

# Senator Skarda Proposes Independent Budget Audit

An outside audit of University funds, independent of the University, the Board of Regents and the state government is the answer to the University's financial problems, according to state Sen. William R. Skarda of Omaha.

Skarda who had termed the University's proposed record budget as "absolutely insane" in an interview

with the Omaha World-Herald based part of his opposition to the University budget on the grounds that "no legislature member knows what is in the Budget."

He commented that the Board of Regents is "secretive" and that it is impossible to get a good accounting of just where the money is spent.

He accused the Board of

Regents of okaying a budget made up by University officials such as Chancellor Hardin overnight without proper consideration.

Skarda said he did not think enrollment increases at the University were great enough to merit a greatly increased budget.

The budget request provides for anticipated enrollment in the fall of 1967 of 19,200 students and 20,600 in the fall of 1968. These numbers compare with 15,200 in 1965 and about 17,000 in 1966 and 8,400 as recently as 1959.

He added that he saw no need for an admissions policy to limit enrollment as one way of cutting the budget.

Skarda commented that he objected "absolutely" to an increase in the budget per se, but that he had no objection to increasing funds for specific items.

He said he would not be opposed to an increase in teacher's salaries, even though he says the University pays better than most schools in the Big Eight.

He added that he would not object to increased research facilities or new buildings for the University if they are needed.

Skarda said he was unaware that the University is undergoing a financial crisis which would necessitate a great budgetary increase.

He offered no suggestions about what could or should be done about the University's financial problems except an independent audit to "determine necessity instead of just relying on a few people's opinions."

He refused to predict what the Unicameral would do regarding budget increases. He said he is not a member of the Budget committee and refused to predict what the committee would do.

He declined to comment on statements by Omaha's Sen. Clifton Batchelder which supported budget cuts and opposed the Regent's Scholarships program.



GRAD STUDENTS . . . meet with faculty members to discuss new Graduate Faculty Association.

## Grad-Faculty Group Appoints Officers

University graduate students are organizing to increase and unify their own campus activities. Led by Evelyn Caha, Din Miles and Jim Parson, the students formed the Graduate-Faculty Association.

In their first meeting, 50 graduate students and faculty members gathered in the Union to drink coffee and discuss faculty-graduate matters.

The coffee was successful enough that a faculty-graduate weekly coffee is now scheduled for each Friday afternoon, according to Parsons.

Last Friday the grad

students picked interim officers for the Graduate-Faculty Association. Jim Parsons was appointed interim president, Bashir Ahmad, interim vice president; Don Miles, interim treasurer; and Astrida Augstums, interim secretary.

Another important function of the Association is to improve inter-departmental relations and understanding "Every course I've had at that University so far has

been in my department, (microbiology), observed Parsons. "But last Friday I met an economics professor who really impressed me."

Future plans for meetings include a Christmas Party, and speakers from the Departments of Music and Economics.

"All graduate students are invited to our Friday after Thanksgiving vacation."

## Publishers Offer Grants For Journalism Reports

The Magazine Publishers Association has announced the sponsorship of Magazine Fellowships to qualified faculty members or students of journalism for reports related to the magazine industry.

The Fellowships, to be administered by the Association's educational committee, will become available through the establishment of grants-in-aid funds.

## Union Sponsors Bowl Game Trip

The Nebraska Union will sponsor a trip to the bowl game the football team and coaches select.

The trip will be the official trip for University students, faculty and staff. It will include round trip air transportation, hotel accommodations, ground transfers, game ticket and insurance.

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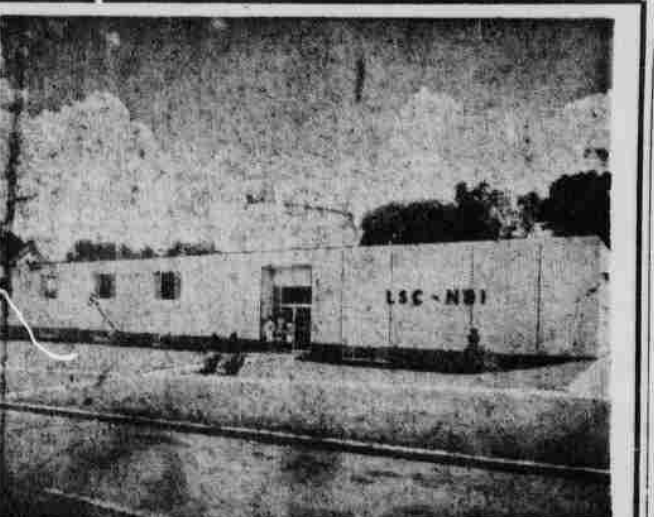
The amounts of the individual grants, further intended to provide encouragement to faculty and student research in magazines and magazine publishing, are not fixed.

Funds will be provided for a specific project or proposal as merited by the discretion of the committee. It is expected that most awards will range from \$500 to \$1,000.

The Fellowships will be made available to any faculty member or student at any of the 47 schools or departments of journalism which are Education Associate Members of the Magazine Publishers Association.

The University of Nebraska is one of the members of this Association. Project applications must be submitted for consideration prior to Nov. 30. Recipients of the awards will be announced prior to Dec. 1, 1966, through the head of the journalism department or school to the chairman of the Education Committee, Magazine Publishers Association, 575 Lexington Ave., New York, New York 10022.

J. Michael Hadley, publisher of Ladies' Home Journal and vice president of The Curtis Publishing Company, is chairman of the Education Committee of the Magazine Publishers Association.



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Davis is currently on a ten day concert tour. When not on tour he teaches music at the University of Miami.

In an informal coffee hour, Davis said that he never practices the day of a concert, but that he practices hard the day before.

He said that he probably played his best Sunday in the afternoon rehearsal with the orchestra because practice tires and wears him out.

Other pianists are not secure unless they practice a lot and hard the day of a concert, he said.

"All my real, hard-digging in practice was done when I was 17 and 18 years old," Davis said.

Mozart is the most difficult composer to play well, he said. The most successful in playing Mozart are the very young who are so innocent they don't know

how difficult he is, and the very old who are in their second childhood.

Davis was graduated from North Texas University with a M.A. degree. He won the Franz Liszt International Piano Competition in 1960.

He has performed as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the orchestras of Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth.

Emmanuel Wishnow, University orchestra conductor, said the 19th annual Fall Concert was presented with the aid and help of the Nebraska Union Music Committee.

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