enlisting the U.S. military instead of using diplomatic tactics has become an obsession, Avery said, pointing out the sending of Marines to Lebanon and Grenada, the

committing of troops to the Persian Gulf and the militarization of Central America.

"You cannot opt for a military solution to every problem," Avery said.

Avery blamed Reagan's leadership style for the "disastrous results" of his foreign policy. Reagan is detached and uninvolved with the day-to-day routine of government, Avery said, unless he is personally concerned with an issue — like U.S. hostages abroad or Contras in Central America. He said Reagan does not have the "knowledge or the will" to break the deadlock between the State Department, which is sympathetic to arms control, and the Defense Department, which doesn't favor arms control.

"How can you expect this president to intervene in a creative way in this terrific struggle of bureaucracy if he lacks the knowledge?" Avery said.

"Before we have any major successes in foreign policy we're going to have to have major changes in the structure of foreign-policy making in this administration," he said.

World Food Day recognized

By Victoria Ayotte
Staff Reporter

World Food Day, a time to examine efforts to end hunger everywhere, will be recognized locally today and Friday.

Mayor Bill Harris will honor several individuals and groups who have helped end hunger Thursday at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 6001 A St. On Friday, a national teleconference called "Poverty, Hunger and Interdependence" will be broadcast on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.

Today's program will begin at 4:30 p.m. when Harris presents certificates of recognition to principal food referral agencies in Lincoln.

Friday's session begins at 10 a.m. in the Great Plains room of the East Union with an introduction by Irvin Omtvedt, interim vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Then Nebraska Rep. Doug Bereuter will give an address on world hunger before a national teleconference.

The national teleconference will be received by satellite at sites all over the world. A panel of Nebraskans will discuss "Nebraska Perspectives on Food Issues" following the national teleconference.

Today, the agencies will be recognized for "identifying families with emergency needs and referring them to the proper church or food pantry," said Carmelee Tuma, executive assistant to Mayor Harris. Fourteen agencies will receive awards.

Rita Hennig, pantry organizer and Farm Crisis hotline field worker, will sing songs from the heartland at 5:30 p.m. Her performance will be followed by a free dinner. A freewill offering will be taken.

World Food Day started in 1981 and is celebrated on the anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Glen Vollmar, dean of international studies at UNL, said World Food Day is an annual event.

"I don't think people thought it would last as long or become more important," he said.

Vollmar said he thought there would be a greater focus this year on the food problem being an economic problem and not a production problem.

"We have food stored all over the world; people just don't have the money to buy food," he said.

Karen Craig, dean of the College of Home Economics, said the main food issue today is distribution. Tons

of food go to waste, Craig said.

Thursday's dinner will be followed by the presentation of local end-hunger awards by Gates Minnick, City Council chairman.

Recipients of individual achievement awards are: Wende Baker, general manager of the Lincoln Food Bank; Shirley Cayou, alcohol counselor trainee at the Lincoln Indian Center; and the Cooper Foundation. Donald Hanway, professor emeritus of agronomy, will receive an educator/scientist award.

Willie Nelson, founder and organizer of FarmAid, will get an award for achievement by a celebrity. For corporate achievement, Gooch Foods will be recognized, and the People's City Mission will be honored for achievement by a private voluntary organization/cooperative. Television station KOLN-KGIN, channels 10 and 11, will be awarded for media/communication achievement.

"The work of individuals and groups who are committed to ending hunger is seldom recognized, so through these awards we honor these 'heroes of the heart' for their compassionate and outstanding contribution to help others in our community," Harris said.

Friday deadline set for pass/no pass, drop/add changes

By Trevor McArthur
Staff Reporter

Friday is the last day to change a grade from pass to no pass or to go through drop/add.

Students who want to change to or from pass/no pass should go to Student Accounts, Administration Building Window 17A. There is no charge for the change.

Drop/add requests, with a \$5 fee, are also processed at Student Accounts. Classes dropped after Friday will remain on the student's transcript as a grade of "W" for withdrawal.

Requests made after Friday for changes in a course's grading option require an appeal to the Faculty Grading Committee of the Faculty Senate. An appeal must include a letter from the student stating the reason for the change and letters of support from the instructor of the class, the department chairman and the student's adviser.

The chairman of the Faculty Senate normally notifies students of the result of their appeal.

Tony Schkade, assistant director of the Office of Registration and Records, said appeals are granted on the merit of each student's case.

Faculty salaries not only problem

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president, said many professors come to Lincoln for its intellectual opportunity, not just for the quality of life.

Nearly all of the professors in UNL's math department are from out of state, he said, and if they are not provided intellectual opportunity here, they may leave.

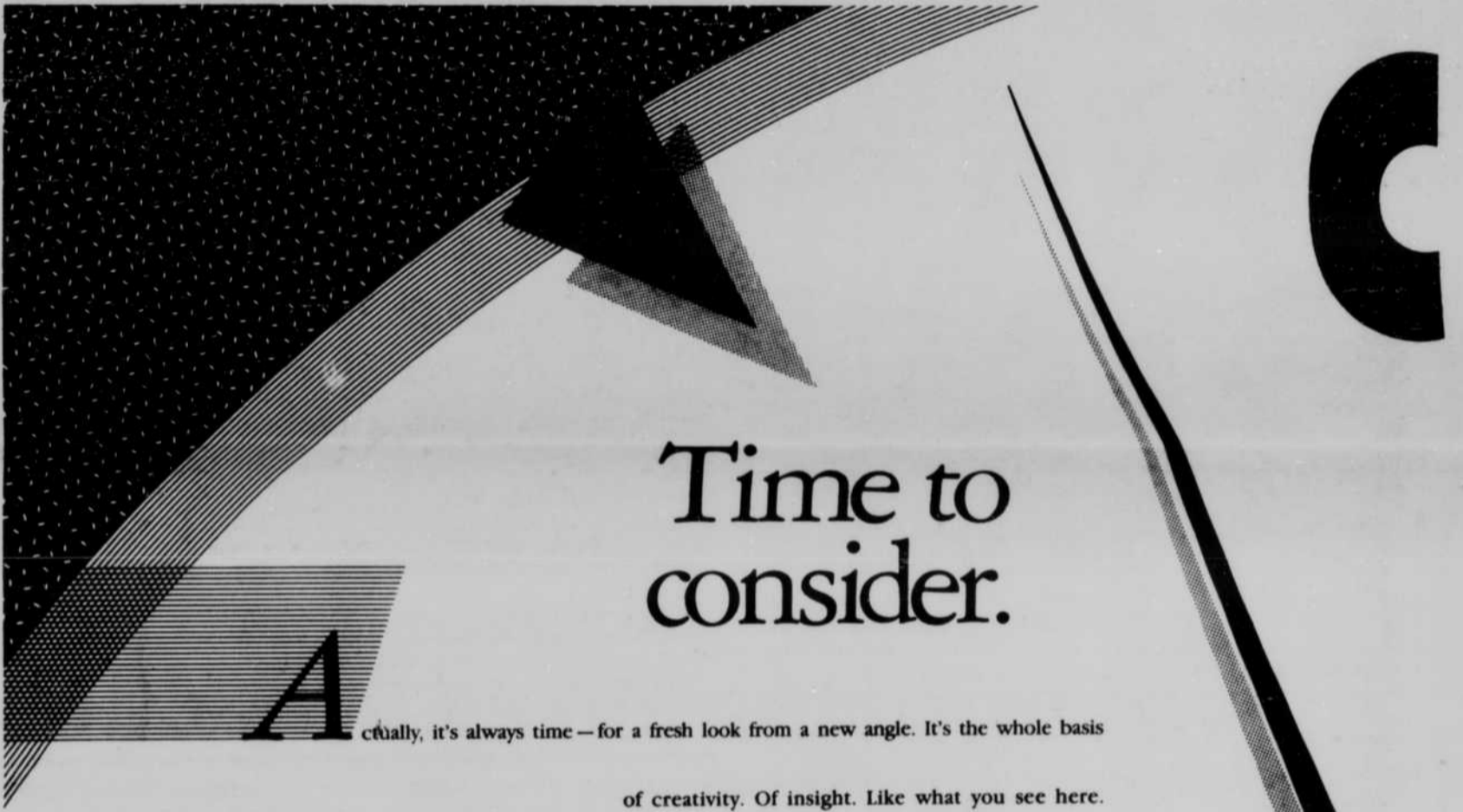
"The deterioration of the university means the deterioration of the state," Lewis said.

Other Lincoln improvements identified at the open hearing include: entertainment for youth; a strong local business community; help fighting drug and alcohol abuse; more community involvement, such as input on how to spend Lincoln's block-grant money; parking space and more job opportunities for minorities.

Charles Thiessen, RFD 5, said Lincoln should strengthen its small business climate, especially female and minority owned businesses, and not become "a company town."

Lincoln should also continue fighting drug and alcohol abuse, Thiessen said.

"I hate to see kids who haven't even reached the age of puberty yet get all smoked up," Thiessen said. "I've seen them."



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