

LR 75 committee to hear ASUN

By Michelle Carr

The ASUN presentation at a legislative hearing Friday will be based on comments, not recommendations, according to ASUN President Bud Cuca.

Cuca said the ASUN presentation will be two-fold. The inadequate financing of the university is one problem; the university structure is another.

Structurally, the university is a "big, bureaucratic institution." A decision must be made "to decide what each unit within the institution should be," he said.

Legislative Resolution 75, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Frank Lewis, proposes to study how the university drafts its budgets. The LR 75 special study committee will address the formulation of the budget at the Friday hearing.

Cuca said he plans to tell the legislators that the university is at a crossroads and this year's budget decision will "make it's fate for many years to come."

Cuca, and ASUN Sen. Brad Belt, will represent ASUN at the hearing. Cuca said he will comment about the inadequacies the university is facing, such as problems with the utility budget, equipment budget and various deficiencies in particular colleges, like the College of Business Administration and the Engineering College.

Cuca said there is a problem when "students in CBA will receive over 5,000 incomplete class schedules."

A common ground should be reached on what the state wants the university to be and what the students want it to be, he said.

Some legislators and taxpayers want the university to do "more with less" and expect the university to provide services for the good of the state while limiting funds.

"That looks nice on paper but doesn't work out," Cuca said the hearing will provide the senators with objective input.

"They (the senators) may not hear what they want to hear," he said, but the hearing will provide a "divergence" of views.

Lincoln State Sen. Don Wesely, a member of the special LR 75 committee, has said that the main concern of the study is to determine what happens to the university if a 7 percent state budget limit on increases is followed.

The university would be "impossible to run" if a budget limit were required, according to Cuca. Major changes would have to occur in order to operate with such conditions, he said.

The university needs more state funds in order to be competitive in the faculty-hiring market, he said. Educational quality and faculty salaries can be equated, he said, and the university has to offer competitive faculty salaries to keep teachers.

Iranians threatened in letter to NETV

A letter sent to the Nebraska Educational Television Network threatening the safety of Iranians in Lincoln if Americans in Iran are harmed, has been given to the FBI for investigation, according to NETV Program Director Ron Hull.

Calling the letter "very threatening to the safety of people who are guest to our country," Hull said the letter did not direct station personnel to release it on the air.

He said he thinks a similar letter also was received by KOLN-KGIN TV, Channel 10 in Lincoln and by the three major Omaha stations.

He also said that the FBI requested the birthdates and names of all NETV personnel who handled the letter, but that he does not know the status of their investigation.

The letter was addressed to the NETV news department, but was forwarded to Hull because that station does not have a separate department handling news, Hull said. He said he has no idea why NETV was the target of such a letter.

Officials at KOLN TV were unavailable for comment Thursday night.

New phone books to be distributed

Distribution of new Lincoln telephone directories will begin Friday, according to Art Thompson, public relations supervisor for the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company. There are 170,000 directories to be delivered in the Lincoln area, and around 60,000 directories will be kept for distribution later in the year when new phones are installed, he said.

The directories are compiled by General Telephone Directory Company. Thompson said the directory company sells and assembles the yellow page ads and works with the phone company to prepare the white pages. The inset describing various telephone models and the cover are designed by the telephone company.

The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company has six geographical areas with directories for each. Books for each area come out at different times of the year.

The phone books for the Lincoln area printed in St. Petersburg Fla., will be delivered to Lincoln in about 14 semi-trailer loads, said Gene Poyer, production manager for the General Telephone Directory Company.

A professional distributing company, Directory Distributing Associates, is contracted to deliver the directories to homes and businesses, Poyer said. 300 local people are hired on a part-time basis to do this.

Don McIlvaine, a supervisor with the distributing company, said deliverers are paid by the routes they take. He estimated it would take at least a week to complete deliveries.

Customers can buy directories for one of the telephone company's other five areas, Thompson said. Additional Lincoln directories last year were \$3 and other area directories were \$1.50. There is an additional \$1 charge for handling and postage. Thompson also said directories for practically any city in the nation can be ordered through the telephone company.

City search is on; bikers may benefit

The city will be looking for suggestions on bicycle routes at a public meeting Thursday night.

Dave Cook, Chairman of the Mayor's bicycle safety committee, said university students are one of the largest group of bicycle riders.

Cook said, the area between northwest Lincoln and downtown is poor for bicyclists. "We need it (input) in that area particularly," he said.

The meeting at the Anderson Branch Library at Fremont and Touzalin streets will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Cook said good bicycle routes are not heavily traveled by automobiles, are wide enough for cars and bicycles side by side, and are a direct route.

The input is to determine which roads are most traveled by bicyclists, Cook said.

Iowa man charged on indecency counts

An Iowa man pleaded innocent Wednesday in Lancaster County Court to charges of public indecency and disturbing the peace.

Frederick Rahn, 37, of Denver, Iowa, was charged with three counts of public indecency and two counts of disturbing the peace.

The public indecency charges stem from three separate incidents at Gateway Shopping Center when a man allegedly exposed himself in front of three women.

The disturbing the peace charges were in reference to a man's alleged offers to streak in front of two women, one on UNL's City Campus and the other on East Campus.

UNL Police Capt. Robert Edmunds said there is a possibility that further charges may be filed against Rahn. Edmunds said charges against Rahn may be filed relating to incidents going back to late 1977.

Edmunds said that Rahn is neither a student nor employed by the university. A hearing date was set for Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. Bail was set at \$3,000.

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Resolution...

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Second, the faculty calls for efforts to restore the recent reductions in UNL's equipment, computing, teaching council and research council budgets.

Third, the faculty calls for a more effective method of setting budgets for the three NU campuses, and asks for faculty representation at each level of budget development.

The resolution said the call for a more effective administration system is not meant to detract from legitimate budget requests at UNO and UNMC.

"But there must be a reversal of the recent trend whereby UNL's relative position in the system has been dwindling and whereby its increasing scholarly productivity is accorded decreasing support," the resolution states.

The fourth resolution calls for the dissolution of the systems structure, to be replaced by an administration compatible with the third resolution.

Several faculty members said they doubted the four-point resolution had as much clout as the shorter conclusion of the original resolution.

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