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CORRECTION

In a story about an assault Aug. 23 (DN, Sept. 6), the time of the assault was listed wrong. The incident occurred at 9:30 a.m., not 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, high 75-80 with winds from the NW 5-15 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low around 55. Friday, partly cloudy, high 70-75.

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ASUN votes to give \$500 to program despite warnings

By Ryan Steeves
Senior Reporter

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska passed an appropriations bill Wednesday donating \$500 to the "Do It Sober" program, despite warnings from some senators that the action could spark more requests for charity.

ASUN passed the bill with a 13-7 vote. The money will be used to pay for expenses incurred by the program's speaker, Lonise Bias, mother of former Maryland basketball player Len Bias who died of a cocaine overdose in 1986.

Sen. Matt Gotschall, ASUN speaker, led the opposition, saying that passing the appropriations bill might set a precedent in which an onslaught of charity groups will ask for money out of ASUN's budget.

"I also believe the program ("Do It Sober") will go on with or without ASUN's money," he said.

"Do It Sober" will kick off Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 16 to 22. The event will feature programs aimed at educating students about the effects of alcohol consumption.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the Residence Hall Association and the University Health Center are sponsoring the program with ASUN. Sen. Tyler Correll, a general studies student, submitted the bill.

Correll, a SAE member, disavowed any personal interest in the bill. He said he supports "Do It Sober" because it's an important educational program and because ASUN will receive good publicity for co-sponsoring it.

"I think it's a real good program and I think ASUN will benefit from it," Correll said.

Sen. Terri Dondlinger of the Teachers College said she doubts that residence hall students will participate in "Do It Sober." RHA is co-sponsoring the event for the first year.

Dondlinger said ASUN could appropriate student fees to more worthy causes, rather than supporting mostly greek events.

Gotschall agreed saying the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid or UNL libraries could use the money more than "Do It Sober."

ASUN President Jeff Petersen supported the bill, saying it will be a beneficial program that will encompass all students on the UNL campus.

"This is the first event I've ever seen where residence hall students and greek units are working together," Petersen said.

Marlene Beyke, ASUN director of development, said that ASUN will use money left over from last year to fund "Do It Sober." Petersen said they have enough money to fund other programs and ASUN can handle other appropriations requests as they come up.

Peace Corps director looks to UNL

By Pattie Greene
Staff Reporter

David Fredrick, director of the Peace Corps in Morocco, said Wednesday that he wants to extend and increase the cooperation between the state of Nebraska and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with Morocco.

"I want a good partnership in order to share Nebraska's wealth of human resources with Morocco," he said.

Fredrick spoke to a group of UNL agriculture professors Wednesday following a breakfast at the East Campus Union.

According to Fredrick, Morocco doesn't have that many natural resources, although he said he thinks they are one of the leaders of the developing countries in conservation and environmental preservation.

Fredrick said a land-grant university like UNL is an important resource for training Americans and Moroccans in agriculture.

UNL cooperates in developing dry-land agriculture, which grows where rain falls infrequently, he said. The university also helps develop rain-fed agriculture.

Morocco just came out of a seven-year drought, Fredrick said.

Nebraska exports wheat to Morocco, which is sold there, he said.

The Peace Corps has a farmer-to-farmer program, which allows U.S. farmers to come to underdeveloped countries in the off-season, Fredrick said.

Nebraska Rep. Doug Bereuter implemented the program in 1985.

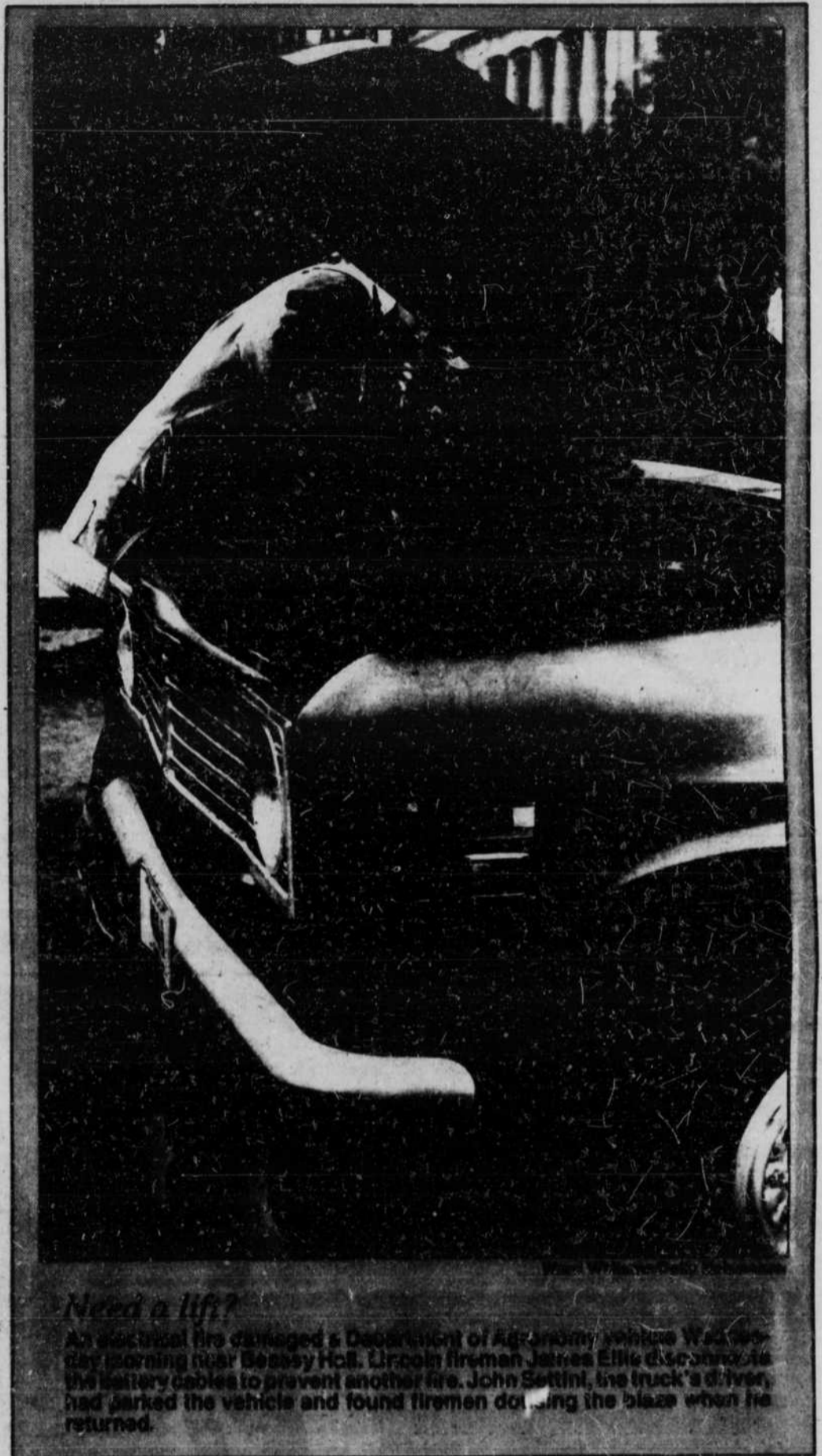
The farmer-to-farmer program allows farmers to provide short-term technical assistance to the volunteers, farmers and farm organizations they work with in Third World countries.

The farmers assist in areas such as dairy production, vegetable production and poultry science.

Fredrick said the first program was a tremendous success. He said the "best, No. 1 beekeeper in America" helped set up beekeeping in Tunisia.

While dairy, beef and wheat farmers are welcome in the farmer-to-farmer program, Fredrick said co-op workers and agri-businessmen may also volunteer.

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Need a lift?

An electrical fire damaged a Department of Agronomy vehicle Wednesday morning near Beesey Hall. Lincoln fireman James Ellis discovered the battery cables to prevent another fire. John Settini, the truck's driver, had parked the vehicle and found firemen doing the blaze when he returned.

DREAM to form lines of communication

By Eve Nations
Staff Reporter

The recently formed student organization DREAM hopes to form a coalition of minority students by forming a chain of communication, according to Paul Miles, special assistant to Vice Chancellor James Griesen.

Miles said Wednesday at a meeting he would like to see DREAM become the organization that unites existing minority organizations.

"I want to stress that this organization is not here to take over any existing organizations, rather it is here to assist, in a diversified manner, the existing organizations.

I want to open up a better chain of communication throughout the campus," Miles said.

Miles came up with the idea of DREAM, Developing Realistic Events Assessing Minorities, last spring because he did not see an appreciation and a network of the existing various cultural organizations.

"There is a small percentage of minorities on campus and they need to communicate with each other," Miles said. "Concerns that apply to one minority group will probably apply to another minority group."

After the formation of the concept, Miles got

together with other students about the idea. "I talked to other students and they thought it would be a worthwhile organization," he said.

Miles said he hopes to make students more aware of the organization and the goals. One goal Miles wants to accomplish is to have a better voice for minority students.

"One of my main concerns is to get representation for minority students in the student government," he said.

Miles is not alone in this quest for increased representation of minority students.

Kim Beavers, second vice president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, is attempting to diversify the student government.

Beavers spoke at the meeting and expressed her concern for the lack of minority representation in ASUN.

"I no longer want ASUN to be a white, greek organization," Beavers said. "I think that we have a tunneled vision. There is a narrow view when you don't have a diversified government."

Several positions are available in committees, Beavers said. She encouraged students to apply for the positions.

"There are not many minority students in the government," she said. "I think that once one

person breaks in, the rest won't be afraid to get involved too."

Beavers said there was a lack of knowledge on how to get involved with the government. "Anyone who wants to get involved can come to me if they need help," she said.

ASUN will be taken more seriously if there is equal representation, Beavers said. The student government will hold a lot more weight with the students, she said.

Brad Munn, Affirmative Action officer for the university, encouraged the students at the meeting to work cooperatively and collectively to get rights that already are theirs.

"You have to be brave, you have to be bold, and you have to stand up for what's right," Munn said. "We have to work together to not be afraid."

Munn said some UNL faculty do not treat the minority students with the same fairness as majority students. He added that the faculty is there to help students and minority students have the same right to get help as the white students.

Miles said some students think nothing will happen if they speak up. DREAM will give students the confidence that people are behind them, he said.

"If you hold your frustrations inside, you

won't ever feel content," he said. "This awareness is happening all across the country, there is no reason why we have to be the last to jump on the band wagon."

Miles said he hopes DREAM will be an organization for the students by the students.

"I want it to be appreciated by faculty and staff and outside sources," he said. "I also want it to become visible, accepted and appreciated."

Miles was encouraged by student's interest for DREAM and the positive reactions of the administration.

"I think James Griesen (vice chancellor of student affairs) needs to be complimented because of his contributions, both financially and time wise," Miles said.

The initial start of DREAM is encouraging, but one meeting does not forecast the future of the organization, Miles said.

"I want to wait and see how things develop," he said. "I appreciate the start but I am not satisfied."

Miles stressed that he is not the leader of DREAM.

"I play the role of the advisor," he said. "In the next two to three meetings I hope to help the organization develop a constitution and develop leaders."