

Egger: ASUN may disappear

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What is student sentiment on the University of Nebraska campus?

Mike Egger, for one, would like to know.

At the Wednesday ASUN Senate meeting, Egger explained and defended a joint resolution he is backing which would require the Senate to consider the investigation of student elections, student opinion and a possible constitutional convention to doctor the ASUN constitution.

Egger's idea was submitted to the Senate by Sen. Jim Gordon last meeting. It requests that:

—The Electoral Commission make an in-depth report on the mechanics of setting up elections;

—Student Senate should carefully review present student sentiment on this campus;

—ASUN should consider the possibility of holding a constitutional convention during the 1970-1971 school year.

Egger stated that the basic thrust of his resolution was to improve the "lines of communication" between ASUN senators and Nebraska students. He noted that it is not an easy task for the 35 senators to maintain contact with a student body of near 20,000. He suggested that "tighter control, better organization, better mechanism" are needed.

Speaker Pro-tem Tim Kincaid and Sen. Karen Hutt replied to Egger's criticism, claiming senators had made many appearances before students in dorms and Greek

houses. Hutt is in charge of the Speaker's Bureau which arranges meetings between students and ASUN senators.

The Speaker's Bureau is a good start, Egger allowed, but

apparently not adequate in view of the "enormous apathy" toward ASUN by the student body. He said the poor turn-out at last spring's student elec-

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Palestinian diplomat here

The director of the militant Palestinian Liberation Front's permanent mission to the United Nations will be on campus Thursday and Friday.

According to Union Talks and Topics Committee Chairman Bob Russell, Dr. Sadat Hasan will speak at the Nebraska Union Ballroom at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Before this there will be an informal discussion with students in the Union lounge at 1:30 p.m.

There is another informal discussion scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the lounge. Hasan's last appearance will be at a Friday morning coffee for the Model United Nations. The coffee, at the Nebraska Center, is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Hasan, a native of Palestine, has lectured throughout the United States and Canada. He has travelled extensively in various Arab countries and has conferred with many top Arab leaders.

Will Big Red blush?

A Nebraska Orange Bowl float — which has found little support in the state — became the project of the University Corn Cobs Wednesday.

The spirit group for NU sports will attempt to raise \$10,000 for a float in the King Orange Jamboree Parade on Dec. 31, according to Corn Cob member Gary Kuklin.

However, Kuklin said \$6,000 must be raised by next Wednesday to meet a deposit for the parade.

If the necessary money cannot be raised for the deposit, Kuklin said all donations received will be sent to the funds for the Wichita State and Marshall University football teams. Both schools' teams were involved in recent airplane disasters.

Kuklin said Nebraska should have a float as a recognition of the football team's unbeaten season and Big Eight championship.

"No other group in the state wants to build a float, so we're going to try," Kuklin added. "If Nebraska doesn't have a float it will embarrass the state."

He said all donations should be sent to Corn Cobs, suite 345, Nebraska Union.

Surprise!

Your rent is doubled

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Some married students were welcomed to Lincoln with a flourish last summer. One of the first letters they received told them their rent was being doubled.

One couple wrote to the University in February concerning low-income housing. They were referred to the Lincoln Housing Authority (LHA).

LHA got them a 3-bedroom unit at Lincoln Air Park for \$63.50 a month. The couple and their child moved to Lincoln in June.

In July, after LHA had completed purchase of the Air Park from the federal government, the couple was notified that their rent would be increased to \$120.00 effective September 1.

The increase was necessary because LHA did not have enough federal funds to incorporate Air Park into its low-income housing program. Besides, the Authority had to pay off a loan it had made in order to purchase the old Air Force housing in the first place.

The rent increase caused serious budget problems for most of the married students.

One fact emphasized by their problem is that there are only 40 married student housing units actually owned by the University. This ranks the University a distant last when compared with the number of units provided by all other Big Eight schools.

"Forty units is apparently all the University feels is necessary right now," said Wayne Blue, off-campus housing director.

The Lincoln housing market does not represent a serious problem for married students, according to Blue.

He said Air Park units, some of which had just been completed prior to the Housing Authority purchase, are rented at very reasonable rates when compared to similar units in the city.

If they are still too expensive for students, then that's just another reflection of the hard times the country is experiencing financially, said Blue. "Married students are caught in the same web with everybody else."

And there's not much the University can do about it right now. "It would be very difficult for the University to build and rent a facility for less than going rental rates," said Blue.

It's not necessary for the University to undertake that difficulty right now, continued Blue. "If there's a dire shortage of housing in Lincoln it hasn't been brought to our attention yet," he said.

Meanwhile, the University's Housing office will continue to help married students find homes wherever they're available, Blue said.

He mentioned that the Lincoln Housing Authority is only one source. The Housing Office maintains a listing of homes available, and many students get apartments on their own through newspapers or friends.