

Vote discourages future loan bill

ASUN Sen. Bill Behmer said it appears he will not introduce another abortion loan bill after a straw vote in the Senate Wednesday indicated that it wouldn't get majority approval.

A bill introduced two weeks ago by Behmer would have set aside \$1,000 in non-student fee money to provide loans to cover transportation or medical costs of an abortion. The loans wouldn't be in excess of \$150 each.

Before voting on the bill, Behmer told the senate there are some legal problems with the bill as it was written.

He asked the senate for a straw vote to determine if he should work out the problems or drop the idea of an abortion loan bill. The vote was 9 in favor of such a bill, 8 against and 9 abstentions.

The opinion expressed by several senators was that there would be political consequences for the senate if such a bill were passed.

It was suggested that it would be better to work through the state Legislature to change the current abortion law or set up a student credit union.

In other action, the Senate accepted a report from its ad hoc committee charged with investigating student fees and fines.

The committee recommended that faculty members be assessed library fines since "it seems inequitable that one segment of the University community receive preferential treatment."

Another recommendation was that the library study the possibility of implementing a system of book renewal by phone.

Since the parking fine policy has been developed with "reasonable student input," the report only recommended that no permits be required for bicycles, the parking committee evaluate the \$10 motorcycle permit and people with large fines be contacted sooner.

The committee also suggested that a group of students contact the Coliseum ticket office in February to discuss ways to handle the resale of football tickets for single games.

According to the report, the Housing Office has dropped all fines and reminded senators that the commencement fee is no longer being enforced.

In the area of Academic Services, the committee recommended that:

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Athletic department denies fault in Orange Bowl ticket shortage

by Jim Johnston

Nebraska ticket manager Jim Pittenger's decision to reserve only 2,000 Orange Bowl tickets for NU students resulted from an agreement with the ASUN Senate.

"The student senate requested five or six years ago that the athletic department reserve 20 per cent of its tickets for migrations and bowl games for the students," Pittenger said Wednesday. "We received 12,500 tickets for the Orange Bowl and reserved 2,000 for students in accordance with the request."

However, a quick check shows that 20 per cent of 12,500 is 2,500, not 2,000.

PITTINGER HAS come under attack by several students who did not receive tickets in the Orange Bowl lottery held early this week. More than 3,600 students entered the lottery, leaving 1,600 students without Orange Bowl tickets.

"We've worked with the students in the past and have been as cooperative as possible," said Pittenger. "but now isn't a very good time to

start complaining about bowl tickets. If students feel they deserve more tickets they should come and talk to us, but it's too late for this year."

Pittenger said he has no estimate as to how many students will actually make the trip to Miami, but he doubts if it will be more than 2,000.

"THIS IS JUST a case of students hurting other students," said Pittenger. "If we could stop the students who buy tickets to scalp or give to their friends or parents we would probably have enough for the students who are actually going to the game."

Students who entered the lottery last week drew their own numbers. The lowest numbers up to 2,000 were then sold the \$8 tickets.

"It's the same way we issue season tickets to students," said Pittenger. "I don't think there's anybody complaining that the lottery wasn't fair."

PITTINGER HAS more than students on

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Coalition protests housing lack

by Bart Becker

A group of low income Lincoln tenants, calling themselves The Poorhouse Coalition, arrived unannounced Wednesday at the University Housing Office, to protest the lack of low income housing. The group said the University's policy of buying housing near the campus and the Housing Office's house listing are compounding the housing shortage for low income people.

The group of about 20 citizens represented several local citizens groups. The groups represented include the City-Wide Tenants Association, Welfare Rights, the Air Park

Tenants Association, the Tenants Advisory Committee, Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND), Lincoln on Utility Problems (LOUP), Indian Center, and Black Concern Group.

THE GROUP filled the office of Wayne Blue, housing officer, and spilled into the hallway and an adjacent room. Bea Richmond, president of City-Wide Tenants Assoc., said the group had come to Blue's office because "we have continually been shoved around this University. We would, just one time, like to get a commitment."

Blue repeated several times that he had no authority to

deal with the group and suggested they set up an appointment with other University administrators. He said he was "very encouraged" by University housing studies.

"WE'RE VERY discouraged and frustrated," Richmond retorted. "We're no closer to getting housing than we were a year ago."

A coalition member asked Blue if the University checks the houses on their listing to insure the houses meet standards. She said as many as 10 students had been known to rent a substandard house, creating the possibility of deaths in the event of fire.

Blue said he "wouldn't say so" in answer to the question.

He said it is the landlord's responsibility if the house doesn't meet safety standards.

"I FIND it most distressing that we are constantly referred to as causing the whole dilemma," he said.

Wayne Kuncel, coordinator of Residence Hall Programs, told the group the Board of Regents had taken action at their last meeting.

"I'm optimistic they will recommend an increase in married student housing," he said.

After about an hour of discussion, director of housing Ely Meyerson arrived at the office.

HE SAID the only tangible evidence of the University's concern he could offer was a Regents' report on housing. But members of the groups said that the committee has never been completely formed and has never held a meeting.

"I have seen nothing at all that shows me the University gives a damn," Richmond said. "Every time we meet with someone we get a promise and not one of them has been kept."

Meyerson said he could make a three-pronged promise to the group. He said he would review the Poorhouse material with the Chancellor and President. He also promised to inform the group of the administration response to the group's demands and recommend to the Chancellor that he review the problem with the Regents at their monthly informal meeting.

THE GROUP accepted the promise and left the office at 12:30 after the two-and-one-half hour meeting.

The Poorhouse Coalition made the following demands of UNL:

1) The University of Nebraska will devise a plan, in cooperation with the City of Lincoln, the Housing Authority of Lincoln, and citizens groups representing area residents, which will make

it a matter of University policy, the replacement on a one to one basis of all low-income dwelling units destroyed by University expansion to the east.

2) The University of Nebraska will immediately plan and implement the building of 4,000 units of married student housing to eliminate competition between married students and permanent low-income families of Lincoln.

3) The University of Nebraska will make existing University housing more appealing by meeting student demands for liberalized dormitory regulations, and will expand University provided housing facilities to accommodate the more than 9,000 students living off campus who directly compete with permanent low-income families of Lincoln.

4) The University of Nebraska will immediately adopt a policy that discourages placement of married students under the Housing Authority lease rent program except in extreme hardship cases.

5) The University of Nebraska Housing Office will immediately end its policy of using the Lincoln Housing Authority to place married students.

6) The University of Nebraska will reject the recommendations of the Comprehensive Campus Plan of Caudill, Rowlett, and Scott, 1967, and will adopt a policy of support and assistance for area residents' efforts to preserve and rehabilitate the Malone and Clinton neighborhoods.

7) The University will send the following representatives within 30 days to a meeting concerning the above stated demands, at the Poorhouse, 863 N. 22nd: NU Pres. D.B. Varner, Interim UNL Chanc. Peter McGrath, Meyerson, Regent Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln, Kuncel, and ASUN Pres. Steve Fowler.



Wayne Blue, housing officer, . . . confronted by Poorhouse Coalition led by Bea Richmond.