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SEN. CARL CURTIS . . . holds a question and answer session with members of the Student Senate.

Curtis Promises 'Thorough, Not Extravagant' Campaign

A group of University students were told by Sen. Carl Curtis at an ASUN coffee Monday, in the Nebraska Union that his campaign for reelection "won't be extravagant but it will be thorough."

Curtis, who is serving his second term in the Senate, is running against Gov. Frank Morrison. One student asked Curtis about the possibility of a debate between the candidates.

"I have never debated before and I don't expect to," Curtis replied.

"I have a fear that Congress is going to stay in session until October," the Senator said, noting that this would shorten his campaign time.

Political observers and reporters have suggested that the campaign will be a spectacular one. Curtis said of the race, "In the absence of its being a presidential year, I would guess it will be an interesting race."

Curtis said one issue he expects to see looming in the campaign is "the checks and balances of our system. We don't like to see one clique ruling any group." The Senator then went on to say, "We have 68 Democratic senators and 32 Republican senators."

Other queries from the students included issues such as the future of the Republican Party, agricultural problems, Viet Nam and Civil Rights.

Curtis attacked what he called "outspoken critics" of U.S. policy in Viet Nam who are in government service. Criticism of presidential policies by people such as congressmen and senators "must be quite confusing to our allies, to our boys over there and to our own people," he said.

The Senator discussed military disarmament comparing a nation's military force to a highway patrol that prevents speeding simply by its presence.

"Armed might is a force for peace," Curtis said. "There are people who think the way to end war is to disarm. I do not agree with them."

Committee Reconsiders . . . Libel Deciding Factor

**By Jan Itkin
Senior Staff Writer**
The Committee on Student Affairs passed a motion Monday by a vote of 8-2 supporting the concept of the ASUN Faculty-Evaluation Book and expressing willingness to work out the problem of legal liability.

Russell Brown, psychology counselor, proposed the motion which stated that the committee "reaffirm the support of the concept of the Faculty - Evaluation Booklet and willingness to work with the representatives of the ASUN to work out the question of individual liability."

According to G. Robert Ross, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, the motion implies sanction by the committee for the publishing of the book, providing legal problems can be solved.

Ross reviewed the history of the book at the University from the time of its proposal five months ago until the Student Affairs meeting last Tuesday when approval was withdrawn.

Endorsement
"The committee did endorse the book at several stages," he said, and urged the students to proceed until last week's withdrawal, which was

apparently tied up with legal aspects. One might assume then, if the legal aspects were settled, the committee would reconsider."

He then presented the following possibilities of settling the legal liability question:

—Have University attorneys review the book before publication in reference to libel.

—Have students sign the evaluation sheets and check certain sheets, selected at random, to see that the students really had that instructor.

—Have the ASUN Faculty-Evaluation committee draft a statement for the records explaining the rationale for the book.

—Have the statement express the proper and real concern on the part of the students about the quality of teaching and improving the educational standards of the University.

—Investigate possibilities for liability insurance.

He added that as far as insurance is concerned, the Nebraska State Educational Association can provide insurance for 30 or 40 cents per member a year.

"I am fairly confident," he continued, "that the matter of

insurance can be settled in the near future."

Liability Issue

Discussion centered on whether or not liability is the main issue and whether or not the responsibility of approving the book lies with the committee or Faculty Senate. "Liability isn't the real issue, but a side issue," said Robert Johnston, associate professor of chemistry. "A realistic issue is whether or not the book can be sold to Faculty Senate—if the book is to be approved, Faculty Senate should decide. Send it to them."

He suggested two changes which might be made in order to "sell them the idea" are to have a faculty evaluation printed along with student evaluation and to have instructors evaluated "on a voluntary basis."

Dr. Robert Larson, assistant professor of chemistry, disagreed. "It is unfortunate that students have to come before a board at all."

Larry Frolik, vice president of ASUN, commented that a commercial firm had contacted ASUN and said that it is not afraid to publish the book. He said the book will be turned over to the firm if approval would not be given.

"For the sake of a better book, this committee should grant its approval," said Terry Schaaf. "It's obvious that the book will be published anyway, and this way it can be more academic than commercial in nature."

A motion by Johnson stating that the book would be referred to Faculty Senate was subsequently introduced and defeated by a vote of four to six.

Kent Neumeister, president of ASUN, explained the purposes of the book were to provide students with a more sophisticated choice in choosing their courses and to ultimately improve the quality of instruction at the University.

Pass-Fail

At the meeting, the Committee also discussed an ASUN proposal regarding the pass-fail system by which a junior or senior could elect to take a certain number of courses and receive a grade of either pass or fail.

According to the proposal, the courses must be electives and not requirements for graduation.

Bill Potts, who presented the plan, explained that the system is successfully used at Carleton College and that University deans are receptive to the idea.

The committee suggested that a written proposal be brought before a Faculty Senate committee and then be taken to Faculty Senate for consideration.

Board To Aid Foreign Students

UNICORNS, an organization for off-campus independents, established a special board to help foreign students, at a meeting Monday night.

Larry Eckholt, a UNICORN officer, said that the decision to find ways to help foreign students was stimulated by the Student Senate report on University foreign student housing.

He said that UNICORNS would work in cooperation with People to People and the Nebraska International Association on the problems which beset the foreign students arriving in Lincoln.

Eckholt said that one of the main purposes of the board will be to arrange for temporary housing during the foreign student's first week on the campus.

This will be done through the help of local families who have expressed a desire to house foreign students who cannot find housing immediately, he said.

"Since most of the membership of UNICORNS is students from Lincoln, this group has an advantage in finding families willing to help foreign students," explained Eckholt.

Barb Ganka, UNICORNS service committee chairman, will supervise the work of the board and coordinate its activities with People to People and other campus groups.



MEMBERS . . . of the Committee on Student Affairs consider the evaluation book proposal and pass-fail system.

Evaluation Book Approved If Legal Problems Untangled

The Faculty-Evaluation Book would receive approval of the Committee on Student Affairs, once legal problems are ironed out. G. Robert Ross, vice-chancellor and dean of student affairs, told ASUN senators at a Roundtable, yesterday.

Kent Neumeister, ASUN president, reviewed the events of Monday's meeting of the Committee on Student Affairs and explained that three of Ross's suggestions could be implemented this year to protect individuals from legal liability.

He said that having University attorneys review the book in regard to libel and having a statement for the record on

the purposes of the book would be practical, and that liability insurance was being looked into.

Ross added that three possible policies were being considered but that "right now we're simply exploring this and are not sure which way to go. We're looking for the best deal for our particular needs."

He noted that last week's action of the Committee on Student Affairs "was based on other reasons than liability—but liability was one facet. Some members of the committee were opposed to the book from the beginning and their votes didn't necessarily reflect a concern for liability."

Sen. Skip Sorief asked if the decision by the Committee meant that the book would not go before Faculty Senate.

Neumeister explained, "At any time the book may be brought before Faculty Senate by any individual member. This could be a possibility; but it's hard to say."

Sen. Andy Taube expressed concern that "this could mean that no matter how much time or money was involved in the book, if it was voted down, we couldn't publish."

"Yes, but there are indications that the book has more support with the faculty than we originally thought," Neumeister replied.

Nebraska Union Reports Theft

The Nebraska Union has reported the theft of a Nebraska state flag and its mountings, valued at about \$85, from the Union west lounge.

Allen Bennett, director of the Union, said the flag, a gift to the Union from Junior Panhellenic, was on display only a day and a half before it was stolen last Saturday.

Bennett said the Union has suffered other thefts this year, including the loss of a \$400 electric typewriter, property of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), from the IFC office.

The typewriter was taken on January 29, the Saturday of semester break, Bennett said.

On the same day, 50 sets of silverware and 69 coffee cups were stolen from the Union. The silverware and cups, he explained were taken in

form not separately. "Somebody just picked up the boxes and walked off," he stated.

Bennett said the Union staff felt very badly about the theft of the flag, because it had been a gift. "We had been delighted with the thoughtfulness of Panhellenic, and then in less than a day and a half of display, it was removed."

Bennett said there was another Nebraska state flag taken from the Union ballroom several months ago. It has not been recovered.

The thefts have been reported to the campus police, Bennett said. Capt. Eugene Masters, campus police chief, said that the matter of the typewriter has been turned over to the Lincoln city police so that they could watch various pawn shops, in case the thief should try to sell the machine.

Masters said the campus police are also checking offices around the campus for the typewriter, but that nothing has turned up on the matter.

The flag, Masters said, "is probably in somebody's house around the campus." He said a flag would be "actually, kind of useless" to the thief.

Bennett urged that students with information concerning any of the thefts let the Union know about it. He said the property of the Union belongs to the student body. "It's not mine, it's theirs," he said.

He recalled that three paintings from the south hallway in the Union had been stolen in the last year. Thefts of that type discourage the Union from attempting to arrange artistic and cultural displays, he stated.

"We don't think the student body at large treats us this way," Bennett said. "We need some help in finding the one or two."

Bennett said if the person who stole the flag or the other objects "should be found to be a student, proper action would be taken at the Office of Student Affairs with dismissal as a possibility."

Bennett said security measures have been "instituted in the building, which we feel would decrease the opportunities" for theft of materials.

Vandalism in the Union building has not been a problem, Bennett said, and the only signs of "wear-and-tear" in the building are just that of normal use.

"I think the student body treats this building with great respect," he said.

Women Would Choose For AWS

Possible ways to change the AWS slating system, which would go into effect for next year's election, were discussed Tuesday.

Vicki Dowling, AWS vice president, explained that because of the time element involved with this year's elections and the importance of

this matter, AWS could not consider the matter until after the senior keys issue was decided.

"Both are major matters," she noted, "and each deserves careful consideration."

Under the considered plan, candidates for AWS Board will be chosen by petition and

then direct primary instead of being slated by interview as they are now.

The same number of candidates would be slated, Miss Dowling said, the difference would be that they would be slated by the women students rather than by the senior AWS Board.

Smoker's Wail: 'I'd Rather Fight No Smoking Signs Than Switch!

**By Bob Curnow
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Smoking cigarettes is not the simple pleasure it used to be.

With glaring signs ordering you not to smoke, some teachers telling you to go ahead, others saying no, and of course the army of moochers begging for your last one, smoking has lost its enjoyment.

It is not the idea of being told not to smoke in class that is frustrating; it is not knowing when or where you can smoke. There seems to be an abundance of signs in some University buildings and few if any in others. The future may find students signing up for course because its room is not blessed with a "no smoking sign."

The "no smoking sign" it-

self may be a simple affair in inconspicuous letters or it might be written in bold red letters that lash out at the smoker from its place on the wall.

There are even some signs that say "No Smoking by Order of the State Fire Marshall."

Assistant State Fire Marshall L. S. Crain said his department could prosecute people who willfully disobeyed the no smoking signs if the signs were placed in buildings by the State Fire Marshall's office.

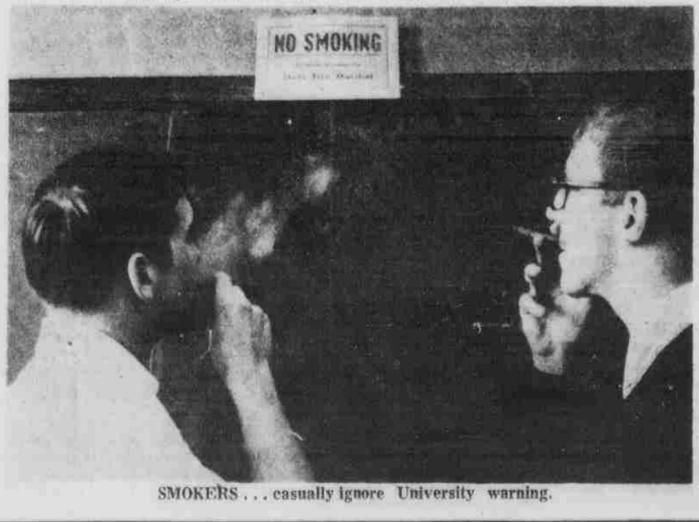
When asked about their jurisdiction over the University signs, Crain said, "It's their (administration's) problems because we didn't put those signs there."

G. Robert Ross, Vice Chancellor and Dean of Student

Affairs offered a more serious look at the problem noting that there were some rules in the Board of Regents by-laws prohibiting smoking in classes. Ross said these rules could stem from several different sources: environmental health, and engineering and custodial problems were cited as examples.

Ross explained that in some buildings, smoking would create a hazard because of wooden floors. Smoke bothers some people and would distract them from class work, he noted.

And so the smoker stands alone, a cigarette in one hand a lighter in the other, waiting for someone to tell him when and where to smoke without fear of retaliation from the sign posters.



SMOKERS . . . casually ignore University warning.