

## NSGA conference resolves to step-up lobbying effort

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Nebraska college youth have a new voice in the political arena. The Nebraska Student Government Association, of which UNL is a member, staged its annual conference Saturday at Concordia Teachers College in Seward, where it endorsed several non-partisan political programs.

The NSGA will lobby for several measures in the Nebraska Legislature that will effect students across the state. The group will also sponsor a voter registration drive this spring prior to the Nebraska Presidential preference primary.

The body passed several resolutions, including one stating that "students have not taken full advantage of the opportunities to influence legislation germane to their interests." Subsequent resolutions called upon the Association's Legislative Liaison Committee to lobby for four measures currently before the Unicameral. The measures include: LB 1092, which would legalize the sale of liquor on college campuses, LB 1171, which allows for the use of state educational grants (such as Regents' scholarships) to be used by Nebraska citizens at private colleges within the state, LB 1096, which would authorize doctors, without parental consent, to examine persons under 20 years of age for venereal disease, and LB 1086, which would lower the state's legal age from 20 to 18 years.

The organization will also lobby against LB 1271 which would make mandatory student fees illegal at all state colleges and universities.

In further action, the group approved another state-wide voter registration drive to be held March 20-24. The last drive, which was co-sponsored by the Nebraska League of Young Voters, was held Nov. 1-5, and registered over 15,000 persons. According to Tom Cavanaugh, president of NSGA, this drive should also be highly successful due to its proximity to the May primary election. However, the drive may not be held on the Lincoln campus during exactly that period. "ASUN will probably have its hands full," said President Steve Fowler. He went on to say that the dates of the drive are the same as those tentatively set for this year's ASUN election. "We will cooperate if at all possible," he added.

The Association also proclaimed the week of Feb. 28-March 3 as Convention Delegate Week and urged students to file as candidates to county and national political party conventions. The resolution noted that March 10 is the deadline for filing for those positions.

Cavanaugh praised the change from the traditional "hands off" attitude of the Association toward politics. Calling the NSGA the "most representative voice of students state-wide", he promised "communication instead of confrontation." He went on to say that he hopes "students will educate themselves, their communities and the state."

## Aging

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provision against extra compensation to retired state employees.

The emeriti are asking also for an amendment to the old retirement system which would allow wages earned teaching summer school and after-65 earning to be included in computing a professor's pension.

However, James Lake, president of the Faculty Senate, said this would be only a stop-gap measure since it would probably only mean that more people would get the total \$2,400. What is needed, he said, is the cost-of-living provision.

An additional hardship on those who retired before the 1961 retirement plan is that state employees, including professors, weren't brought under Social Security until 1955.

There are many emeriti who retired prior to 1955 or who worked for so few years under the system that they reap little benefit from social security.

Some of the emeriti took other jobs in order to qualify for social security benefits.

There are some emeriti who retired before 1954, when provision first was made for widows, and therefore there are some needy emeriti widows too.

The 1961 plan has no limit on a member's stipend, since the pension funds are invested. Investment in speculative stocks is a means to guard against cost of living increases, Lake said, although there's technically no cost-of-living provision in the retirement plan.

The emeriti association is asking for justice for their colleagues before it is too late—before the death of the needy emeriti finally decides the issue.



TV cameras, flags and young people. . . Model UN 1972 style.

## Model UN keeps Taiwan

Delegates voted Friday to seat both Nationalist and Communist China in the fifth annual UNL Model United Nations.

About 300 people participated in the 3-day conference which convened Thursday.

In other resolution action Saturday, the People's Republic of China (Communist China) vetoes the admission of Bangla Deseh into the United Nations. That action was taken in the Security Council.

Arab nations also won a victory when the

General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for the repatriation of Palestinian refugees with compensation and the reopening of the Suez Canal.

Rebuking the apartheid policies of South Africa, UN participants voted comprehensive economic sanctions on South Africa for one year.

Chosen as outstanding delegates of the conference were Pat Olson, John Berg, Robert Gustafson and Rich Mannix. These delegates will represent UNL at the regional Model UN Conference to be held this March in St. Louis.

Previous Model UN sessions have been held at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education but this year's conference occupied the Union Ballroom.

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