



## Conference will discuss Indian fate

The plight of the Nebraskan Indian in both rural and urban communities will be studied during a two-day conference Oct. 3 and 4. The meeting, entitled "The Agony of the American Indian," is sponsored jointly by the University Methodist Student Chapel, Nebraska Wesleyan University, and the Inter-Campus Christian Movement.

The conference will be held at Riverside Park in Milford, Nebraska. Cost for meals for the overnight event is \$4.25, with reservations available until Oct. 1 at the Student Chapel.

Leaders of the conference are hopeful that the meeting will instill in the public an awareness of Indian problems. They are especially concerned with student involvement, and will initiate plans for the organization of both a Department of Indian Affairs at the Nebraska campus, and a University student panel which would tour nation-wide.

One such panel, the Wapahaw Club of the University of South Dakota, will be featured at the conference. Also appearing will be four prominent Nebraska Indians. They are Ed Klein, head of the Omaha Tribal Council, Carl Janis, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity at Alliance, Nate Park, director of the Omaha Neighborhood House, and Rev. Homer Noley, the conference coordinator.

Additional information concerning the schedule and transportation to and from the conference site can be obtained from Anna Alphonse at the Methodist Student Chapel.



ASUN first vice president, Diane Theisen, chaired the first senate meeting Wednesday afternoon.

## Housing regulations subject to test because of Soshnik's letter

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University housing regulations may no longer be binding on students because of action taken this summer by Lincoln Campuses President Dr. Joseph Soshnik and the Board of Regents, according to ASUN President Bill Chaloupka.

At their July 15, 1969, meeting the Regents reaffirmed their earlier position denying educational visiting privileges to graduate and foreign students living in Selleck Quadrangle.

Immediately following that action, in a letter to all students contracting for dormitory space, Soshnik stated that if "... the action of the Board makes residence hall living undesirable ... the residence hall contract will be voided."

Following the canceling of the contract, Soshnik's letter said, the advance deposit of \$80 for dormitory space would be refunded.

Three weeks later, Chaloupka, ASUN First Vice President Diane Theisen and Housing Policy Committee chairman Bill Gilpin sent a letter to Soshnik saying that the Regents appear to have established an important criteria — if the student

certifies "residence hall living undesirable."

Although the action of the Regents referred specifically to deposit refunds, Chaloupka went on, it strongly implies that these grounds (undesirable living environment within residence halls) are a basis for exceptions to the University Housing Policy.

"If an undesirable living environment is justification for deposit refund after the usual deadline, implying the consent of the University to live off campus, then surely the same justification for moving off campus could be argued at a later date although the deposit would be forfeited," the student's letter said.

This issue of undesirable living conditions could have serious repercussions, Chaloupka predicted Wednesday afternoon.

Coed visitation, as well as all dormitory regulations, are by no means a dead issue, he continued. In fact Soshnik's letter has aroused the situation and it will be in great focus for a long time to come, he added.

"Basically, it gets down to the matter of whether the Board of Regents can legislate students' living policy,"

Chaloupka said. "I don't think this is a proper role for them."

It was unfortunate that the graduate students in Selleck were denied coed visitation, Chaloupka remarked. Those students, who lived in Benton and Fairfield houses were all over 22 years of age and the average age was about 35.

The graduate students, with the approval of the NU Housing Policy Committee and Dean of Student Affairs Dr. G. Robert Ross, made the original coed visitation proposal to the Regents in October 1968. The Regents denied it March 9, 1969, but after reconsidering their decision over the summer, they again denied it.

The situation extends much further than simple coed visitation — it involves every University housing regulation, according to Bill Gilpin, who as chairman of the University Housing Policy Committee last year drafted the letter to Soshnik. Gilpin graduated in August and is now teaching school in Weston, Nebraska.

At present, freshmen and sophomores, or students who do not turn 20 before October 15 of a given school year, must live in on-campus housing, except in exceptional circumstances.

Gilpin said that such students should be able to appeal the rules on the grounds that dormitories offer "undesirable living conditions."

"What is needed now," Gilpin said, "is a test case — someone who is required to live in the dormitories who will appeal the rule on grounds of undesirable living conditions."

Gilpin contends that there is no longer any reason to require students to live in dormitories. This fall, the dorms are full and he predicted that even if regulations were abolished, only one or two per cent of the students would move out.

"Not that many students are unhappy in the dormitories," he said. "But why should we require the few who are to live there. They are only causing discipline problems there anyway."

Another possibility for further action, Chaloupka said, is to wait for the new Council on Student Life to take action on housing regulations.

The Council, approved last July by the Regents, will be composed of eight students and seven faculty members. Supposedly, it is to set rules for students' out of class activities.

"I don't know how fast the Council will get its feet on the ground," Chaloupka continued. "But they will definitely consider the housing issue this semester."

It's basically too early to discuss tactics as such, said Diane Theisen, ASUN first vice president. ASUN will definitely be considering this issue in the near future.

What students should be doing now, she added, is to inform themselves of the situation and work closely with their hall government to define the issues.

"Students in the dorms are concerned about this," Chaloupka said. "I've heard a lot of negative comments about housing regulations. Students are tired of having their decisions made for them."

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## Co-op idea presented at first ASUN meeting

Student owned cooperatives were a major topic at the first meeting of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) senate Wednesday.

On a motion by Senator Bruce Cochran, the senate set up a committee to "establish non-profit student cooperatives and run economic surveys for the benefit of the student."

Cochrane explained that studies made this summer showed student cooperatives are being run effectively in many schools. Co-ops have been set up at other campuses in the areas of records, gas stations, food and books.

A student record store would be the most likely first project, Cochran said. He explained that a book store would be too costly for a first venture.

Another function of the committee will be to run economic surveys and inform students how much they should be paying for goods and services, he said.

ASUN president Bill Chaloupka added that a record cooperative was a step in the right direction toward a co-op bookstore.

In his executive report, Chaloupka reported that the ASUN budget for the upcoming year will be \$25,000 to \$27,000.

He explained that the budget raise is due to a 50 cent increase in student fees. The budget will be discussed and acted on by the senate next week.

Chaloupka also announced that members of the Council on Student Life will be screened by a senate-appointed committee. The Council itself should be organized and functioning within two or three weeks, he added.

Chaloupka also announced that two vacancies in the senate will be filled next meeting. There is one vacancy in the Graduate and Professional College and one in the College of Arts and Sciences. Applications should be turned into the ASUN office by next Wednesday, he said.

John Moseman, a representative from the Lincoln campuses to the Chancellor Search Committee, reported to the senate on the progress of that committee.

A large list of prospective chancellors is now being narrowed down, he said. The Board of Regents has been exerting very little pressure on the committee, he added.

Moseman emphasized that the committee would like suggestions for the new Chancellor from students. He said that nominations will be taken until October 1. The committee will then examine the candidates and submit a list of qualified men to the Regents sometime this year, he explained.

Ken Wald, chairman of the Faculty

Evaluation Committee, announced the Committee's plans for this year.

A computerized survey is planned of all classes, he said. A book rating each class and instructor on 26 points will then be produced.

Only about 300 copies of the estimated 400-page book are planned. He explained that these would be distributed free of charge to living units, the library and the Union.

The process should be very efficient and complete with faculty cooperation, Wald said. Estimated cost of the project is \$5,500.

He explained that the book should be ready by either February or March 1, 1970. This will be in time for students to use it in preparing their schedules for next fall, he added.

National Student Association (NSA) representative Steve Tiwald told ASUN that NSA will be providing several services in the coming year. The Association will operate a reference service for student government projects, he said. It will also

offer a number of services to individual students.

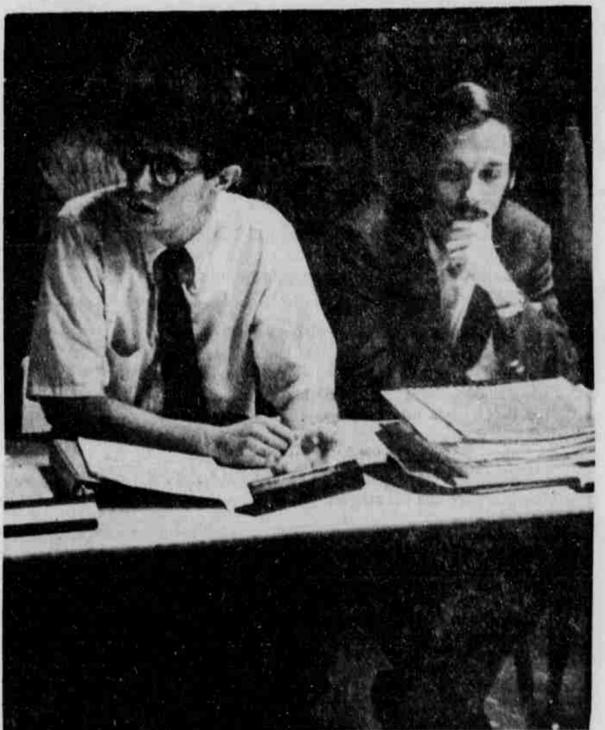
Tiwald said these services will include such offers as insurance packages and travel services. Prices are the lowest in the student market, he added.

He explained that another advantage of the marketing program is a rebate to the student government for each item sold through the NSA program.

Senator Phil Medcalf questioned the corporate ties of NSA. He said that he could not support the NSA program until he convinced himself that NSA was not merely a corporate front.

Tiwald also outlined the plan for "Time Out", a day of student reflection to be held October 27 and 28. The program will draw several national speakers, he said.

Its focus will be on educational reform, student role in campus policy making, the University's role in the community, and minorities on campus.



Senator Bruce Cochran proposes a resolution to establish a Community Service Project Committee at the ASUN meeting Wednesday.

## Rising costs necessitate insurance

As medical costs rise it becomes more and more important for every student to have some form of health insurance, according to Dr. S. I. Fuenning, Director of the University Health Center.

Dr. Fuenning said that the average cost of a day in the hospital in Nebraska is \$75. This can be disastrous to a student without hospitalization insurance, he added.

It is important that every student be sure of his coverage. Many faculty policies cover students only till they are 19, Dr. Fuenning said. If this is the case, then some other insurance plan should be obtained.

He emphasized the point that many students don't realize they are not covered. He added that costs from unforeseen medical expenses could cause a student to drop out of school.

Nebraska Blue Cross and Blue Shield is offering a special policy to students this year, Dr. Fuenning continued. It is available to all University students at a very low cost for the protection provided, he said.

Further information on this policy is available at the University Health Center. Deadline for applications is October 15, he added.

## Selleck Quad sponsors free weekend dance

Selleck Quadrangle will sponsor a free street dance Friday from 9-12 p.m. The dance is open to the public and will be held in the service drive located off 18th Street. The Undertakers will play.

## Aids director says funds short but bright spot looms

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Students unable to receive financial aid this semester because of a drastic \$300,000 cutback in federal funds available to the University, may soon find federal loan money available, due to proposed appropriations.

Dr. Edward E. Lundak, director of scholarships and financial aids, described the shortage of National Defense Loan funds as "extremely critical." He said that one-third of the 9,000 applicants were approved for loans and that their needs were assessed at \$1.8 million.

"We couldn't even give each of them \$100 apiece if we divided it equally," he commented. He added that only a large increase in local state and private contributions has enabled the University to aid the record 7,125 students receiving financial help.

"However," he continued, "there is one bright spot. We got a memorandum from Washington saying that they anticipate a 55 percent increase, nationwide, within the next 30 to 60 days." He explained that the supplemental appropriations could raise federal loan money for this year from \$316,000 to nearly \$500,000.

At this moment, however, students and the financial aids office are suffering the effects of the cut from last year's figure of nearly \$700,000 in federally-financed loans. Lundak remarked that now the University doesn't have even "a dime available for federal loans."

Adding to the problem is the slowdown in federally-insured loans, largest of the University's student loan programs. Under this program, students borrow directly from local or state banks, and the University pays the interest with federal funds.

However, Congress has only authorized a 7 percent interest payment, and banks have become reluctant to loan to students when commercial or private loans may yield much higher interest. Legislation has been introduced to raise the allowable interest rate, and to provide bonuses to banks for loaning to students.

"We hope for quick action, because federally-insured loans have bogged down terribly. I know students in the Lincoln area have not been able to get those loans," Lundak said.

He observed that students have best chances of securing loans if they are from Nebraska and apply at hometown banks. He also commended Lincoln and Omaha banks for their help since the program's inception two years ago.

Lundak, who will soon travel to Kansas to participate in a six-state appropriations recommendation panel, spoke of further help for needy students.

He said, "We hope that no student has dropped out in recent years for purely financial reasons. . . . If a student can't go to school unless something happens, we're going to have to make it happen."

He stated that loan funds may be made available through cancellation of present loans. Unused money and credit may be available next month, Lundak added.

"There's always the guy who gets drafted, that gets a good job, the girl who gets married. . . . and when we find who's here and who's not, we will have money to reaward in October," he explained.

Anytime during the year a student with a financial problem is welcome to apply for a short term, emergency type loan, he said, but added that these funds too, are "dangerously low."

## Faculty Evaluation Book now in formulative stages

Cooperation of the University faculty is vital to the success of the faculty and course evaluation book ASUN plans to distribute this year.

"A lot depends on the cooperation of the faculty and the entire success of this book," Ken Wald, chairman of the ASUN committee in charge of the book, said Wednesday. "If we fail on this book, it could be the end of faculty evaluation at Nebraska."

Wald's anxiety is based on the failure last year of Bob Zucker to complete and publish any form of evaluation book. Zucker listed financial and personnel reasons why his committee did not finish the book.

Wald believes that his committee has the organization that was lacking in last year's effort. The committee has further requested ASUN appropriations of \$5,500 for the project, a sum which exceeds that allotted Zucker's committee.

"The success or failure of the book lies in the hands of the faculty because they choose whether or not to allow themselves to be evaluated by students," Wald said. "For our part, we are trying to use interested faculty members to encourage their peers to permit student evaluation."

Wald hopes to have the book out between February 1 and March 1 so that students can use it for registration for the first semester of 1970-71. Each semester after that the book is to be updated by following a basic format.

By November, Wald expects to have questionnaires to mail to faculty members who will be asked to

distribute them to students and return the completed forms for evaluation by computer.

The questionnaires, modeled after a study made by Carnegie Institute for Princeton University, are composed of short, objective questions — were the instructor's lectures well organized? Did he make course objectives clear at the outset?

The question is to be answered by the student by marking down a response on a quality scale from Z on to six. The statistics which will appear in the book will include the number of students who replay to each statement, broken down on the basis of a particular response — 25 ones or 16 twos.

Wald intends to have students evaluate every course offered by the University including some graduate and law school courses, a total of nearly 4,000.

The evaluation of data will be done by computer. A complete breakdown of result will be published in about 300 copies for distribution to campus living units and Love Library, he said.

"Work has been progressing since last spring in terms of research," Wald said. "We have gotten a good deal of help from Scott Swanson, Dr. Gregory Hayden, of the economics department, and Ken Stephens, systems analyst with University administration." "We don't plan to charge the living units for this book even though there has been some campus and ASUN sentiment to do