

# Student lobbyist urges action

When Lynn Webster is not in class, he can usually be found at the State Capitol talking to state senators about the University. As an ASUN lobbyist he devotes about 20 hours a week, without salary, to inform Senators of students' opinions.

The 20-year-old Webster, co-chairman of the ASUN Legislative Liaison Committee, has spent the last few weeks exchanging ideas with lawmakers on the proposed University budget.

Senators have approached Webster asking for reactions by the students on the budget. Webster believes students can and should play a vital role in informing senators of the need for more money.

"In most cases, Senators want to listen, they want to understand," Webster said.

Various organizations on campus have begun to show their concern about the budget and other University oriented bills. As an example the Young Republicans have expressed an interest with regard to lobbying within their own political party. The Builder's



Webster . . . pleads University case with State Senator Harold Simpson.

Association has arranged a Senatorial luncheon with different living units on campus.

With the hearings on the University budget coming up this week, Webster feels it is imperative for students to demonstrate their concern on the budget issue. Webster outlined various ways for

students to show their concern.

He suggested that students can contact Senators by mail or in person, ask their parents to write Senators, or flood newspapers with letters to the editor giving student opinions. Webster also said that anyone who would like to help lobby should contact the ASUN office.

"In my opinion the Governor's budget can only be detrimental to the University," Webster said. "I hope that Senators understand what we're trying to express. I am confident Senators understand the need for an increase in the proposed budget. It's up to the students and out-state citizens to convince them of the need."

# Elks Club pickets draw mixed reaction

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"Blacks are admitted to Vietnam—why not to the Elks?" read one sign, carried along the north and east sidewalk of Elks Lodge No. 80 by NU sophomore Vickie Zessin.

"I agree that anyone who goes over to Vietnam ought to be able to be in the Elks," said Wayne Carr, about the same age, who was passing by the protest.

Another passerby, also a non-student, said: "It's my idea to throw half the bums out of there (the University). The rats who wouldn't come overseas with us."

THE MONDAY sign-carrying protest, charging discriminatory membership policies by the Elks and Eagles Clubs and the Moose Lodge, will last "until we get results," said Larry Mathine, another Elks picketer, who said he returned from Vietnam in April, 1970.

Two University students picketed the Elks Club, and another picketed the Eagles Lodge at 210 N. 14th St. Mathine said the Moose Lodge, at 4901 N. 56th St., would be picketed if more support for the protest is shown. The protests will be during the noon and evening meal hours, he said, and go on "indefinitely."

Richard Blomgren, Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge No. 80, said Lodge membership policy is "the same all over the United States." He said it is up to the Grand Lodge in Chicago to change the policy.

THE LOCAL ELKS CLUB would lose money for scholarship programs, he said, if it separates from the national headquarters. He said he knows of no Elks Club that has acted contrary to the Chicago Lodge, and he said he did not know what would happen if local policies were changed independently.

Some members are "thinking seriously" about changing the "whites only" policy, he said, but any changes must wait until the national meeting in Louisiana in July.

He said he did not see the noon picket, but "it looks as if the picketers are ignoring the first amendment right to have private clubs."

