

Carpenter would submit student regent bill

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State Sen. Terry Carpenter said Wednesday night he would introduce a bill in the Unicameral calling for a constitutional amendment permitting students to elect a voting student member to the Board of Regents—if students can draw up a suitable bill.

"I can't assure you the bill would get out of the Government Committee," Carpenter said, "but I think it would."

The idea was brought up at a Cather Hall rap session by Centennial College freshman Jim Fullmer, who promised to consult with law college students about drafting the proposal.

"Once the bill gets to the floor of the Legislature it would be up to students to lobby it through and to gain popular support at the polls," Carpenter continued. "You won't do it without a collective effort."

"Stand up for what you believe in," Carpenter told the 75 students at the discussion. "Don't sit around on the sidelines."

Carpenter gave Fullmer a "standing invitation" to bring him a bill, commenting that a Board with a student on it "couldn't do any worse than the present Board."

The Legislature "doesn't really know what the needs of the University are," Carpenter said in the discussion. "But we

don't trust the faculty and we don't trust the Board of Regents.

"You've only got 49 men and women in the Legislature," Carpenter continued. "We're not particularly expert on anything." That is one reason behind a resolution passed earlier in this session urging that the Regents acquire a professional staff to competently determine University needs, he explained. Carpenter said the proposed staff should also be responsible to the governor and Legislature.

"Nobody has ever helped the University more than I have," Carpenter said. "But now I'm sick and tired of being used. From now on the University has to prove its needs to me."

Carpenter singled out Chancellor D. B. Varner as one NU official who had tried to use him.

Calling Varner a "con man", the veteran senator said "the people of Michigan were glad to get rid of him. All he knew how to do was spend money."

Carpenter said he didn't know if the University could operate on Gov. J. J. Exon's proposed budget. The State Senator told the students "you don't know either."

He said the Governor's University budget proposal would probably get through

the Unicameral because "you need 33 votes to override the governor, and they're awful hard to come by."

The Legislature could always be reconvened to appropriate more money if Exon's budget is to crippling,

Carpenter added. But for now "let's give the governor a chance to assume leadership."

ASUN asks for minority recruiting

A resolution calling for the University to develop policies and procedures aimed at recruiting and holding students, faculty, and administrators from minority groups "at least in proportion to their percentage of population in the state" was unanimously passed by ASUN Wednesday.

Sen. Bill Arfman's successful motion also urged the development of an ethnic studies program so all students could be exposed to various cultures in the United States.

In action related to the current session of the State Legislature, the Senate directed the ASUN Legislative Liason Committee to lobby for ASUN on four bills:

-TO OPPOSE LB 773, which would put the self-defense law (recently overturned by the State Supreme Court) on the ballot;

-TO OPPOSE LB 643, a bill to establish a seven member coordinating committee in charge of all higher education in Nebraska. The committee would consist entirely of State Legislators;

-TO SUPPORT A BILL designed to require government agencies to replace housing taken by expansion. The bill, LB 190, could affect the University in its movement toward the Malone district.

ASUN deferred judgement on a bill to provide a new law building and on another which related to food stamp distribution until more could be learned about the bills and their effects.

A constitutional amendment making the Second Vice President of ASUN an appointive office rather than elected was

proposed by Speaker Pro-Tem Tim Kincaid.

The amendment would be placed on this spring's student government ballot and be implemented in the 1972 spring elections, if successful. The proposal was automatically tabled for consideration until next week.

ALSO POSTPONED until next week was an appeal from the Student Volunteer Council for funds to help purchase a truck for use in volunteer work.

Jim Pipher, a member of the Council, told ASUN Senators that transportation is the "number one difficulty of volunteer programs" at the University. He said ASUN funds would be combined with other money for the purchase.

In other business, Sen. Bruce Wimmer withdrew a motion directed toward an evaluation of the Arts and Sciences language requirement because it was discovered that such a project was already in progress.

THE SENATE approved the constitutions of the Human Relations Insight League and the Geology Club and accepted the nomination of Dave Bingham to the post of Electoral Commissioner.

The ASUN-RHA Book Exchange, according to Sen. Roy Baldwin, did about \$4200 business. Unfortunately, about \$240 was lost to shoplifters.

BALDWIN SAID he would suggest ways to prevent the theft at the next ASUN meeting.

Because of the snowstorm, applications for the Senate post from Engineering and Architecture will be taken until next Wednesday's ASUN meeting.

Brown on discrimination:

'Regents directive not threat'

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The Board of Regents' directive for all student organizations to comply with the Regents' anti-discrimination policy should not be viewed as a threat to the Greek system, according to Russell H. Brown, dean for student development.

"Our main objective is to eliminate discrimination as it is practiced by groups and individuals and this is basically an educational task and not a matter of threat or force," Brown explained Wednesday. "The role we want to play is to help groups eliminate racial discrimination."

MANY MEMBERS of fraternities and sororities have alleged that the University administration would like to see many Greek houses lose their official University sanction because of racial discrimination.

Brown, who is heading the effort to collect the statements of compliance from organizations, denied that the administration was anti-Greek and predicted that all student organizations will be able to comply with the Board's anti-discrimination policy.

"But just signing a statement does not mean a group does not discriminate," Brown remarked. "The main task is to take follow up action

that will help eliminate racial discrimination."

THE REGENTS DIRECTED that all student organizations submit a statement by Febr. 15 stating that the organizations' membership practices "comply clearly and without qualification" with the Regents' anti-discrimination policy or lose its permission to exist on campus at the end of the 1970-71 academic year.

Brown said his job "was just to get from the groups a statement of compliance and provide information to the Regents on which groups didn't respond."

The dean said almost all the University's 270 organizations have responded to the Regents' directive.

Although noting that some organizations did not meet the Feb. 15 deadline, Brown said he didn't think groups "will be punished" because of tardiness in complying with the Regents policy. "Our main interest," he said, "is having the organizations respond and not punishing them."

As an example, Brown noted that some organizations did not meet the Feb. 15 deadline because the statement was sent to former presidents who ignored it.

Brown said that any

organization that did not comply with the Regents' directive has been contacted by the Office of Student Affairs and asked why it didn't respond. "We will work with any organization that is having trouble signing the statement," he added.

THE INFORMATION concerning the responses from student organizations will be forwarded to the Regents, according to Brown.

Regent Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln said Wednesday that the Board has not decided what it is going to do with the information Brown forwards.

"If the organizations are in compliance," he speculated, "there's no need to take action except to commend them for complying."

Six of the eight members of the Board are alumni of NU fraternity houses.

John W. Robinson, chairman of the Council on Student Life, said the Council will continue its study of racial discrimination this semester. However, he said he didn't know what action CSL would take in the area.

THE COUNCIL last year created an ad hoc Committee on Racial Discrimination to investigate if the membership in student organizations are



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