

Interns needed to help refugees

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Staff Reporter

Students committed to helping victims of human rights violations can act on their convictions, if they don't mind a little substandard living and no pay.

Judy Hatcher, a spokeswoman of the midwestern offices of Amnesty International, said the organization is seeking interns to help political refugees in Texas.

Many of the refugees had to leave countries such as El Salvador and Guatemala because they have spoken

out against the governments and have been threatened with death or imprisonment.

The program, called "Asylum Summer," is to help refugees in the lower Rio Grande Valley around Brownsville, Texas.

Interns will investigate human rights violations and do research on the legal language of agreements between countries.

Interns should know Spanish, although it is not mandatory, Hatcher said. They also must become members of Amnesty International and be at least 18 years old.

Although interns must buy their own food and their own transportation to Texas, Hatcher said, she urged applicants to request financial assistance from local Amnesty chapters.

Once interns arrive in the area, transportation around the valley will be provided. Accommodations, which Hatcher described as "very simple," also will be provided.

"Interns may have to share space or stay on a campground, as the refugees do," Hatcher said. "It would be very much a Third World experience."

Senators

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tive candidates.

Those TODAY candidates who did lose in the senate race won't be giving up the campaign for the executive race Wednesday, she said.

"The people with TODAY aren't

in it for themselves," she said.

She added that if the TODAY executive candidates win the runoff election, they will work to ensure that ASUN won't be affected by a split between the executive members and the VISION senators.

Whether the two factions could work together depends on how "personal or petty people are," she said.

Gosch also said it is important for the executives and the senate to work together regardless of party factions.

According to unofficial results, write-in candidates picked up four senate seats. One student running as an independent also won a seat.

Results will become official as soon as the ASUN office verifies that write-ins meet the requirements to be in the senate.

McArthur

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regents needs, a variety in opinion," McArthur said.

McArthur will be running against Earl Scudder, Dick Powell and Charles Wilson.

Scudder, president of Scudder Law Firm, said he can't predict McArthur's chances but welcomes him as a candidate.

"I am pleased he is focusing the need for more students in the electoral process," Scudder said. "If his participation helps the need for more student voting, I applaud him."

Scudder, former president of the UNL Parents' Association, said students should support elected, not appointed, regents.

"If we have individual boards of trustees at each state institution, I would have more confidence in a member elected by the student body than I would the caliber of a member appointed by an elected official," Scudder said.

A resolution in the Nebraska Legislature proposes replacing the current regents and the state college board of trustees with a statewide board of regents and boards of trustees for each of seven higher education institutions. Trustees would be appointed and

elected. Currently, all the regents are elected.

McArthur said he doesn't plan to attack other candidates, but instead plans to show voters that what he has to offer is different from other candidates and regents.

"I have the insight of a different socioeconomic outlook through being a student," he said.

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By fall, the system will inform users if books are checked out or being bound. The computer never will show the name of a person who has checked out a book, she said.

Anita Cook, project director of the computer system, said that eventually the IRIS (Innovative Research Information System) will allow students to access information from the libraries at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

"Easier access is our major objective," Cook said. "People will be able to retrieve information with less effort."

Once the card catalog is computerized, users will be able to access information by dialing in from any computer, Cook said. That means students can search for information from their dorm rooms or apartments, she said.

Initially, about 70 terminals will

be available for public use in the main and branch libraries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, she said. At least 16 of those will be in the reference area at Love. Others will be located in different areas of the library.

When IRIS debuts in April, it will contain information from 1976 to the present, Cook said. Older information, dating from 1869, gradually will be added to the system.

Cook said it will take two to three years to put all the records in the computer. Until that time, students should check both the computer and card catalogues for information, she said.

The Love Library staff has been working on computerizing the card catalogue for three years, Cook said. The library is following a national trend of computerization. "Everyone is going this way," Cook said. "Other libraries say it's an easy system to use."

IRIS is financed by the state and the University Foundation, Cook said. It will be free and open to the public.

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