

Party ADVANCES to election

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Pledging to implement an escort service and change alcohol and visitation policies, the ADVANCE party announced Friday its candidacy for RHA elections.

Larry Koubsky, the ADVANCE presidential candidate, said the party would work to implement a campus-wide escort program to "decrease the number of rapes and sexual assaults" at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Koubsky, a senior advertising and psychology major, said the service would be free to all students. They could call the Residence Hall Association office for an escort to meet them and walk them to their destination.

The party also would work to change alcohol and visitation policies at residence halls, Koubsky said. The policies won't be changed all at once, he said.

"It needs to be done slowly," he said.

One or two residence halls could begin the

change by experimenting with new alcohol and visitation policies, he said.

Koubsky currently serves as the RHA president. He has been president of Harper Hall and the Harper-Schramm-Smith Resident Association. He is an ASUN senator from the College of Journalism and a member of the Journalism Advisory Board.

Eric Aspengren, ADVANCE vice presidential candidate, is a freshman philosophy major and president of Schramm Hall. He represents RHA on the University AIDS Task Force and is chairman of the RHA Alcohol Task Force.

Karen Schimonitz, ADVANCE candidate for treasurer, is a sophomore business management major and Fedde Hall co-president.

The ADVANCE platform also includes:

- Working for full availability of direct main-frame access via portable computer hook-ups in each residence hall room.
- Working toward diverse representation in RHA, with more representation of minority students.

Regents pass 'last resort' resolution

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Hoch said the resolution should be taken "in the spirit of doing a better job." The resolution does not imply that the regents are doing a bad job being responsive to students.

"We have been doing a good job, and we can all do better," Hoch said.

The board voted 6-3 to approve another resolution by Petersen requiring that the regents pledge not to increase tuition and fee costs beyond what is necessary to keep up with the inflation rate.

The resolution also requires that the regents do not consider tuition surcharges as an "acceptable means" of generating money, and that surcharges would be used only as a last resort.

Petersen said tuition costs at UNL have risen 115 percent in the last 10 years. Tuition costs obviously must increase to keep up with inflation, he said, but tuition costs have risen at a higher rate than the percentage of support from the state.

Such dramatic increases in tuition can push students out of the marketplace, Petersen said. Every potential student should be able to afford a college education, he said.

"People are constantly talking about the brain drain," Petersen said. "If we can't even get students into the sink, we won't even have to worry about that problem."

Regents Payne, Robinson, Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha and student Regent Paula Effle of the University of Nebraska at Omaha voted against the resolution.

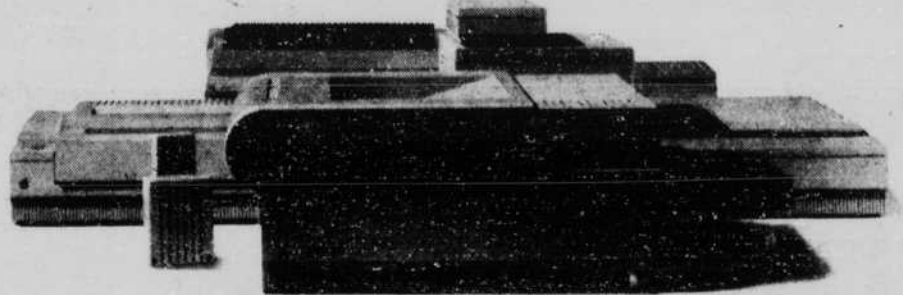
Effle said she opposed the resolution because tuition increases may be necessary in the future to expand the university system.

"It's like saying 'I don't want to give any more, but I want you to give us more,'" Effle said. She said she will probably "take some heat" from UNO students because of her stand.

In other business, the regents approved a \$4.5 million funding request for modifications needed for the College of Pharmacy building because of structural deficiencies; a program statement for the School of Biological Sciences greenhouse; and a Ph.D. program in home economics and a masters program in legal studies at UNL.

The board also recognized UNL history professor David Nicholas and physics professor John Hardy as winners of the 1989 Outstanding Research and Creative Activity awards.

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