



Electoral reform . . . could include more voting booths for this year's ASUN elections.

Commission probes electoral reform

A meeting next Wednesday night will hopefully supply input from students into possible electoral reforms for University spring elections, according to ASUN Electoral Commissioner Duane Sneddeker.

"We encourage all students to bring their won ideas," concerning ASUN, Student Advisory Boards, and May Queen elections, and proposals which ave to be approved by students, said Sneddeker.

"An attempt will be made to put voting in the dorms, or at least more available to students" he predicted.

But he said he wanted "to see what comes out of the meeting before I make any definite statements."

Proposals may be introduced at the meeting, Sneddeker said, and the election rules—which will be in effect in next spring's elections—will hopefully be written over the interim break.

ASUN will then vote on the proposed changes at one of its early meetings second semester, Sneddeker said.

Voting turn-outs (with about 20,000 students) the last four years, Sneddeker estimated have been: 1,700, 1968; 2,000, 1969; 2,500, 1970; and 3,500-4,000, 1971.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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| 2 p.m. Nebraska Union—Rap with Dean Meyerson | 7 p.m. Nebraska Union—CSL |
| 2 p.m. Nebraska Union—University Health Center | 7 p.m. Nebraska Union—Pi Lambda Theta |
| 3 p.m. Nebraska Union—So. Dept. Colloquium on Urban Affairs | 7 p.m. Nebraska Union—Christian Science Org. |
| 3:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Builders College Days | 7 p.m. Nebraska Union—NFU "Model U.N." |
| 3:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Phi Chi Theta | 7 p.m. Nebraska Union—NFU "American Indian" |
| 3:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Builders Tours | 7 p.m. Nebraska Union—Intramural Dept. Hockey Club |
| 4 p.m. East Union—Culture Committee | 7:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—ASUN Nader Organization |
| 4:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Union Board | 7:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Uni Arts Council—Living Unit Task Force |
| 5:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Publications Board | 7:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Uni. Reader Theatre |
| 6 p.m. Nebraska Union—Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia | 7:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Math Counselors |
| 6 p.m. Nebraska Union—Special Services Tutoring | 7:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Human Relations Insight League |
| 6 p.m. Nebraska Union—Ski Club | 7:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Uni. Health Center Staff Meeting |
| 6 p.m. Nebraska Union—AUF Exec. | 8 p.m. Kimball Recital Hall—Brass Choir and Brass Ensemble Concert |
| 6:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Pledges | 8 p.m. Nebraska Union—U.P.C. Coffee House |
| 6:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—AUF | |
| 6:30 p.m. Pi Lambda Theta Initiates | |

Short Stuff

The record lending library closes Dec. 16. All records will be due on this date. People with overdue records should return them as soon as possible. Bring records to Room 237, Nebraska Union.

NFU is sponsoring a benefit dance to raise money for the Lincoln Free School with Bumpy Action, on Friday from 9-11:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Ballroom. Admission is \$1.25.

The Intramural Dept. Ice Hockey Club will have an organizational meeting Thurs. at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

State senators, Wayne

Ziebarth of Wilcox and Ramey Whitney of Chapel will participate in dinner-discussion sessions Thursday as part of ASUN's Legislative Liaison Committee Senator Visitation Program. Ziebarth will be at Delta Sigma Pi at 6 p.m. and Whitney at Beta Sigma Psi at 5:30 p.m.

The NFU Alienation and Protest Movement course will be offered through the extension division next semester. The class, to be taught by Larry Wolfley, will be listed as English 183c. To guarantee the course 15 students must be registered by January 12. Call Dr. Wolfley at 472-3191 or the NFU office, 472-2564 if interested.

Unicameral committee considers NU budget

The University's increased budget request is now in the hands of the Legislature's Budget Committee. The 1972-73 request of \$86.8 million is \$8.7 million higher than the current budget.

The request includes \$50 million from the state's general fund, an increase of \$6.8 million over this year.

THE LINCOLN CAMPUSES requested share of the pie, \$52.1 million, is a 6.4 per cent increase. UNO's share would be 14.5 per cent increase; The Medical Center's would be a 15.9 per cent increase.

But all the requested increases still do not reflect the University's "legitimate needs," according to NU Pres. D.B. Varner. Rather, he told the committee, the request "reflects the political reality of this time."

Varner said the increase is necessary to meet costs in three areas: faculty salaries, inflation and increased enrolment.

SMALL SALARY increases in recent years are encouraging NU faculty members to form collective bargaining groups, Varner said. He said 50 per cent of UNO's faculty is already committed to collective bargaining.

So the University is requesting an average 5 per cent salary increase in professional salaries and a \$300 annual increase for nonprofessional employees.

VARNER SAID the budget request, though intended to improve the quality of NU's programs, was not enough to move the University to the top of the Big Eight conference academically, an oft-stated goal of NU's administration.

Although the University's request for tax funds is \$6.8 million more than it was granted last year, the request is three times less than NU asked last for last year.

UNL Interim Chancellor C. Peter Magrath told the senators the Lincoln campuses are becoming less reluctant to eliminate unsatisfactory programs than in the past.

Regent Robert Raun of Minden, chairman of the Board, told the committee it owes the state a strengthening of NU's educational programs to "continue producing individuals who are competitive in the tight job market."

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