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## Situation fussy on dorm rent surpluses

by Julie Morris  
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The University is holding more than \$1.5 million in surplus student dormitory rents that may have been collected without clear state authorization, according to a Nebraska attorney general's opinion released Wednesday.

The opinion from Clarence A. H. Meyer's office, states that the State Normal Board, governing body of the state colleges, has no authority

to overcharge dorm rates to pile up surplus cash.

The opinion was the result of State Sen. Jerome Warner's inquiry about the legality of the Normal Board's plan to use surplus dorm revenues at Kearney College to construct a new dorm on the campus.

THE OPINION states that the Normal Board has no legislative

authority to go through with the plan.

"We find no authority in these sections which in any way authorizes the imposition of fees and charges in excess of that amount needed to operate and maintain the buildings and to secure revenue bond issues," it states.

The dictum might apply to the University's own practice of keeping a surplus of funds above that

needed to operate the dorms and to pay the construction debts on them.

University spokesmen were not worried about the matter Thursday, however.

Dr. Joseph Soshnik, president of the Lincoln campuses, referred inquiries to University attorney Warren C. Johnson who said he hadn't seen the document and could not make a full comment until Friday.

them "an integral element in the progression of the repayment of the bonds."

Johnson said Meyer's office originally approved the content of

the end of fiscal 1968 last June 30. But he said that part of that money was pledged to pay debts so that the actual fund balance the University had in the bond revenue account was \$584,185.

YOST SAID the University is legally required by its bond contracts to collect enough revenue to assure payment of the construction debts.

"We don't have to make a profit," he said, "but we can't sustain a loss."

Yost said the University has had higher dorm rent surpluses in the past than they have this year.

Carl Yost



UNIVERSITY COMPTROLLER Carl Yost said, "I don't think that we (University) have done anything that was not authorized by the indenture statements on the bond issues."

The bond indenture statement allows for surpluses. Yost called

the indenture statement. "It looks like he (Meyer) may have changed his mind," Johnson said.

Yost said the University had a \$1,551,658 surplus in dorm rents at

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## Senate votes on legislation; bill passes to faculty senate

The Student Senate accepted by acclamation Thursday Government Bill Number 2 which would be an initial step in implementing student control over solely-student affairs.

Also passed by acclamation of the Senate was a resolution supporting a proposal by Dr. Joseph Soshnik, campus president, to create an ad hoc committee to implement the Student Academic Freedom Document (SAF) and ASUN Government Bill Number 24.

Government Bill from the text printed in Thursday's Daily Nebraskan was an amendment to the last paragraph causing it to read: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: That an all-student referendum on these issues be held before February 11, 1969, and a simple majority or an affirmative vote of 15 per cent of the eligible voters when less than 30 per cent of the eligible students vote shall have binding effect on the ASUN Senate.

Dreeszen announced he would appoint an executive committee to do research for the ad hoc committee created by Soshnik.

Senators went into a committee of the whole to discuss the necessity of discussing Government Bill Number 24 with the students.

SEN. GLENN NEES said it was up to the senators to take the initiative to explain the ramifications and nature of the bill to students. It was agreed that contacts with living units would be coordinated through the Communications Committee of Senate.

In other business, Senate passed a resolution which would have the ASUN Human Rights Committee set up a live-in on Omaha's Near North Side for senators. The live-in would be sometime next spring.

Soshnik's letter to Dreeszen said the ad hoc committee would be called to meeting as soon as the members and a chairman are appointed.

ASUN President Craig Dreeszen read to the Senate a letter from Soshnik written Thursday concerning the creation of an ad hoc committee of students, faculty and administrators to consider implementation of the SAF document.

The next step for the bill is to go to the University (Faculty) Senate for approval. Should it pass that body, it would go to the Board of Regents for final approval.

THE RESOLUTION SENATE passed made provision that the committee's first charge "will be to recommend such changes in institutional policies as well as implement ASUN Government Bill Number 24"

Dreeszen said he would appoint four students either Friday or Monday to serve on the committee. The other four committee members will consist of faculty and administrative personnel, including a chairman, appointed by Soshnik.

G. Robert Ross, vice chancellor for student affairs, said Thursday evening Soshnik had not yet made faculty and administrative appointments. Ross thought they would be named early next week.

THE ONLY CHANGE in the



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## Bowl bids, Big Eight finish pivot on Norman outcome

by Randy York  
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Nebraska football coach Bob Devaney last week pieced the fragments and put Humpty Dumpty back together again.

This week the country will see how well the Huskers can stay together as Nebraska and Oklahoma meet at Norman before a national television audience.

IF OKLAHOMA bests Nebraska and then gets by Oklahoma State, it will share the Big Eight title with the winner of the Kansas-Missouri game. If Nebraska wins, something a Devaney team has never managed at Norman, it is reported the Huskers will receive bids to play either the Liberty or Sun Bowls. Oklahoma has already accepted an invitation to appear in the Blue Bonnet Bowl.

Steve Owens, who ignited the Sooners to back-to-back triumphs over Kansas and Missouri the last two weekends, is the explosive package Nebraska must keep wrapped.

Owens, who shattered Heisman-Trophy-winning Billy Vessels' Oklahoma rushing records, punctured Missouri's defense for 177 yards and three touchdowns last week and tossed another touchdown.

Against Kansas, Owens rushed for 157 yards, fielded four passes, scored two touchdowns and passed for one in a 27-23 Sooner upset win.

Owens needs just 99 yards in his last two games to eclipse the Big Eight season rushing record mark of 1,342 set by Nebraska's Bobby Reynolds in 1950. If he accumulates 246 in his two final appearances, the junior will break Jim Grisham's school career standard of 2,297 yards.

Although Owens poses a stern defensive challenge, Nebraska has the credentials to meet it. The Huskers rank 10th nationally in total defense with a yield of 243.1 yards per game.

BUT OWENS is just one of several Oklahoma offensive threats cap-

able of inflicting major damage, such as wingback Eddie Hinton whose two touchdowns in the last two Oklahoma-Nebraska meetings proved decisive.

Hinton's 30 points on six touchdowns is 60 points behind Owens' output, but the senior is leading the conference in pass receiving having grabbed 43 pitches for 715 yards.

QUARTERBACK BOBBY Warmack steers the Sooner offense. His passes have accounted for 1,237 yards. Warmack owns a 55.7 completion percentage by connecting on 83 of 149 targets.

Linebackers Jerry Murtaugh and Ken Geddes, middle guard Bill Hornbacker, and defensive ends Mike Wynn and Sherwin Jarmon are key personnel in Nebraska's effort to put the clamp on Owens.

Nebraska registered its best seasonal performance last week in a 22-6 frolic past Colorado. Oklahoma, however, lost its only conference game to the Buffs, 41-27. The Sooners lead Nebraska in the all-time rivalry 24-20-3.

## Student power -- potent as a wet powder keg

by Larry Eckholt  
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Perhaps the most difficult aspect of the search for student power at the University is arriving at a total number of student activists.

At most, 1,000 students can be involved in student politics in its many forms: AWS, IDA, or ASUN officials or committee members; Inter-fraternity Council and Pan-

helonic leaders; and the other student groups on campus, such as SDS, YAF, etc.

This number was decided upon after a survey of campus organizations as depicted in the 1968 Cornhusker and from a number of student leaders.

BUT THERE are 17,500 other students on the Lincoln campuses of the University of Nebraska. What do they think about student power and its advocates?

The most conclusive statement that could be deduced from interviews of students on all parts of the campus is that students are not sure about student power or its advocates.

At least ten out of every eleven students who were approached had no opinion on the subject or did not want to express an opinion on it.

Approximately 50 persons were interviewed.

"I don't really have anything to

say," said a coed sitting on a bench in front of Sheldon.

"I LIVE with my parents, so I don't know what is really happening," said another coed, waiting for a ride at the south entrance of the Union.

A male student sitting in a Cather Hall lounge was startled when asked to comment on student power.

"I don't want to say anything that might be printed," he said.

The same types of comments were made by other students in the Union lounge, on sidewalks between classes, at the pillars.

BUT THERE are some with definite opinions on the subject.

"I don't think student power would be too great," said Larry Becker, a freshman in Teachers College from Randolph.

"We should have rules while we are in school. After all, we are here to be educated, not run the school for the administration," Becker added.

Another freshman, Steve Holman of Lincoln, is encouraged by some of the activities on campus within the past week.

"NOT MUCH has been accomplished yet," Holman, an engineering student, said. "It would be good for some control of student-oriented activities to evolve."

He said that student controls of fees, however, would be "ridiculous" but that on matters concerning student housing it "looks encouraging."

Holman lives off-campus with his parents so he "doesn't get too

bothered with some of the issues on campus."

"I'd like to live away from home," he said, "but I can't until I am a sophomore. I'd like to see that changed."

"I want to get involved, but I haven't been able to yet," he added.

ANOTHER GROUP of University students which seems to be "unaffected" by pleas for more student power are graduate students.

One coed, a recent graduate of the University of Missouri, said that she felt "unattached to what is

happening" on matters concerning undergraduate students.

"I think this attitude would be reflected by most graduate students," she said.

Although new to the Lincoln campus, she thinks that Nebraska has "a conservative outlook concerning student involvement."

"I GUESS I am just more concerned about myself personally in grad school than trying to get involved in campus matters," she confided.

One student from Fairbury is "in favor of students having a voice on

campus, but sometimes they carry it too far."

He was not aware of the bill before ASUN to take over some administrative powers, but was referring to riots and demonstrations, he said.

"I think people should know what a student thinks on certain matters, but he shouldn't be able to take over," he said.

The student would not elaborate and would not release his name for publication.

IN ALL of the other conversation with at least 40 other students,

there was no one who would be emphatically for or against student power.

All comments seemed to back up John Schrekinger's previous statement that "Nebraska students don't generally jump overboard on any issue."

But even though an attempt to find a cross section of students was made, no conclusions were apparent.

With Thanksgiving vacation near, impending finals, term papers to write, and research to continue there are other things to worry about, most students implied.



Student power? Who cares . . . zzzz . . . all I really want is some sleep before that exam . . . zzzz . . . sorry . . . zzzz . . .