

# Lecturers press for a union

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said it wasn't until after she became aware of the inequities of job titles and the differences between tenure and non-tenure-track faculty that she realized something needed to be done.

"It got some of us thinking things needed to be changed," Whitney said. "My contract has not changed, just my job title."

Whitney had been a non-tenure-track assistant professor since 1997, but her job title changed because of the regents' bylaw amendment.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Evelyn Jacobson said all university employed lecturers are non-tenure-track positions.

Jacobson said she has not been in contact with anyone interested in forming the union, but has briefly discussed the issue with various other lecturers at UNL.

Both Whitney and Eggers said there was no negative reinforcement behind their pursuit for a union.

"I don't have any complaints about the department or my teaching," Whitney said. "It's more a matter of how we exist within the department."

Whitney said a letter to all UNL lecturers was sent out earlier this week, identifying English department and university concerns.

English department lecturers said they would like to see equitable pay, greater job security and representation with the university and their department.

Eggers said lecturers currently do not have any representation in university bodies, including the faculty senate.

Other issues they are considering to address include equal access to research grants, information and professional perks; recognition and rewards for excellence in teaching; and opportunities for advancement, he said.

English department lecturers have discussed the possibility of unionizing with the Nebraska State Education Association. If enough interest exists from all university lecturers, an election could take place this fall, Eggers said.

Associate Vice President for Business and Finance John Russell said if the lecturer group's efforts prevail and an election is held, the university would have to begin negotiations with the group only if election results showed majority support.

"If it happens, we will begin discussions," Russell said. "But I believe the real question

"We are seeking stability and representation on this campus."

PAUL EGGERS  
English department lecturer

here is whether a group of lecturers could be considered separate from faculty."

Currently two faculty unions exist in the NU System, one at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the other at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Russell said the American Association of University Professors at UNL did try to unionize during the mid-1980s. The group's efforts never reached an election, he said.

Whitney said the English department planned to continue its efforts, sending out information asking for support.

"Thus far we have only heard positive support," Whitney said. "We are hoping it will continue."

# Motorists may be responsible for fetal death

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"Does the location of this life determine whether it is a human being?" he asked.

Support came from Catholic interest groups, Omaha Sen. Jon Bruning and Attorney General Don Stenberg.

Stenberg and Chambers engaged in heated discussion about problematic scenarios.

Chambers questioned how the state would determine if a woman was pregnant if conception had occurred within days or several weeks of fetal death.

Chambers pointed out that an illegal abortion, which is a criminal act, could result in a murder charge.

Jim Cunningham, executive director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference, said families who have lost unborn children as a result of criminal activity deserve closure.

"The state of Nebraska owes it to the families who have suffered this terrible injustice."

## Event celebrates Asia

From staff reports

Students, faculty members and staff have the opportunity to experience the many sights, sounds and tastes of Asia on Saturday night.

Asian Night - Shangri-La and Malaysian Festival '99 - A Journey to Malaysia will be held Saturday in the Centennial Room at the Nebraska Union.

The two festivals were co-organized by the Malaysian Student Association and the Asian Student Alliance.

Shangri-La, sponsored by the Asian Student Alliance, will be held at 5 p.m. before the Malaysian festival.

A full-course dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided by Asian performers.

Tickets for Shangri-La cost \$8 and must be purchased prior to the show in the Nebraska Union today.

The second part of the evening - 7:30 to 9 p.m. - is free to everyone, said Chee-Peng Tan, president of Malaysian Student Association. Booths, games and food will be available.

The night also will feature an auction of Malaysian items. Part of the proceeds for the night will go to charity.

A booth publicizing both festivals will be in the union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

# Galligo acquitted in Schmader murder

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two other neighborhood teen-agers uncovered the body.

The murder went unsolved for almost two years until Hopkins confessed to it in September 1997, but he did not reveal all the details then.

In June 1998, Hopkins entered into a plea agreement with prosecutors in exchange for his testimony against Galligo.

Then Hopkins told a different story - one that he repeated in court last week - of premeditated murder.

Hopkins carefully planned the murder, and he even went back to the tunnel several times to conceal evidence.

Galligo said he had no idea Hopkins was going to kill Schmader, and when he saw the stabbing start, Galligo fled.

Prosecutors questioned why Galligo did not tell his story sooner than he did if he was really uninvolved.

The defense countered that Galligo, who lived in more than 30 different foster homes, group homes and institutions between ages 8 and 19, didn't trust the police.

The police took Galligo from his father when he was 8, Naylor said. "You cannot ignore the reality of this man's life."

Galligo said he was terrified that Hopkins would kill him if he reported the murder.

If prosecutors let Hopkins keep his plea agreement, he could be out of prison when he is 34.

"I think Hopkins is a very dangerous person," Naylor said. "It's terrifying to think that this man could be on the streets when he is in his early 30s."

# Obligation doubles for Reichert

■ Mayoral candidate takes over his campaign after his manager resigns.

BY ERIC RINEER  
Staff writer

Randall Reichert is now his own campaign manager.

The UNL law student said he would be running for mayor without the help of former campaign manager, Lori Kreifel.

Reichert, a Republican, is one of five candidates competing in the May 4 mayoral elections.

Kreifel, a junior agricultural science major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said she stepped down as coordinator of Reichert's campaign in order to broaden her own horizons.

Kreifel was recently named chairwoman of the Citizen's Advocacy Panel in the Midwestern district. The panel was designed by the Internal Revenue Service to monitor IRS customer service.

Kreifel said she still supported Reichert's campaign and thought he was a strong candidate for city hall.

"I think it's past time we get some integrity and some accountability in the city-county building," she said.

Kreifel said she was confident Reichert would not allow past issues such as the P Street debate or the privatization of Bryan General and Lincoln Memorial hospitals to surface again if elected mayor.

"I don't think that's what public service is," she said. "If you're going to serve in politics, you need to be a public servant."

Kreifel said Reichert would help Lincoln by bringing a fresh face to city hall and ensuring more people are involved in government issues.

"Someone who does not know the political game will be very good for Lincoln," she said.

Reichert said he had not hired anyone to fill Kreifel's position. He said her resignation was a minor setback.

"I know all the issues," said Reichert, "but now I also have to coordinate and take care of some of the finances."

"It was nice to have help in that capacity."

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