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CORRECTION: In a story about UPC Films (DN, Sept. 20), the film dates were incorrect. "U2: Rattle and Hum" will show Friday at 7 and 9 p.m. "King Lear" will show Saturday at 3, 7, and 9 p.m., and Sunday at 3, 6 and 9 p.m.

WEATHER:

Thursday, partly sunny and warming to the 80s, SE winds 10 - 15 mph. Tonight, 20 percent chance of thundershowers low near 50. Friday mostly cloudy 20 percent chance of thundershowers, high reaching 70. Extended forecast: Saturday through Monday dry and cool with highs in the 60s Sunday, 70s Monday.

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ASUN resolution calls for disclosure on Roskens firing

By Jana Pedersen
Senior Reporter

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska voted Wednesday to approve an amended version of a resolution asking the NU Board of Regents to disclose the reasons behind dismissing former NU president Ronald Roskens.

The bill's sponsor, general studies Sen. Steve Thomlison, said he moved to amend his resolution after speaking with UNL Faculty Senate President James McShane.

"It is not the intent (of the resolution) to move the university toward a lawsuit," Thomlison said. "But this is a stance ASUN could take. We could stand on an issue for once that students have asked us to."

Previously, the resolution stated that ASUN protested the regents' refusal to disclose the information. As amended, the resolution states that ASUN requests the regents to "reconsider" the refusal and inform students if they are legally able.

Before ASUN voted to amend, McShane called the resolution "troubling."

"I find it troubling because over and over again I find the board is not in a flexible position," he said.

Until the regents' legal counsel or Attorney General Robert Spire make a decision on the legality of revealing the reasons for Roskens' dismissal, McShane said, the regents have an obligation to remain silent.

"I'm rather proud that our board has the sense to keep their collective mouth shut despite all the grief it has brought them..." he said.

The resolution, as amended, said the regents should disclose their reasons "as soon as the attorney general or the courts legally permit."

Spire is deciding whether the regents broke the open-meeting law when they dismissed Roskens July 31.

At the present time, keeping quiet about the issue is the only way for regents to avoid a lawsuit, McShane said.

He said that as he understands current Nebraska open-meetings laws, personnel matters cannot be made public unless the employee involved discloses the information.

If the regents disclose personnel information, he said, it could seriously affect the ability of the employees involved to find other jobs.

The employees then could file lawsuits and claim damages of expected lifetime earnings, he said.

The figure from a successful lawsuit of that nature could cost much more than the \$250,000 the regents are paying Roskens, McShane said.

The only person who can disclose information about Roskens' dismissal is Roskens, he said.

Roskens claims that he can't disclose any information about his dismissal because that's "just politics," McShane said.

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Hall president fails attempt to prove RHA constitution invalid

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Editor

The Residence Hall Association Judicial Board Wednesday quelled a student's suit to prove the RHA Constitution of 1987 invalid.

Judicial Board Chairwoman Lisa Line said that Jay Noble's claims that the constitution is invalid were unproved. No evidence exists to show that the 1987 constitution was not ratified properly, she said.

Noble, president of Neihardt Hall, charged that the RHA Constitution of 1978 superseded any bylaws or constitutions passed since that time.

J. Matt Wickless, RHA president, argued that the RHA Constitution of 1978 was replaced with bylaws passed in 1981, 1984 and 1986. These bylaws were the same as new con-

stitutions, he said.

If the 1978 document were still valid, the process by which RHA approved the 1987 constitution would have been improper. The 1978 constitution said that any new constitutions would have to be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Residence Hall Association, which consists of all students who live in the halls.

Noble said that although the 1987 constitution was approved by the RHA senate, it was not ratified by the association's members.

Wickless said he thinks the 1987 constitution was ratified properly, but the local complex governments re-ratified it in the last three weeks to ensure the document's validity. No records exist from when the 1981 bylaws or the 1987 constitution were approved to show how they were ratified.

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Lowell Brown, of 1919 Sumner St., and Wayne Ingram, 628 Eldora Lane, have been picketing near the capitol since May in protest of the defunct Commonwealth Savings and Loan. Commonwealth investors still are suffering from their losses in 1983 when the Lincoln bank went default. Brown said he lost \$117,000.

UNL stresses recruitment of female faculty members

By Pat Dinslage
Staff Reporter

The percentage of female vs. male faculty members at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is "lower than we'd like it to be," but not "shameful," according to Brad Munn, affirmative action officer at UNL.

Munn said there are many women faculty members in some departments, such as the humanities and social sciences. But in areas such as agriculture, chemistry, physics and engineering, there are few women and minorities, he said.

Colleen Daniels, academic systems coordinator in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, said efforts are being made to actively recruit women and minority faculty members.

To attract women faculty members to academic areas where they are underrepresented, Academic Affairs provides additional funds and extra incentives, including

money for moving expenses and computers for those who want them. Money for such perks normally comes out of individual college funds, which sometimes are limited.

Academic Affairs provides support for recruitment efforts. Individual colleges actually do the recruiting.

UNL is not hiring faculty in some colleges, she said. Demographics show that much of the faculty is middle-aged, earning tenure and staying at UNL, which means positions are not opening.

Munn said applicants for faculty positions usually are chosen from those who have received doctoral degrees. There is a lack of women students in the doctoral programs in the science, math, business and technical fields, he said.

According to Jim McShane, president of UNL Faculty Senate, the low number of women faculty members is a problem.

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Women's protection against diseases, pregnancy could be on market soon

By Emily Rosenbaum
Staff Reporter

A condom for women, designed for contraception and protection from AIDS, currently is under Food and Drug Administration review and could be on the market within a year.

"This condom allows a woman to protect herself," said Mary Ann Leeper, senior vice president of Wisconsin Pharmacal Co., developers of the condom.

It is the first product to give women the chance to help protect themselves from both sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy, Leeper said.

The WPC-333 vaginal condom is a polyurethane sheath with two flexible polyurethane rings. The ring at the closed end of the sheath is inserted into the vagina and is anchored under the pubic bone.

The other ring remains outside the vagina after insertion, protecting the labia and base of the penis during intercourse.

Like the male condom, WPC-333 is intended for one-time use and does

not require fitting by a doctor.

Leeper said the product gives broader coverage than the male condom and is less likely to tear because it's made of polyurethane.

"It's less disruptive than the male condom because the woman inserts it before intercourse," she said.

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Leeper said the biggest problem the company may have to face in marketing the condom is complacency among the public.

Although "sexually transmitted diseases are on a rampage," Leeper said, not enough people are taking

precautions, such as using condoms.

Another problem with the female condom may be the way it looks, Leeper said.

Phyllis Mostrom, coordinator of the sexually transmitted diseases program at the University Health Center, said she isn't certain how a female condom would be accepted by the public.

Despite the AIDS threat and other sexually transmitted diseases, condoms aren't widely used, she said. People often think that condoms interrupt spontaneity, Mostrom said.

"It's easier not to use it," she said. In a series of clinical studies, WPC-333 was compared to the male condom. The results were presented Aug. 25.

The results showed that the vaginal condom had a 0.6 percent leakage rate while the male condom rate was 3.5 percent.

The leaks were caused by pinholes and tears from manufacturing failure or stress during use.

Another study of the female condom will be performed next month to determine its effectiveness as a contraceptive, Leeper said.