

Unicameral enacts fieldhouse measure

The Nebraska Legislature Friday enacted revised plans for the construction of the new \$12 million UNL fieldhouse.

On a 36-2 final-reading vote, senators approved LB 1433 calling for the issuance of bonds to construct the new facility. Bonds would be repaid from last year's increase in cigarette taxes at the rate of \$2.4 million per year for a five-year period.

Also allocated in the bill is \$2.4 million over a two-year period to improve the State Fairgrounds in connection with construction plans for the fieldhouse.

The newly passed bill erases 1971 legislation which divided the five-cent tax increase equally between the fieldhouse and a new state office building.

This year's version is seen as a compromise between factions. Gov. J. J. Exon vetoed last year's bill but the Legislature enacted it over his veto. Exon is expected to sign the bill passed Friday.

LB 1433, introduced by Lincoln Sen. Roland Luedtke, directs the remainder of the cigarette tax revenue into the general state construction fund.

The Legislature could then direct the funds into other

construction projects as they desire.

With the passage of this year's fieldhouse bill, construction could begin immediately since the initial cost is paid by bonds. The old law would have required funds to accumulate before construction could begin.

The new fieldhouse would replace the present NU Coliseum, built in 1925, which seats 9,000. The new building would hold nearly 18,000 for basketball games. Its use would not be limited to basketball games, however. An Olympic-size swimming pool and facilities for other sports are planned.

In other action Friday, senators passed unanimously on final reading a bill which would make it illegal to place drugs or foreign objects in another person's food or drink.

The bill, LB 1098, sponsored by Senators Wally Barnett of Lincoln and Gerald Stromer of Kearney, makes it a felony to place any narcotic, hallucinogenic drug or pin, needle, razor blade, glass or other harmful objects in edible substances.

A person convicted of placing such an item in food or drink with malicious intent could earn a 10-year prison term and a \$10,000 fine.

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"These films are known as the best ethnographic series made," explained Jim Kohler in reference to a four-and-a-half hour series on the Netslik Eskimo to be shown in the Nebraska Union small auditorium on March 15th at 12:30 p.m.

The films, shot by the Canadian Film Board are currently being used in elementary social studies courses. Kohler explained that "the impact is so unique I wanted to give everyone a chance to see these films."

The films have no narration, the viewer is expected to absorb what he wishes, Kohler said. In addition, the series is not edited toward any one part of the culture. The study

follows the culture that, up until one generation ago was the life style of the Netslik for 1,000 years.

Concert celebrates womens' day

A recent addition to the World in Revolution Conference on Justice in America is lesbian-feminist Linda Shear. She is scheduled to perform some of her own songs at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Nebraska Union south crib.

She said she plans to sing "for and about" women to celebrate International Women's Day Wednesday.

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