

# ASUN considers salaries

by Jane Owens

The ASUN Senate Salaries Committee recommended Wednesday that a part-time senate secretary and an additional administrative assistant be hired.

The ASUN office presently employs a fulltime secretary-treasurer and one administrative assistant.

According to committee chairman Vern Broders, the new staff members would assist primarily ASUN executives and committee chairmen. Results of a questionnaire sent to ASUN committee members revealed that a large portion of the chairmen's time was needed for secretarial duties, such as typing and compiling booklets. By adding two new staff members, chairmen would be relieved of much of this responsibility.

The ASUN office also hopes to hire two student secretaries under the work-study program.

The Salaries Committee recommended that committee chairmen remain unsalaried.

"We didn't think that their (the committee chairmen's) dedication and activeness would be increased proportional to the money students would be spending for them," Broders said.

The Free University chairman, who previously received \$150 a year, would no longer be paid. "They're committee chairmen on the same level as other committee chairmen," Broders said. "It's unfair to pay one and not all."

How do some of last year's committee chairmen react to the no-salary recommendation?

Doug Blomgren, former Legal Rights Committee chairman, said, "I can't see that being paid would make you work harder. You might feel more responsible in some areas, but sometimes your activities are limited by the time that you have."

Blomgren said he felt that some chairmen worked hard last year and deserved to be paid. Blomgren worked about five to 10 hours a week as Legal Rights chairman.

"If you offer salaries, that person has to be accountable for what he does," Chris Harper,

former Free University chairman, said. "It allows you to obtain qualified individuals. If salaries are not offered, that rules out anyone (as committee chairman) whose parents are not putting him through college."

Harper said he devoted about 750 hours to Free University activities last year and was paid \$150, or about 20 cents an hour.

Former Human Rights chairman Ann Pedersen said, the amount of work that chairmen do is often more than the officers do, depending upon the committee.

Committee chairmen, she said, are giving their time to the University and should receive a nominal salary.

Pedersen said she spent about 15 hours a week last year working with the Human Rights Committee.

The Salaries Committee didn't recommend that nine-month salaries for the ASUN president and first and second vice presidents be increased from last year. However, the report did recommend that the executives be paid, according to a plan worked out last spring, for summer work.

This summer the executives were paid for no more than 20 work hours a week. President Bruce Beecher earned \$516, First Vice President Sam Brower earned \$155 and Second Vice President Michelle Gagne earned \$363. Beecher received \$2.25 an hour. Both Brower and Gagne were paid \$2.00 an hour.

During the summer, executives said they organized the office, did research on student fees, interviewed for administrative positions candidates and completed the ASUN budget.

The executives said their salaries—set in a government bill introduced to the ASUN Senate last spring—were needed if they were to remain in Lincoln during the summer. Previously, executives were paid \$150 a summer.

The Salaries Committee also recommended that the senate parliamentarian be paid \$100 a year.

The committee report was accepted Wednesday by the ASUN Senate. The senate is expected to vote on approval of the report at next week's meeting.

# Task force prepares barrels for newsprint

Placing newsprint recycling barrels at several campus locations is one of the Environmental Task Force's first projects of the year, according to chairman Bill Freudenburg. He reported Thursday that the grounds department of the Physical Plant is now painting the newsprint barrels.

The newsprint collection is part of the work of the project Task Force recycling subcommittee.

Other Task Force subcommittees include the commando squad—a core group working for improvements such as ramps for bicycle riders and handicapped persons on campus.

The action subcommittee will investigate community and state environmental laws.

Hoping to educate the University community on the environment, the awareness subcommittee plans to show films, put up posters and arrange for speakers at campus living units.

The dorms subcommittee will study dormitories and recommend policy changes.

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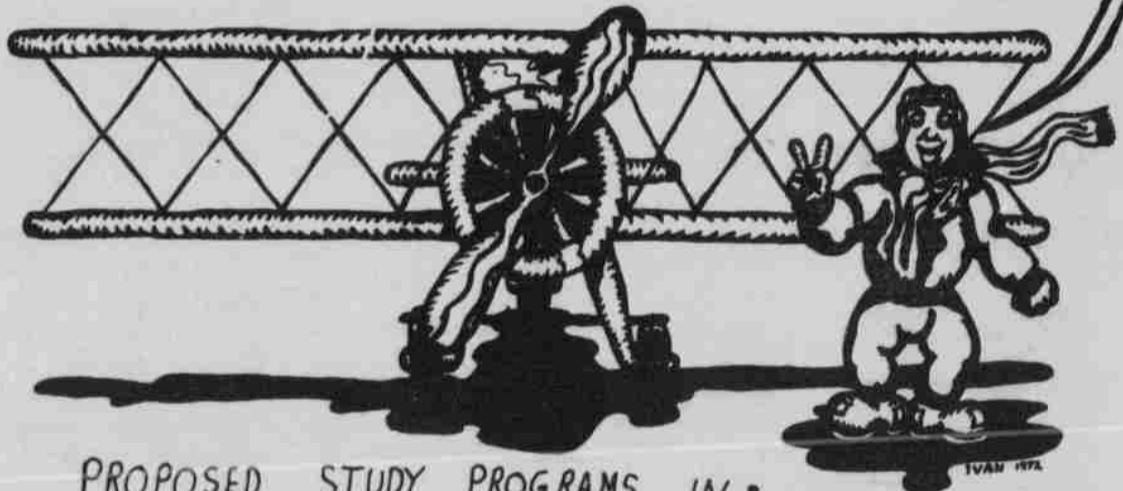
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