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Senate supports longer hours in Nebraska Hall

The ASUN Senate passed a resolution supporting longer hours for Nebraska Hall at its meeting Wednesday night. The resolution was introduced by Sen. Nina Kavanaugh, Bruce Burnside, Jeff Goddard and Kay Hinn.

Nebraska Hall used to be the only building on campus open 24 hours, with computer and library space open to all students. However, two sexual assaults occurred there during spring break and last summer, causing the university business and finance department to close the building after 11 p.m.

A proposal that ASUN senators and university staff have worked on would partition the building, keeping essential library and computer facilities open under the survey of a security guard.

Hinn said that she, Dean Stanley Liberty of the College of Engineering and Technology, two university chancellors and two vice chancellors will meet Friday to discuss the plan. The senators hope to extend Nebraska Hall hours to the 24-hour access, or at least until 2 p.m.

More than 2,000 signatures were collected earlier, mainly from engineering students, to return to the old hours. Hinn said that electrical engineering students started the petitions, but students from all colleges have used the facility in the past and have come forward in support of the longer hours.

Hinn said that Liberty has worked strongly for the idea, especially since two departments, engineering mechanics and civil engineering, are moving their offices into Nebraska Hall.

ASUN President Dan Wedekind announced the appointment of two new UNL Student Court justices at the Wednesday meeting. Todd Morrison, a law student, will be chief justice, and Jim Rogers also will be on the court.

Sen. Kathy Roth announced her choices for Nebraska State Student Association legislative assembly members, all of which are chosen by various campus groups and approved by ASUN. All were confirmed by the senate.

Steve Grasz is the ASUN appointment. Ruth Boham will represent ASUN's Government Liaison Committee. Laura Miyoshi and Mike Ray will represent the Greek houses, while Melba Petrie and Tom Mockler will represent the Residence Hall Association. Doug Hindman will represent cooperative housing. Jim Kruegar, Meri Blaylock, Diane Caparase, Jim Higgins and Gina Reyman will be the off-campus NSSA representatives.

Greg Miller is the Non-Traditional Students Association choice, Susan Hennehan is the Women's Resource Center representative and Tony Chen is the International Student representative. Academic choices are: Cindy Sewicki,



Staff Photo by Craig Andresen

Nancy Beymer, a freshman psychology major, takes the "Pepsi Challenge" outside the Nebraska Union Wednesday afternoon. The Pepsi Cola Co. will be leaving campus on Friday afternoon.

School of Journalism; John Leif, College of Agriculture; George Davis, College of Business Administration; and Lance Olson, College of Arts and Sciences. Two

academic representatives, one off-campus person, one RHA member and one representative from the UNL Culture Center are still needed.

Treasurer race focuses on management of funds

Keyes says Orr partly to blame for large deficit

Stories by Eric Peterson

State Sen. Orval Keyes of Springfield, who is running for state treasurer as a Democrat, charged that his opponent, Kay Orr, has had a part in mismanaging the finances of the state. Cutting taxes and not decreasing spending by the same amount has led to a large deficit in the state operations budget, he said.

"A year ago the budget was in sur-



plus, now it's millions in deficit," he said.

Orr is too much a part of the Thone administration politically, he said, which leads her to go against the real fiscal interests of the state.

"She doesn't have an independent voice on the financial board."

Keyes said he is financing about 95 percent of his campaign funding himself. "I'm not obliged to any lobbyist or political action committee."

Keyes has been in the Legislature 12 years. He has chaired the state Revenue Committee, the Government and Military Affairs Committee, has been vice chair of the Recreation and Constitution Revision committees, and has been a



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Orval Keyes

member of the Agriculture, Environment, and Education committees.

Keyes also has served on the Highway Advisory Board. In addition, he is a licensed engineer, farmer and livestock feeder.

Keyes said he is most proud of his record on social issues. He said he has worked for years with Sen. Shirley Marsh of Lincoln on women's issues before the Legislature and has spent considerable time on projects to aid the handicapped and poor.

"I've worked to get more access to voting (for the handicapped), schooling for the blind, anything to help people with a real need," he said.

State's budget problems blamed on hard times

Kay Orr, a Republican who is running for re-election as state treasurer, said her basic job if she wins will be to complete what she already has started.

"We're putting together a meaningful financial management system for the state," she said. The state treasurer works with the overall state budget, does the accounting for the state government and also invests state funds.

Orr countered her Democratic opponent Orval Keyes' claims that the state budget has been badly mismanaged with the troubled state of the economy.

"I would simply say that what has happened with the state is that the government has been fiscally responsible."

She asserted that the people of Nebraska are not paying more taxes than in the past and attributed problems in government funding to the state of the economy.

"We have a very difficult economic situation across the nation as well as in Nebraska," she said. "Other states have faced decline in revenues."



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Kay Orr

Sometimes the Thone administration has resorted to fund transfers between departments, which some critics have said are illegal. Orr said the transfers are not all that unusual.

"Interfund transfers have occurred under previous governments," she said.

Orr was appointed by Gov. Thone as state treasurer a year ago. Before that, she headed the governor's election campaign and was part-time governor's assistant.