

Ziebarth: Legislature should let Regents solve problems

"The internal problems of the University should be solved by the Board of Regents, not the Legislature," said State Sen. Wayne Ziebarth Monday night. Ziebarth of Wilcox represents the 37th District and is a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate.

Speaking to a group of about 60 students at the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, he said he hopes the upcoming World in Revolution Conference on Justice in America will be balanced.

"If you have a great concern for these issues, you should hold the conference whether the Legislature is in session or not," he said.

He also said he would not vote for LB 1271 which would outlaw mandatory student fees for campus activities, including student government and student publications.

"I voted to kill LB 70," he said. LB 70, defeated by the Legislature in January, would have banned student fee support for publications.

"The Board of Regents is elected to deal with those sorts of problems," he said.

Ziebarth drew a round of laughter from the gathering when he said he is "all right" on the abortion issue. Noting that the question is "highly controversial" he said he favors liberalization of the present Nebraska law.

"Periodically we should look at all laws," he said. "We should examine the situation. This is 1972, not 1917," he said.

He said the legislature is controlled by "special interest groups," and urged a change from the present non-partisan system.

Many people are afraid of dividing the body on party lines, he said, because they don't want "machine politics."

"I would rather have control by the established parties than government by secret cliques," he said.

The candidate also attacked the Nixon administration. Calling present foreign policy "irrational and inconsistent", Ziebarth demanded that Washington "make up its mind whether we will support dictatorships or democracies."



Senators begin budget debate

Nebraska state legislators should begin discussion of the state's budget for the coming fiscal year when they meet Wednesday.

The Unicameral's Appropriations Committee, it appears, has completed drafting amendments to its proposed state budget following a Tuesday afternoon meeting.

The committee agreed at that meeting to drop the number of allocation lines in the UNL budget request from 10 to 4.

That action, requested by University administrators, will give the Lincoln campus greater flexibility in budgeting within the University.

Similar changes were also granted the Omaha and medical school campuses.

"As near as I can tell, we agree on the format," Hastings Sen. Richard Marvel, Appropriations Committee chairman, said of the budget.

Committee members agreed, at the University's request, to add \$285,500 to the University budget which earlier totaled \$46.3 million.

University officials had asked for an increase of \$486,900.

A bill to prohibit ticket scalping was heard in the Judiciary Committee Tuesday. Lincoln Sen. William Swanson, who introduced LB 1244, said he felt the bill would not be impossible to enforce.

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