

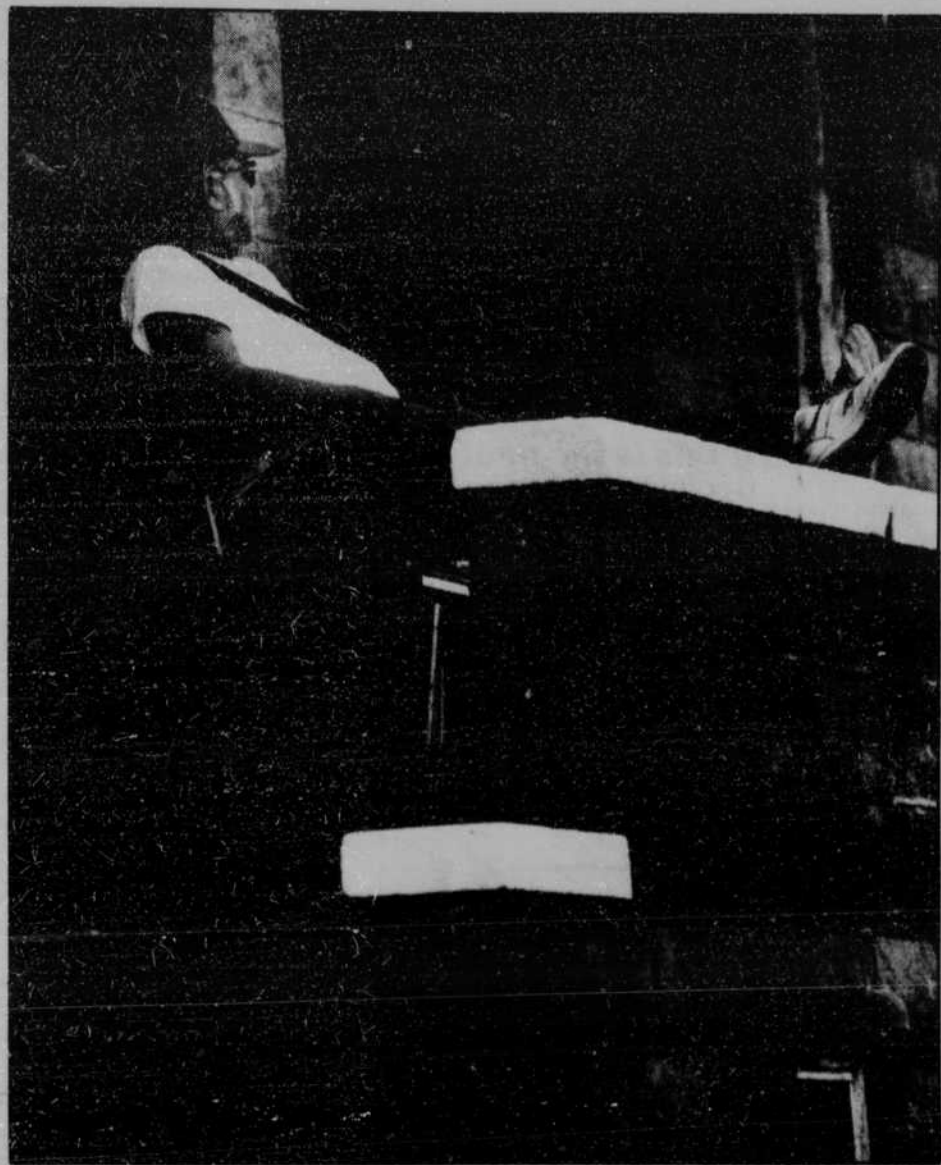
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Correction: In a story about "Take Back the Night," (DN, April 23) Bernie Glaser's name was spelled incorrectly. The Daily Nebraskan regrets this error.	
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Tuesday, considerable cloudiness and breezy, 30 percent chance of thundershowers, high around 80, south wind 15-25 miles per hour. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of thundershowers, low in the low-60s. Wednesday, partly sunny and breezy, 30 percent chance of thundershowers, high in the low- to mid-80s.	News.....2 Editorial.....4 Sports.....5 Arts & Entertainment.....6 Classifieds.....6



Relaxing in the shade

Jim Begay of 133 S. 18th St. kicks back and relaxes on Monday afternoon.

David Hansen/Daily Nebraskan

## Free speech rights an issue for 'fighting words' policies

By Jennifer O'Cilka  
Staff Reporter

Administrators of three universities agreed that schools considering a "fighting words" policy should closely scrutinize rights of free speech before drafting a proposal.

Darlene Ray-Johnson, student discriminatory policy administrator at the University of Michigan, said the policy there was changed after the original was challenged in U.S. District Court. The court ruled that the original policy was "unconstitutionally vague and overbroad," Ray-Johnson said.

While the old policy was short and simply called for a non-hostile university environment, Ray-Johnson said, the current policy precisely discusses "fighting words" and the intent behind them.

Phil Gosch, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said the Michigan fighting words policy served as an outline for the proposed policy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The Michigan policy states that "physical acts or threats or verbal slurs... referring to an individual's race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, creed, national origin, ancestry, age or handicap, made with the purpose of injuring the person to whom the words or actions are directed and that are not made as a part of a discussion or exchange of an ideal, ideology or philosophy are prohibited."

Ray-Johnson said the document also contains a separate paragraph about using discriminatory language or threats "as a way to gain sex."

Michigan can discipline violators with the following steps:

- forcing them to draft a formal apology
- a formal reprimand
- making them do community service
- special courses or workshops on discrimination

- suspending them from courses
- making them pay restitution
- expulsion

Although no cases at Michigan have involved expulsion or suspension, Ray-Johnson said, her office has dealt informally with 19 or 20 cases since the new policy went into effect in September 1989. That estimate does not include figures from other officers who take such complaints, including residence assistants in dormitories.

The number of complaints to Ray-Johnson's office was higher under the original policy, she said.

"The number of incidents hasn't gone down, but the number of complaints has," she said.

Ray-Johnson said she thinks the "narrower definition" of "fighting words" may keep students from making complaints.

She said most students complain about discriminatory fliers and graffiti rather than face-to-face confrontations.

Black students at Michigan have criticized the policy, saying it should not cover so many issues, but be more devoted to racial slurs, she said. But others are happy to have a place to file specific complaints, she said.

Sally Cole, judicial affairs officer at Stanford University, said administrators there are a few weeks away from deciding on a proposed harassment policy.

She said the policy, written by a law expert, defines certain expression as being beyond the limits of free speech. If proof is given that an oral or written statement injures an individual, penalties range from a letter from the university president to suspension, Cole said.

She said Stanford's policy was written with three goals in mind: symbolism, education and enforceable policy. Symbolism means university officials want to appear to be fighting discrimination, she said.

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## UNL reports first measles case; health center urges immunizations

From Staff Reports

University Health Center officials began Monday contacting the professors of a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student who was diagnosed Saturday with rubeola, or red measles.

Dr. Gerald Fleischli, medical director of the health center, said officials are asking professors to warn their students of the case and recommending a second immunization for all "face-to-face" contacts of the student.

One case of measles is considered an epidemic, but Fleischli said health officials are handling the case "a lot more low key than last year" when one case of rubeola measles led to mass immunizations and about 25 measles cases at UNL.

The student, a male undergraduate, lives in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house and is a teacher's assistant in the Keller Plan psychology office.

Fleischli said students who visited the psy-

chology office at 105 Burnett Hall from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. April 16 or from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday also should have a second immunization shot if their first was before age 1.

Even students who were immunized after age 1 may not be immune to the disease. Fleischli said the immunization process is not 100 percent effective -- the student diagnosed Saturday had been properly immunized.

Any students uncertain of their immunization record should contact the health center at 472-7400.

In general, Fleischli said, students should be aware of the case and go to the health center if they develop a red rash. The rash begins on the face in the form of tiny blisters that crust over, Fleischli said, and moves down the arms and torso.

State and health center officials are working together to find out where the student may have contacted the disease.

## Judge says crisis in United States caused by drugs, sacrifice of ethics

By Emily Rosenbaum  
Senior Reporter

Chief Justice William Hastings of the Nebraska Supreme Court said the United States faces a "moral decay."

"Today America is facing a crisis," he said Monday in the Nebraska Union, at a speech in conjunction with Criminal Justice Day.

Hastings, in his 26th year as a judge, said the moral and ethical crisis is partly "attributable to drugs."

Hastings said he doesn't know how much headway law enforcement officials and members of the legal system can make against drugs.

That's because one reason for the "drug syndrome is the 'I syndrome,'" he said.

Recent trends in the United States are for people to ask "what's in it for me?" he said, and a concern for material possessions

and status symbols.

The Iran-Contra and Franklin Credit Union scandals are two examples of declining ethics, Hastings said.

Sunday's Earth Day celebration was the "perfect example of what we ought to be doing," he said, to set a good example for children.

Placing criminals in jails won't stop drug sales, he said. Moral values, he said, must be instilled in children.

Although he said he doesn't believe inmates should be treated like guests at a "Hilton Hotel," it is dangerous not to allow prisoners benefits such as going outside.

Hastings said it would be less expensive to use "intensive supervision" of some criminals than to imprison them all.

The average cost of imprisoning one inmate per year at the state penitentiary is \$18,000, Hastings said, while intensive supervision would cost only \$450.

## Severing ties difficult for retiring regents secretary

By Jerry Guenther  
Staff Reporter

Ever since he was a child attending Nebraska football games, William Swanson said, he has been attracted to the University of Nebraska.

Through the years, Swanson's attraction to the University of Nebraska has grown, culminating in his decision to accept the position of NU vice president for governmental relations and corporate secretary in 1974.

Now, as the 67-year-old prepares for his May retirement as secretary to the NU Board of Regents, it is his affiliation with those who have worked

with him that Swanson said he will miss most.

"It's been a great part of my life," Swanson said. "Just severing that association will be difficult."

Swanson, a Lincoln state senator from 1967 to 1972, said he came to the university at the urging of former NU President D.B. "Woody" Vamer.

Swanson said his senatorial experience was an asset when he arrived at NU because his position initially required him to lobby for the university.

Although lobbying has its "ups and downs," Swanson said, he enjoyed working with senators.

"When times and the economy

are good, it's much easier to work with the Legislature to get a suitable budget for the university."

Swanson said one of the most difficult times he experienced was in the early and middle 1980s when the economy was in a slump and former Gov. Bob Kerrey and the Legislature ordered mid-year budget cuts.

He resigned as vice president for governmental relations in 1986 after a study recommended separating the governmental relations and corporate secretary positions.

Swanson said he enjoyed working both jobs, but that the time commitment they required was challenging.

Lee Rupp, vice president for uni-

versity relations, now handles most governmental relations.

As corporate secretary, Swanson said, he keeps records for the regents, sets agendas for meetings and serves as a liaison for the regents.

Although Swanson said he remembers many of the meetings, one he often is asked about is one that he wasn't even at.

That was the July 31, 1989, meeting when the regents voted to remove former NU President Ronald Roskens.

Swanson said that meeting was attended only by the regents and their general counsel, and was closed to everyone else, including himself.

While he has been associated with

the university, Swanson said, he has been pleased to see how each of its three branches have developed to fill separate missions.

Another pleasing aspect of his job has been working with students, faculty members and administrators, he said.

"The people, by and large, have just been outstanding," Swanson said. "I'm going to miss that."

Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha said she wishes Swanson wasn't retiring.

"He just has an extraordinary sense of humor," Skrupa said. "He's the

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