

# ASUN approves task force bill

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A resolution calling for formation of a task force to study UNL student government was passed by the ASUN Senate at their Wednesday meeting.

The Senate passed a similar resolution at their Feb. 16 meeting which was vetoed by ASUN president Bill Mueller.

Mueller said he disagreed with the portion of the bill which stated that ASUN appoint force members and take responsibility for the force.

He said he favors a task force created by ASUN but appointed and run by the administration.

Sen. Dave Roehr, who introduced the bill, said he amended the resolution before it was presented Wednesday to include a representative from the *Daily Nebraskan* and the Chancellor's office on the force, but the bill still states that the force will be run by the Senate.

Senators were divided on their views of the resolution, but discussion was curtailed because some senators said they had to leave, threatening the group's quorum.

Mueller told the Senate he again would veto the resolution. "It is of ultimate importance that we don't form a task force, then hand it to the vice chancellor and have him set up another force to study the same thing," he said.

The ASUN-appointed force would gain credibility from the administration members, Roehr said. The resolution calls for one person from the Offices of Student Affairs, Business and Finance and the Chancellor to serve on the force.

Mueller also expressed concern that senators were leaving before the matter was discussed.

"I'm disappointed that senators don't care enough to stay past 8 p.m.," he said. "I'll stay here till hell freezes over to talk about this."

Mueller said he thought the Senate should stay and decide the issue without a quorum. "I don't care if the matter is taken to student court because I'll be gone in three weeks," he said.

Graduate senators Thomas Epkenyong and Frank Thompson spoke out in favor of the resolution. "Why can't the students do something for a change?" Epkenyong asked.

Thompson said an administration-run task force would result in student government remaining the same at UNL. He said he thought it would be "a waste of senate time" to be involved in such a force.

In other business, Electoral Commission member Joe Stavas told the Senate the commission had decided on two city campus polling places for the March 16 election.

Polling places will be in the Nebraska Union and Nebraska Hall on city campus and in the Nebraska East Union. They will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. election day.

## What day is it?

To make UNL students more aware of the health aide program, today has been designated Health Aide Day, according to health aide Tanny Tishendorf.

Health aides will wear t-shirts with the slogan, "Health aides do it safer," and will answer questions about the program at a booth in the Nebraska Union. Dr. Earl Lampshire will speak about hypnosis at 7 p.m. in the Selleck Quadrangle cafeteria.

To be a health aide, a student must be at least a sophomore and have a first aid certificate, Tishendorf said. The certificate may be obtained in an eight-hour course given in the fall for new health aides. Aides also must attend a health aid course once a week.

Aides can give out non-prescriptive medicines and refer students to other health services and are paid \$5 a week, she said. Each residence hall floor, fraternity, sorority and cooperative has a health aide.

Applications now are being taken for next year's health aides and questions may be asked of aides at the booth in the Union, Tishendorf said.

# Student loan cut threat diminishes

President Jimmy Carter's proposed cut of \$332 million in student loans may not be as serious as first thought, according to Sue Timpero, education research assistant to Nebraska Rep. Charles Thone.

Congress amended the proposal and decided to reinstate \$300 million for student loans. The proposal will be voted on March 15 and, if it survives, will enable many students to attend colleges when they ordinarily could not do so, she said.

Thone is contacting people and asking about raising the proposal from \$300 million to \$400 million, she said.

"This is a very helpful and needed program," Thone said. "We must take care of student needs somehow."

The drought, which may force many individuals to seek loans in order to attend school, is of great concern, Thone said.

At UNL if the proposal dies about 50 to 100 students will be unable to receive loans this year, Timpero said.

"It is our hope that the new proposal will survive," she said.

Thone, she said, has been in close contact with UNL because he is "greatly disturbed" with the thought of the consequences of a loan cut.

She said the proposed cuts were made because the administration believes that there already are enough loan programs available to students.

The fact that this student loan program is a revolving fund that operates on a pay back system also was cited as a reason for cutting funds, she said.

It is estimated that approximately \$270 million will be available next year in loans, she said, if money continues to be paid back at the rate it now is coming in.

"It is the belief of the administration that the loan program can exist on this money and therefore does not need the additional funding," she added.

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