

# Candidates discuss campus ties

By Chad Lorenz  
Staff Reporter

Administrative cooperation and mandatory health insurance were among the main topics at Tuesday's ASUN debate.

The debate was sponsored by College Republicans, Young Democrats and the International Student Organization.

The candidates were asked how they would work with faculty, administration and the Legislature.

Chad Pekron of the ACCESS party and Shawntell Hurtgen of IMPACT said working with administration was important to bring change and serve students' needs.

Pekron said ACCESS wanted to strengthen the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska's ties with the Legislature with a stronger voice from the Government Liaison Committee.

Hurtgen said IMPACT sought to relay student opinion through the Academic Senate, as well as through the GLC.

LETTUCE candidate Matt Kissler also advocated a close working relationship with those groups, saying that a Pac-Man tournament and drinks with Chancellor Graham Spanier were the keys to that connection.

Mark McGoveran, CUT COST's candidate, said students had an adversarial relationship with faculty.

"We've cooperated ourselves into the ground," he said.

Candidates also were asked how they planned to help international students get better benefits from their mandatory health insurance policies.

McGoveran and Pekron said health insurance rules should apply equally to all students. Pekron said international students especially needed fair treatment in health insurance because they didn't have as

many resources, being so far from home.

Hurtgen said IMPACT was committed to forcing the issue on administration.

Candidates also were asked specific platform issues.

McGoveran said his goal to cut students' costs could be achieved in several ways. He suggested not using social security numbers for ID codes so students didn't pay the price for possible credit fraud.

Hurtgen said cutting costs was an unrealistic goal, but limiting increases was a tactic IMPACT would employ.

Kissler said LETTUCE would conduct a bake sale to keep costs down.

Campus safety was a big concern to ACCESS candidates, Pekron said. He said it was critical for campus police to keep a better watch over the university at night.

# Transportation research pools together at NU site

By Brian Jensen  
Staff Reporter

This September, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be the center of attention.

For the next two years, UNL will be the site for a federal transportation center. The purpose of the center is to pool the work of engineering researchers from surrounding schools.

The schools involved are UNL, Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, the University of Missouri at Columbia and the University of Missouri at Rolla.

The research will focus on four categories, including highway engineering, traffic engineering and safety, pipelines and railroads, said Pat McCoy, director of the transpor-

tation center and professor of civil engineering at UNL.

McCoy said the research would be funded by an individual company, which would pay the center, and the federal government, which would match the company's amount.

McCoy said the research must fit under the four categories. For example, the center may do research for a new highway that is to be built.

Each school would be assigned a certain aspect of the design, he said. For example, he said, UNL might design a low-cost crash cushion while Kansas might design a pipeline system.

"Each school has strengths in certain areas," McCoy said.

McCoy said the center would not have an official schedule of research projects until November.

# Students support union by not attending forum

By John Fulwider  
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A poorly-attended student forum on the proposed Nebraska Union expansion indicates that students support the plan, the union director said.

"It's a good sign that there's apparently no controversy on this subject," Daryl Swanson said. "If students felt strongly against it, they would've been there."

About 15 people attended the forum, which included a slide show and a short presentation by Swanson. Swanson asked for questions when he finished but found none.

Swanson explained the union expansion referendum item, which will be on the March 8 Association of Students of the University of Nebraska ballot.

The referendum asks whether students support the expansion, whether they support an increase in their student fees to pay for it and what new services they would like to see.

Swanson said it would be difficult to get the NU Board of Regents to support the expansion if students did not approve.

The entire project is estimated to

cost \$11.8 million. To finance the project, a 20-year revenue bond would be issued. Beginning in the fall semester of 1997, mandatory student fees would increase \$20 to pay off the bond.

Students currently pay \$18 in student fees for the union and the University Health Center. The \$20 would be added to that amount.

The expansion would enhance recreation, bookstore and meeting-room services. Food-court seating, lounge seating, the computer lab and Daily Nebraskan offices would be expanded.

Proposed new services include: a music store, dry cleaner, copy shop, convenience store, coffee house, travel agency, yogurt shop, and a t-shirt print shop or flower shop.

Swanson said some renovations, such as modifying the west handicapped-access ramp to meet federal and state standards, would be done whether or not the entire expansion was approved. He called the ramp embarrassing because it did not meet any of those standards.

If the project is approved by the Board of Regents, construction would start in early 1997 and be completed by mid-1998.

get media attention at all.

"I think that there's a potential that the story will get buried and people won't think much about it," he said.

In other communities, where executions are more common, he said, a party atmosphere still prevails. The number of intoxicated students at Nebraska's penitentiary during Otey's execution disturbed him, he said.

"It does depend on what the community decides," he said, "and if they want to prevent that kind of atmosphere we saw last time."

# Penalty

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John Joubert and Michael Ryan. "I don't see the passion in this one that I saw in the past," he said.

When Otey was scheduled to be executed, Wesely said, his group ad plans made a month before the execution, and the press was calling him for comments.

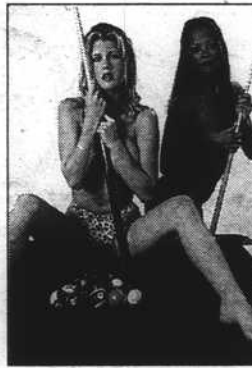
Now, he said, it's been difficult to

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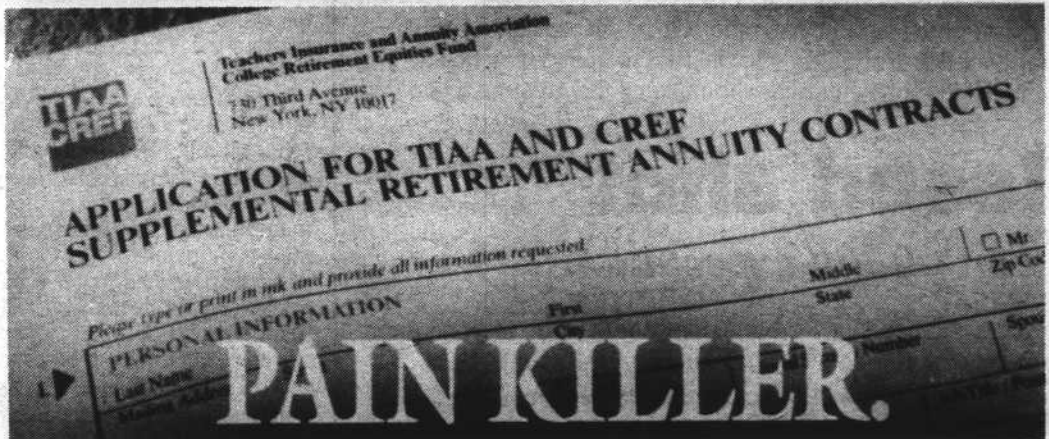
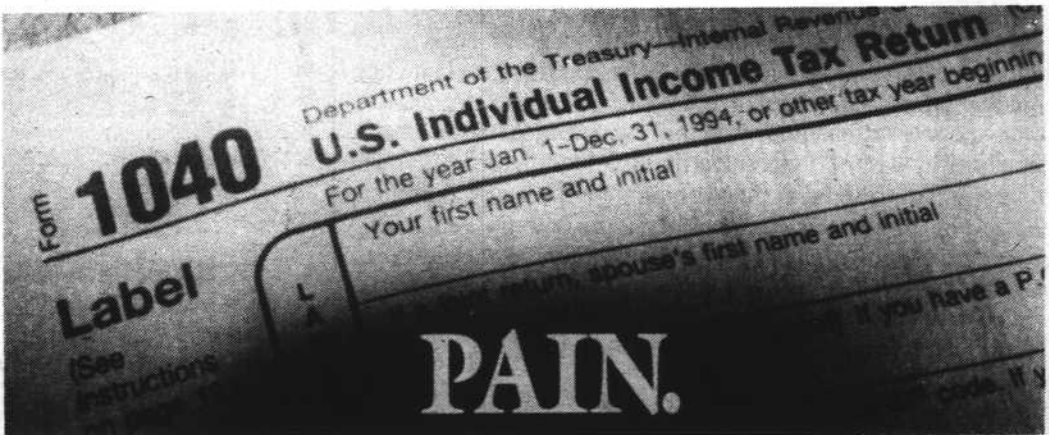
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