

Tuition increase spurs lobby push

The ASUN Government Liaison Committee will hold a special meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Nebraska Union to organize a lobbying effort to "get the university's cash ceiling (outlined in LB690) back down and push the rest of the (appropriations) bill through" the Nebraska Legislature, said John Welch, committee chairman and ASUN Arts and Sciences senator.

The Legislature's Appropriations Committee decided Wednesday night in executive session to raise the university's cash fund ceiling enough to accommodate a \$4 an hour tuition increase, said the junior political science major from Curtis.

"We are interested in getting students together to lobby against the increase," Welch said. "It's a precautionary measure—an insurance policy and without a lot of student support, we can't get the job done."

Utica Sen. Douglas Bereuter told the Daily Nebraskan Friday that he introduced the amendment raising the cash ceilings at the request of NU corporation secretary and legislative lobbyist William Swanson.

He said the amendment was designed to specifically accommodate a further \$2 tuition increase.

The Appropriations Committee's previous cash ceiling decision had allowed for a \$2 increase in resident tuition, raising it to \$20 a credit hour, and a \$5.75 a credit hour increase for non-residents to \$54.

Bereuter said he hoped the most recent cash fund ceiling revision might shake students and faculty members out of their apathy and convince some to help lobby for amendments to the higher education appropriations bill, LB690. Those amendments would increase the NU budget for 1976-77 to almost \$95 million.

He added that the NU Board of Regents was likely to use the higher cash fund ceilings to raise tuition if the amendments increasing the NU general fund tax support fail.

But the tuition increasing amendment may be in trouble before it ever hits the Legislative floor. Bereuter also said he is thinking of "abandoning ship" on the cash fund ceiling increase.

In any case, after the Legislature disposes of the university budget, Bereuter said, he would ask the regents not to raise tuition rates beyond the \$2 a credit hour for residents and \$5.75 a credit hour for non-residents.

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When it was all over, the total donation board read \$12,740.

Thirty-three couples began the KLMS-Chi Phi muscular dystrophy dance marathon. Thirty of those couples finished the marathon, shaking their legs in a wide variety of dances, from polkas and square dances to forms of the hustle and limbo. The couples finishing the marathon danced for 30 hours.

Kerry Cooksley, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and Karen Whiteside, Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, raised the most money for muscular dystrophy with about \$127 pledged an hour.

Cooksley is a junior agricultural education major from Broken Bow and Whiteside is a junior physical education major from Lincoln.

Dave Voelte, marathon chairman and sophomore chemistry major from Omaha, said 59 couples signed up for the dance.

Alpha Gamma Rho won the trophy for the most money raised by an organization, which Voelte estimated at \$127 pledged an hour.

NSC plans committees to rid 'inefficiency'

By George Miller

Revamping the ASUN Senate's internal structure to "cultivate a professional attitude" among student senators is the primary goal of the New Student Coalition (NSC) party, according to ASUN presidential candidate Ron Sindelar.

Sindelar, a junior economics major from Norfolk, spoke of his party's goals in an interview Saturday. He was joined by Britt Miller, a junior anthropology major from Grand Island running for NSC first vice-president and Dennis Martin, a law school junior from Elgin running for second vice-president with NSC.

"Our number one complaint is that ASUN has been grossly inefficient to the point of incompetency," Sindelar said. "ASUN has never addressed the problem of the efficiency of ASUN."

Miller said senators do not offer real alternative solutions to the problems they try confronting them. Martin said NSC wants to change the Senate's rules of procedure to include about six specialized committees, each of which would research a problem pertaining to only one subject area of UNL.

He said senators on those committees would appoint students to campus organizations related to that area. Committees then would be responsible for communicating with these appointees, Martin said.

The committees would meet regularly with their appointees to see what solutions the Senate and appointees respective government organizations have

reached to specific problems and strike a compromise if the two disagree, Miller said.

A tentative list of the proposed NCS specialized committees include:

-Budget and Fees, which would research problems dealing with money and University financing. Martin said this group would work closely with the university administration and the Fees Allocation Board.

-Student Life, which would work with the Residence Hall Association, Interfraternity Council, and Panhellenic Association on issues dealing with on-campus living.

-Academic Policy, which would work with the Center for Continuing Education, ASUN's Faculty Senate committee appointees, the Faculty Senate, college advisory boards and the Graduate Student Association on matters of academic policy and academic reform.

-Administrative Policy, which would work with the Council on Student Life and ASUN's Government Liaison Committee on matters dealing with alcohol and visitation in residence halls and university football ticket policies, as well as university housing policies.

-Student Organizations and Community Issues, which would work with the Publications Board, approve constitutions of campus organizations and help them with any problems.

-Governmental Liaison, which would lobby for students with the Nebraska Legislature.

-Internal Issues and Special Projects, which would look into anything dealing with the ASUN Senate.

Martin said the executives would appoint the committee chairmen and each committee would include about five or six senators.

Currently, one senator usually writes a resolution which "forecloses input from other senators," Martin said. "We want to get away from that stigma."

Miller said the administration tells the ASUN Senate what to think instead of the Senate thinking for itself.

All three candidates agreed that the senate should coordinate other campus organizations.

Sindelar said ASUN senate has more direct lines to the student body than other campus groups, but the persons it appoints to these groups should not be expected to be "simple mouthpieces of ASUN."

"You have to appoint people willing to discuss issues with ASUN because it (the Senate) has a broader background," Sindelar said. "Its appointees should be willing to compromise."

He said "gross negligence" should be the only reason to recall appointees.



Sindelar said the ASUN Senate should become "more visible" to motivate students to work harder on issues such as alcohol in residence halls and more liberal visitation hours.

He said that as a student regent, he would try to win the other regents' respect of being knowledgeable on all issues that come before the NU Board of Regents.

"You have to be knowledgeable and take a firm stand on every issue," Sindelar said. "You have to be willing to defend the students and stand up to the regents. Being silent is no way to engender respect."

Sindelar said if elected, his party also would create the ASUN cabinet, which is included in the ASUN Constitution but has not been used for several years.

The cabinet includes representatives from other campus organizations and could serve the same purpose as the President's Roundtable proposed by Paul Morrison, presidential candidate of the Alliance of Concerned Students, Sindelar said.

NSC Senate candidates are:
 College of Agriculture—Jerry Peterson, Stuart; Dennis Burson, Burwell; Doug Witz, Wilcox.
 College of Arts and Sciences—Don Wesley, Lincoln; Claude Turner, Lincoln; Cris Carmichael, Lincoln; Marian Lucas, Hammond, Ind.; Jim Harris, McCook; Kirk Hamphill, Lincoln.
 College of Business—Jack Buller, Cozad; Rick Owen, Lincoln; Bill Jackson, La Jolla, Calif.; Ken Marienau, Kearney.
 College of Engineering and Technology—Jay Hodges, Beatrice; Kevin Hunsicker, Waterville, Kan.; Phil Bohrer, Omaha.
 Graduate College—Bob Simonson, Spring Valley, Minn.
 Teachers College—Tony Williams, Omaha; J. Sue Robertson, Beatrice; Eric Carstensen, Grand Island; Brent Dickie, McCook.



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Ron Sindelar (left) and Dennis Martin, New Student Coalition candidates for ASUN president and second vice-president, respectively.