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University gets top billing in Unicameral

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The 49 state Senators have been meeting for nearly a month now, but already the Unicameral is involved with about a dozen measures directly affecting the University of Nebraska.

This week the Legislature reviewed a bill proposing investment funds available for student loans which had earlier been killed by the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

LB 152, introduced by Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff, had been killed in committee by 5-3 vote. Carpenter, however, convinced the Legislature to bring the measure to the floor for full consideration.

The bill would provide for a state government group to make long term, low-interest loans to Nebraska residents seeking higher education at any private or public institution in the state but with full guarantee of repayment.

Carpenter told the Legislature the bill would help eliminate the "class system" now existing in higher education. He pointed out that economically disadvantaged youths, especially blacks, Mexican-Americans and Indians don't have educational opportunities.

"That's what's wrong with this country," he added, and what "threatens to blow it up."

In action on University-connected bills during January, the Education Committee killed another Carpenter-sponsored

bill which would have required the Legislature to approve faculty tenure plans proposed by the Board of Regents by a 7-0 vote. When Carpenter tried to revive the bill, the Legislature defeated the motion 25-16 with three abstentions and five absentees.

The Education Committee is currently holding a third Carpenter bill which would give preference in admission to the University Medical School to students who agree to take their internship and practice medicine in Nebraska for at least three years following graduation.

The committee decided to defer final judgement on the bill at the request of Chancellor D. B. Varner. Varner asked that the bill be held until the Medical School submits to the Regents a plan of action to deal with the shortage of doctors in Nebraska.

In a statement to the committee, Varner said his understanding of the intent of the bill is to "improve the supply of health care personnel serving the State of Nebraska with particular emphasis on improving the outstate health care situation. All of us at the University of Nebraska are in complete agreement with this objective."

Dr. Cecil Wittson of the Medical School will submit a plan to the Regents at their Feb. 6 meeting.

The Legislature will hold hearings on numerous bills concerning the University next week. Among them are:

-LB 400, Feb. 9, before the Education Committee. The bill, sponsored by Sen. David Stahmer of Omaha, would require all students in public institutions to take a minimum of six hours of state and local government instruction before they could be granted a baccalaureate degree.

-LB 70, Feb. 10, before the Budget Committee. This measure, sponsored by Carpenter, would prohibit the use of University fees, for the purpose of financing a student newspaper.

-LB 208 Feb. 10, before the Urban Affairs Committee. Sen. P. J. Morgan of Omaha is sponsoring this bill to repeal the current state statute which grants the University power to take over land within three miles of existing campus boundaries. The repeal effort is primarily concerned with possible expansion of the UNO campus.

-LB 255 Feb 10, before the Labor Committee. The measure, sponsored by Carpenter, provides that all salaries of state employees, including University employees, in excess of \$18,000 would have to be approved by the Legislature. A

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The deadline for student organizations to show that their membership practices comply with the Board of Regents' anti-discrimination policy has been extended from Feb 1 to Feb. 15.

An organization will lose its

to satisfy the Regents' request regarding national groups, the University will be writing to national organizations that have chapters on the NU campus, according to Brown.

Student Affairs is also requesting that organizations

Discrimination policy deadline extended

official University sanction at the end of the 1970-71 academic year if it does not comply with the Regents' policy by Feb. 15, according to Russell Brown, dean for student development.

Presidents of student organizations are being asked by the office of Student Affairs to sign a statement that their organization is open to individuals from all racial and ethnic minority groups.

As directed by the Regents, campus organizations with national affiliations are being asked to affirm that the policy of the national organization places no racial restrictions on membership selection. In order

include a detailed description of membership selection. Brown said this information will be used to investigate the possibility that certain procedures may afford a high potential for racial discrimination.

The Regents, in response to recommendations by Chancellor D. B. Varner, in December ordered student organizations to comply with the University's anti-discrimination policy.

The Regents' action followed the release of a report on racial discrimination prepared by John W. Robinson, associate dean of Arts and Sciences.

New, improved, better than ever

In an effort to expand services to the University community, the Daily Nebraskan has picked up a new theme song—"There'll Be Some Changes Made".

This semester the paper will be published Monday through Friday, according to editor Mick Moriarty. This change to a five-day publishing schedule allows better coverage and better service to the University.

A switch of printers places the paper in readers' hands almost two hours earlier than last semester. Papers should be in University buildings by 11 a.m.

Many students complain that they leave the campus before the Daily Nebraskan is delivered. Moriarty said.

Moriarty also announced the addition of "On the Right," a column by conservative William F. Buckley, Jr. Buckley will offer an alternative side to liberal columnists Frank Mankiewicz and Tom Braden, Moriarty said.

Their in-depth reports will continue to appear in the Daily Nebraskan second semester.

Hopefully, columns will also come from University faculty and community leaders, Moriarty said. He anticipates additional participation from the faculty.

Another change, from letterpress to offset printing, accounts for the new look of today's paper. Moriarty said the offset process allows more and better-looking pictures as well as clearer copies of the paper.

Arbor Printing Company will produce the paper this semester. The Journal-Star Printing Company has printed the paper for several decades.

Moriarty asked for student reaction to the changes and the paper.