Sigerson wants ASUN to change stance on admissions standards

By Angie Brunkow

ASUN President Andrew Sigerson will ask senators tonight to reconsider a decision they made last week concerning proposed higher admissions standards at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

At last week's meeting, senators voted 10-9 against



supporting a proposal that would require incoming students to have two additional years of math and foreign language and one additional

year of natural science and social science.

Sigerson said he hoped that reconsidering the issue would lead to a better debate because about one-fourth

of the senate did not attend last week's

Senators representing both sides of the proposal were not present, he said, and reviving the bill will give sup-porters, such as James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, a chance

Some senators were confused about what they were voting on because too many amendments were added to the proposal, Sigerson said.

And he said he disagreed with the senate's decision on the bill.

"Higher admissions standards are badly needed here," he said.

A recent college guide in U.S. News and World Report placed UNL in its third quartile, or somewhere between 103 and 153 out of America's 204 "national universities" — a ranking that proves UNL needs higher admissions requirements, Sigerson

UNL was ranked near the bottom compared to other Big Eight universi-

"One of the reasons for that is because we let everybody who breathes in," Sigerson said.

He said university officials were not doing prospective students any favors by letting them enter UNL unprepared for college academics.

Students must be academically prepared to get as much as possible out of the university, he said.

In other business, Sigerson said, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska will consider recommendations for the use of a new parking lot on the east side of the Power Plant at 14th and Avery streets.

The lot, which has 22 parking spaces, either will be designated for students living in the Harper-Schramm-Smith Complex or for com-

Quebec

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"My country has been in a frenzy of constitutional activity that verges on surrealism," Lewis said. "We have had 7 or 8 years of fixated, obsessive, endless and, I suppose, neurotic constitutional debate."

Lewis criticized those who had so fervently campaigned for the accord that they stepped over the line of reality and pushed voters

As an example, he cited Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, who told voters "if you vote no, you are an enemy of

One official, Lewis said, claimed that without the accord, Canada

could fall apart and become another Beirut, and the national bank predicted 1 million Canadians might move to the United States.

That's what you call referendum pornography," he said.

However, Lewis said he thought the "yes" lobby would reclaim the high ground in the debate, and it, was probable "that in all provinces, the 'yes' side will prevail.'

But in any case, the passing of Oct. 26 won't mean the end of the controversy, he said. Lewis said the issue would persist until Quebec was "one day asked the explicit question: 'Do you want in, or do you want out?'

Lewis said he believed that was direction his country was heading, and he hoped the eventual choice would be for Canada.

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Students join to support homeless

By Corey Russman Staff Reporter

Members of the Golden Key National Honor Society and UNL student-athletes have joined forces to support the Great Plains Winter Sleepout for Lincoln's homeless.

Students have finalized plans for a food and clothing drive that runs today through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Troy Branch, a junior linebacker for the Cornhuskers, said the drive was "another opportunity for studentathletes and honor students in Golden Key to use their influence in the community and student body to help generate support and awareness.

Branch encouraged everyone to come to the Nebraska Union to donate either two cans of food, two items of clothing or \$2 to the project. The first 600 people to donate any of those items will receive a 1992 Nebraska football poster.

Deborah Dedrick, vice president of Golden Key, said she hoped the

project would increase awareness of sleepout, said the coalition was invitthe homeless problem in Lincoln. People should "empathize with the homeless and get the community more involved," Dedrick said.

In addition to UNL's food and clothing drive, the annual "Kick in a Can" food drive will take place during Saturday's football game against Oklahoma State.

The Omaha and Lincoln food banks are sponsoring Saturday's food drive.

Charles Raffensperger, executive director of the Omaha Food Bank, said he hoped everyone who came to the stadium Saturday would donate either one can of food or \$1 to the food banks

Both the "Kick in a Can" drive and the food and clothing drive are part of a promotion for the Great Plains Winter Sleepout. The sleepout, which will be Oct. 16 from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. at Lincoln's Centennial Mall, is sponsored by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Homeless Coalition. The coalition is composed of 35 organizations.

ing the entire community to partici-

Murrell said he wanted people to join together by the "hundreds and thousands" to attend the event.

"Everyone from the UNL campus, from Union College, from Nebraska Wesleyan (University) and from Concordia College, as well as every man and woman on the street" should come to the event, he said.

Every night in Lincoln, Murrell said, 118 men, women and children are homeless.

During the sleepout, he said, a meal typical of those given to the homeless will be served. The event also will include entertainment, aswell as food from local merchants.

Security for the event will be provided by off-duty police officers, Murrell said.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Freeway Youth Station, the Friendship Home and the Peoples City Mission — organizations that help Dave Murrell, coordinator of the shelter and feed Lincoln's homeless.

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they walked. "Let her know -"Let her know — please let her know that we will do whatever it takes to make it stop," she said.

Stan Harms, Candice's father, urged other students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to use the buddy system at all times, since authorities still were unsure whether the person responsible for his daughter's disappearance was in the area.

"It's too late to prevent it for Candi. but if we can prevent it for anyone else, we'll do whatever we can do,"he

He said his family had been overwhelmed by the community's support in helping them get through the crisis.

This is the last thing I wanted todo; Pat and I are very private people,' he said. "Keep the prayers going."

Linda Kay Morgan, treasurer of the Afrikan People's Union, said at a time like this, "it is hard to provide comfort to people who know no com-

Amy Rockenbach, who has been a friend and co-worker of Harms at Bryan Memorial Hospital for more than 2 years, said coming to the vigil was a way for her to feel like she was doing something for Harms.

"We haven't been able to do anything," she said. "We've been so tied down.

Thomas Kuffel, chaplain at Lincoln Pius X High School, which Harms had attended, said students and staff had been praying for Harms and her family since her disappearance.

"Students are very upset about this," he said "Two weeks ago Friday, we held a mass to pray for Candiceit was very emotional and afterwards there was complete silence in the

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Monday

7:41 a.m. - Verbal disturbance between two men, parking lot at 14th and R streets.

7:59 a.m. - Reserved parking signs damaged, Nebraska Hall parking lot, \$50.

9:16 a.m. — Man fell down stairs, Westbrook Music Building, transported to St. Elizabeth Hospital, 555 S. 70th St.

2:43 p.m. — Compact disc player stolen from vehicle, parking lot at 16th and Y streets, \$300 loss, \$50 damage.

4:18 p.m. — Assault, liquid thrown on man from moving vehicle, North 14th Street, arrest.

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