

# Newly-elected ASUN Senate takes office

Three ASUN Senate executives and 30 senators swore Wednesday afternoon to "act in the best interests of the students" for the 1972-73 school year, then set up housekeeping, passed one resolution and tabled another.

Newly-elected President Bruce Beecher, First Vice President Sam Brower, Second Vice President Michele Gagne and the 30 senators replaced this year's sparsely represented senate after some "parting words" from out-going President Steve Fowler and the presentation of awards to out-going senators.

The new senate elected George Ayoub permanent speaker pro-temp, which automatically puts him on the Executive Committee. Ann Henry, John Berg and Vince Boucher were also elected to the committee which includes the executives.

A resolution appropriating \$150 to publicize and rent vans to take students to the County-City Building for a voter registration drive April 10-13 was passed 26-5.

Sen. Stephen Lewis objected during the discussion to what he called the "politicizing of this body" by spending student fees on the registration drive.

Resolution sponsor John Berg said student fees had been spent on the earlier on-campus voter registration drive and the resolution was a "continuation" of a senate attempt to reach more students.

The senate tabled a motion by David Zeek to give \$250 to the Engineering College's Annual E-Week program.

Zeek's original resolution would have tied no strings to the money but he accepted a "friendly amendment" from Patti Kaminski to limit use of the funds to paying for a speaker which, she said, was a program "a lot of University students would benefit from."

Zeek refused to accept as friendly a motion, also offered by Kaminski, saying "the senate cannot condone the sexist attitude inherent in the choosing of a Miss E-Week."

The senate accepted the amendment, though, 16 voting in favor, 12 against and three not voting.

In an earlier meeting of the out-going senate, Human Rights Committee Chairman Ann Pedersen announced a proposal now being presented to the Council on Student Life that would, with CSL's approval, set up a discrimination board and judicial board.

The discrimination board, composed of two faculty members, two administrators, four students appointed by ASUN and one person-at-large, will investigate discrimination complaints brought to them, determining if action is needed.

If so, the board can pass the case to the judicial board, composed of five people appointed by the discrimination board and approved by the University president, UNL chancellor and Board of Regents chairman, to decide "what action is to be carried out."

Awards given and their

recipients were: the Mary Carol Poulsen award, awarded to a non-senator for outstanding work for the senate, Mary Harding; Outstanding Senator, Patti Kaminski; Distinguished Service Award, Duane Sneddeker, Chris Harper, Meg Hall, Denise Gemache, Roy Baldwin, Bruce Beecher, Ann Pedersen, Mike Berns and Senate Faculty Adviser, Associate Professor Paul Byerly.

ASUN's secretary, Mary Carol Poulsen, who's taking a leave of absence after five years in the office, was "awarded" a photo of the ASUN office's mimeograph machine, a

machine, she said, that "has kept me company many years."

UNL Ombudsman James Suter told the senate he's handled 12-15 cases since his office has been open. They've dealt mainly with "academic penalties for non-academic offenses," he said, such as withholding grades for unpaid parking tickets or loans.

He said he's largely been trying to make his services known to the 21,000 people--including students, faculty, and non-academic staff--who his office serves.

Fowler, in his "parting words," said he had "no

regrets" for the controversial services for which ASUN used student fees this year.

"They were legitimate functions of student government filling legitimate needs of students," he said.

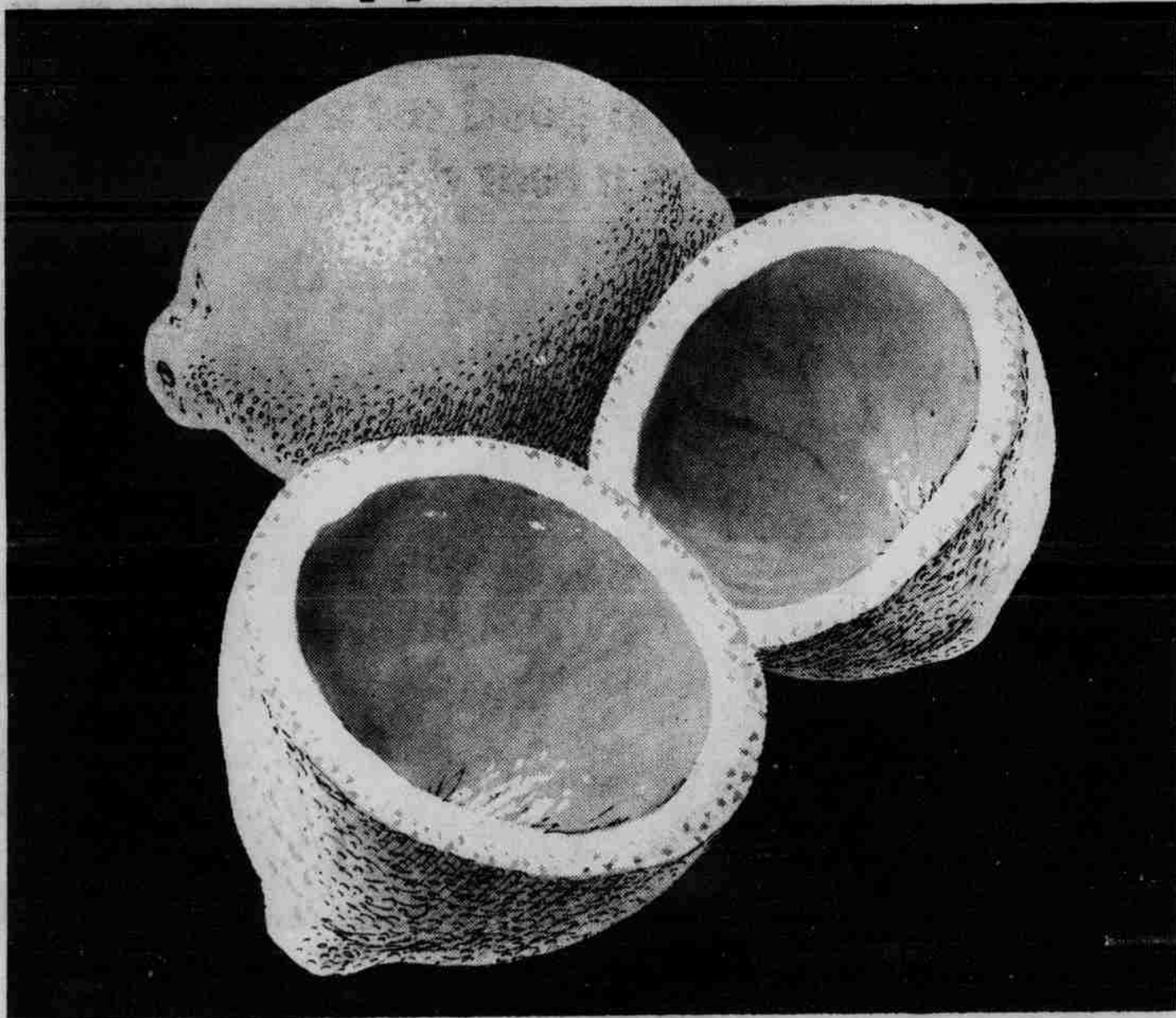
Fowler called the year "moderately successful" and listed expanded student services and Free University courses, the ombudsman,

interim and freshman orientation classes and implementation of the PACE low-income scholarship program as accomplishments by this year's senate.

And he said he believed the "confrontation politics" used in loosening coed visitation rules were "successful in getting students what they wanted and deserved."

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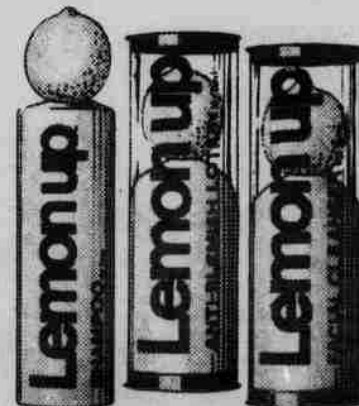
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