

# Official: Tax law repeal to help donations

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The reversal of a 1986 federal tax provision will help increase donations to the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, an official said.

Daphne Deeds, curator and assistant director of Sheldon, said Congress' provision disallowing many tax benefits on donations of artworks

diminished the level of gifts to museums.

Congress recently overturned the law, an action that will give back tax breaks of donations to non-profit institutions of artworks that increase in value over time.

Deeds said the 1986 tax law needed to be changed.

"It is very gratifying to know they (Congress) realize the 1986 tax law

was terrible and detrimental," Deeds said. "The law affected the cultural wealth here and of an entire nation."

Deeds said the old law may have decreased donations of artworks close to 60 percent nationally. She did not know how much it had decreased donations at Sheldon.

Congress' action only is in effect for 1991, however. Deeds said she is hoping Congress will make the law

permanent. The benefits of donating artworks are twofold, Deeds said.

Donors make a contribution to America's cultural heritage while increasing their financial stability, she said.

"If a donor doesn't benefit, he or she may find other ways to work on, say, their tax situation," Deeds said, by giving to other causes.



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nated in 1982, 20 had been reinstated by UNC or had retired by the end of 1983.

A report by an outside hearing officer "concluded that the administration... had proven the existence of a 'program exigency' and that its decisions in the individual cases were 'reasonable.'"

But the AAUP ruling stated that "the administration did not demon-

strate that the university was in a condition of financial difficulty that could not be alleviated by means less drastic than abrogating tenure."

Faculty involvement in the termination process was lacking, the report stated.

Faculty members were allowed to give input during two public meetings and through the Joint Retrenchment Committee, composed of four administrators and four faculty members.

After these meetings, however, the president and academic vice president met in executive session and the faculty was notified of the decisions that had been reached.

And, the report states, "from what the investigating committee was able to learn during its visit to the university, many of the faculty were reluctant to participate in the termination decisions."

Bergstrom also cited a 1985 case in which a UNC journalism professor from India was terminated after he said his visa needed to be renewed.

Someone in Dickeson's administration allegedly told the professor that UNC was not interested in having the visa renewed.

After the professor said he was staying in the United States by marrying an American woman, he reportedly was fired anyway, Bergstrom said.

Dickeson said the professor was not fired, but was deported by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Achal Mehra was the professor in question, according to AAUP reports.

In an AAUP supplementary report appearing in the November/December 1985 issue of *Academe*, the AAUP reported that it saw no reason why Mehra's appointment was not renewed. However, the AAUP said its decision was based largely on information from Mehra.

A statement from NU Board of Regents Chairman Don Blank said the AAUP censure of UNC under President Dickeson has come to the attention of the board.

The board is concerned, Blank said in the statement, and is disappointed that this was not reported to the Presidential Search Committee or the board before.

The information is relevant to the board when it is deliberating to select the NU president, Blank said.

In an interview, Blank said he could not comment on statements by Dickeson until they become available to the board.

Student Regent Phil Gosch said the censure information should have been forwarded by the search consultants.

"It's very unfortunate the search committee was not made aware of it," Gosch said. "It narrows the list, I guess."

"I don't think our faculty would welcome an individual that displayed some of the leadership decisions that seem to be apparent at UNC," Gosch said.

Dickeson said he regrets that the UNL and UNO chapters of the AAUP took a stand without consulting him.

## Senate urges quick police chief choice

From Staff Reports

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Academic Senate Tuesday urged the UNL Police Department to give priority to the selection of a new police chief.

Senate President James McShane said that the selection process, now in its second year, should be concluded as soon as possible.

"It's true that the issue of safety on

campus is of primary interest to the university and our students," he said.

The UNL Police Department is seeking a replacement for Chief Gail Gade who retired in August 1989. Lt. Ken Cauble has been serving as interim police chief.

Franz Blaha, representing the University Campus Police Committee to the senate, said he did not know when the search would be concluded.

He said that the department is undergoing reorganization of personnel and that finding a replacement will be difficult until the restructuring is finished.

He said that despite this difficulty the selection process should be moving faster.

"I do sense that there is some sense of stagnation while this is being worked out," he said.

## Nesbitt

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"We live in an era where racism is coming in new ways," he said, speaking to about 200 people at Nebraska Wesleyan University as part of a symposium on race relations.

"Today's racism is more of an acknowledgement of natural differences that says it is natural for human beings to stick to their own kind," he said.

Nesbitt called this type of racism

"institutionalized" racism.

"This comes from much more structural roots," Nesbitt said. "Racism is more than a personal attitude; it is the institutionalized form of that attitude."

"None of us are free of racism. None of us do not come from an atmosphere of racism," he said.

Nesbitt said it was his firm belief that "racial problems in South Africa will be solved before the racial problems in the United States" because of the different nature of the problems.

"There has been a new growth of racism in the U.S.," he said, calling the problem worse now than it was in the '60s.

"There is an attitude today that the only real Americans are whites and all others are only hyphenated Americans," Nesbitt said.

"I am afraid we have political leaders in this country who don't stand up to this," he said.

As part of the effort to solve the problem, Nesbitt urged college students not only to become non-racist but also to become anti-racist.

"This means being willing to confront peers or parents and to take on families about their attitudes," he said. "Too often our liberalism leaves us at the edge of campus."

Nesbitt said he thinks the task of ridding the United States of racism is difficult, but possible.

"All of us in the world want to see a situation where we can all be together as the one racial group that does have validity — the human race," he said.

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