

# Professor honored again as top educator

## Kelter says respect is key to effective classroom relations

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For chemistry Professor Paul Kelter, the second time's the charm.

For the second year in a row, Kelter accepted ASUN's Outstanding Educator Award, which was presented Wednesday night.

The award, founded in 1996 to honor professors for their hard work, is given to the educator who receives the most student votes during the ASUN elections.

"I'm honored this year as I was last year," Kelter said, preceding the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska inauguration ceremony.

Kelter discussed what he felt were the keys to good teaching, and respect was at the top of his list.

"If you just go in and give a lecture, you're not doing your job," Kelter said. "A class isn't something to be talked down to. It's worth the time in class to ask what students think."

That type of student interaction is Kelter's fundamental teaching technique, he said.

"If I'm asking 60 to 70 questions in a class period, that's normal," Kelter said.

And the best questions, Kelter said, are sometimes those that students don't answer.

"If you provoke a question that brings silence because students are thinking about it, it's a good thing," Kelter said.

Another vital technique in teaching, Kelter said, was to "sell yourself."

"If you look at the great lecturers on campus ... they have in common that they not only sell their material, but they also sell themselves."

This selling of "yourself," Kelter said, is a "selling of your humanity."

"Students know when a teacher cares. It's a team effort. We're both in the same fight."

Kelter said learning chemistry was challenging for some students.

"Those that stay with the program end up doing well," Kelter said. "I try to make it clear that if you stick with it, things will get better."

When asked if a three-peat could be in his future, Kelter said he faced a dilemma because, as a research professor, he can teach only one class.

He has two options. Kelter said he could teach a beginning chemistry class with 200 students. Otherwise, he said he could teach a graduate course in chemistry with about eight



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CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR PAUL KELTER prepares some cotton taken from a diaper to demonstrate to his Chemistry 195 class how polymers work Thursday afternoon.

students, who may later go on to teach classes of 200 students.

Kelter said he would not be disappointed if

he didn't receive the award next year.

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### DOMESTIC

A neighbor in the 3000 block of Randolph Street watched Wednesday night as a man dragged his fiancée off the porch and rammed her body into a car several times before driving away from her home.

Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said the neighbor heard yelling and screaming and went to see what was going on. The neighbor gave police a description of the car and the direction it was going.

Officers later pulled over the car at 33rd and F streets. Heermann said they found the woman curled up in the back seat, crying.

Police arrested William Lawrence, 36, of 1201 Belmont St., for assault and for a warrant he had for failing to appear in court on a charge of driving on a suspended license. Lawrence was still driving on that suspended license.

### ASSAULT

Lincoln police officers found a man who was apparently the victim of an assault unconscious and lying in a puddle of blood behind Arnold's Tavern, 6113 Havelock Ave.

Heermann said the man woke up early Thursday morning but was uncooperative with officers and intoxicated. He had a two-inch gash across his face, the result of being struck with an object.

Heermann said police didn't know details of the assault but they were told the victim was seen inside another person's car going through compact discs. She said officers were unsure if the two incidents were related.

Danny Schafer, 34, was cited for unlawful entry into a motor vehicle and taken to Bryan Memorial Hospital for stitches.

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