

ASUN finalizes fees proposal to be sent to regents

By Mike Patten

ASUN will send the NU Board of Regents a fees proposal similar to the one submitted to the senate last week.

Only a change in the recall of student Fees Allocation Committee (FAC) members is different. The senate rejected two amendments before agreeing on the proposal Wednesday night.

The senate accepted an amendment setting formal recall procedure for students elected at-large to FAC. Rejected were amendments to allow representatives of the four major fee users to sit on FAC.

The Senate voted 17-8 not to allow the four major fee users (Health Center, Union Board, *Daily Nebraskan* and the Recreation Dept.) voting privileges on FAC. Later, the senate voted 15-10 not to allow the four users to sit on FAC as non-voting members.

The current FAC structure, as approved in sections Wednesday night, calls for a FAC of five ASUN senators, six students elected at-large and two non-voting faculty advisers, but it was the structure of the committee that created the two-hour debate.

Sen. Bill Skoneki said the senate should amend the proposal until a proposal that is broad enough for the entire senate to support is created.

"I personally am in favor of the four major fees users voting," he said, "but I'm going to vote against it because I feel that this issue has caused a lot of polarization among the senate, and I think it's important that we should be united on whatever we do with this."

Other senators indicated reservations with the length of terms FAC members would serve. ASUN President Greg Johnson said the senate should consider setting the terms of the non-voting personnel at two years rather than one.

Sen. John Kamp said two-year terms for non-voting members could give them more power than intended. He said the two-year members would tend to become institutionalized and could end up working against the committee.

"It creates centers of powers where there is not supposed to be any power and it gives them undue authority," he said.

The senate also considered raising the number of faculty and staff advisors from two to four. Sen. Jane Matzke said this would give FAC more expertise in allocating fees.

The faculty members add expertise that we as students

don't have," she said. "You have to remember that we're only going to be here for four years and they're going to be here longer."

Sen. Bill Cassel said the number of faculty serving on the committee raises two questions. He said these are, how responsive to students will FAC be? and how much expertise will it have?

Vice President Charlie Fellingham told the senate it should find a proposal that the Regents will accept.

"After we change the bylaws we can change the structure anyway we want to," he said, "but right now we've got to make it sail with the Regents."

"As I see it we've got two options. We can choose to pass it in its present form and hope the Regents accept it, or we can change it to something more agreeable to them."

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Iranian students join protesters

About 10 UNL Iranian students joined more than 1,000 anti-shah demonstrators this week as they converged on Washington, D.C. to protest the Shah of Iran's two-day visit with President Carter.

The shah, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, concluded talks with Carter Wednesday as police tightened security around the White House and attempted to prevent any recurrence in the city of Tuesday's large-scale violence between pro- and anti-shah demonstrators, according to AP reports.

AP reported that clashes between protestors left 124 persons injured with 12 persons arrested. The UNL students, who said they were not representing the campus Iranian Student Organization, used personal funds to finance the drive to Washington to join the protest.

The *Daily Nebraskan* spoke with two of the Iranian students who said they would attend the protest before they left this week.

The students, who refused to be identified, said anonymity was necessary for safety because they would face jail sentences upon returning to Iran if Iranian officials were able to identify them.

One student said "they (Iranian secret police or SAVAK agents) might be here at UNL or might not." Many of the anti-shah demonstrators wore masks to conceal their identities during the protests, according to wire reports.

AP reported that the demonstrators marched up Connecticut Avenue, chanting "The shah is a U.S. puppet," and "Fight, fight, fight, fight the fascist shah."

Most of the demonstrators were believed to be Iranian students.

Last week Iranian students distributed flyers in the Nebraska Union, warning Iranian students to not accept payment for expense and scholarship opportunities and the \$300 offered by the Iranian government if students would travel to Washington to cheer for the shah at his public appearances.

One student said the flyers warned students that by accepting the offers they would be a "traitor to our struggle... just as bad as he (the Shah) is."

Another student said, "We (the protestors) are just trying to show the whole world that the Iranians are struggling, and that we oppose him as being a fascist and a dictator."

The student described conditions in Iran as "terrible." Rice, wheat and electricity are scarce and 65 percent of the population is illiterate, he said.

"The shah spends billions of dollars to buy arms," one student said. "They are used to fight Iranian revolutionaries, help in other revolts and protect Iranian oil interests. Our people are fighting back."

A White House statement Tuesday said Carter pledged continued U.S. arms exports to Iran. Iran has purchased about \$15 billion worth of U.S. arms during the last five years.

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Photo by Bob Pearson

'Mr. Piano Man'

Entertainer Billy Joel, whose roots lie in classical music, delighted an enthusiastic crowd in Omaha Tuesday night. Story and pictures on page 8.

Misuse of birth certificates at bars may put minors behind county bars

By Marjie Lundstrom

Slipping through bar doors with a false birth certificate is more than a minor problem since last spring's passage of a bill by the Nebraska Legislature.

The bill, LB72, has made it a felony to misuse a birth certificate and carries a penalty of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than five years, according to Deputy County Attorney Roger Hirsch.

Hirsch said the new law has "snuck up" on the county attorney's office because they are not sure how to prosecute cases involving misuse of birth certificates at bars.

The penalty for misrepresenting one's age at the bars with other forms of identification, as enforced by County Judge Robert Camp, usually is \$50 for the minor and \$100 for the loaner, Hirsch said. The offense is a misdemeanor.

Felony with certificate

However, now if a minor attempts the same act with a birth certificate he will be charged with a felony, he said.

The original intent of the law, Hirsch said, probably was to discourage professional check-passers and others "floating around with several identifications" from obtaining illegal birth certificates.

"The application probably is not quite what they (Legislature) anticipated," Hirsch said. "Saddling kids with a felony appears to be an overreach of the law."

On the other hand, the Legislature has "spoken pretty clearly", and intends that there be a crackdown on misuse of birth certificates, he said.

Lincoln Sen. Shirley Marsh, who introduced the bill, was unavailable for comment. The bill went into effect February 1977 with an emergency clause.

Hirsch said County Attorney Ron Lahners will have to make the decision on how his office will deal with these types of cases.

Encouraged stiffer penalty

Elsie Ceclre, the assistant director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the State Department of Health, where birth certificates are issued, said she was unaware of the "bar problem" when she encouraged the Legislature to pass a stiffer penalty for misuse of birth certificates.

Ceclre said the bureau worked with the Legislature to get a bill passed that might curb problems the bureau faces.

"I have wanted the penalty clause for many years," Ceclre said. "We're interested in accurate records and good birth certificates for infants."

"By putting in the penalty clause, we feel that hospital personnel and mothers and fathers will be more careful about giving correct information. It's the child that has to carry the brunt of the record if it's not filed accurately," she said.

Illegal use of birth certificates, although a more widespread problem on the coasts, appears to be "seeping into Nebraska," she said.

A major problem the bureau contends with is the selling of birth certificates to bring illegal aliens into the country, she said.

After the first of next year, the new penalty will be written on state birth certificate forms, she said.