

ASUN cuts include Free U, conferences

by Bart Becker

Nebraska Free University apparently has drawn the short straw in this year's ASUN budget proposal. Budgeted at \$1,890 a year ago, Free U expenses actually topped the \$2,300 mark. This year it's budget nosedived to a proposed \$600.

Last year's Free U outspent its budget while serving 729 students in the spring session alone. Thirty-nine free courses were offered.

News analysis by author

This year Free U tried a new attack. Each student registered in a Free U course paid one dollar. The number of students involved dropped to 122.

Even discounting \$700 for publicity, which will be handled through Communications, Free U comes up budgeted about \$1,000 less than last year.

The new budget proposal also calls for a whopping cut in the Human Rights budget. But the cut, from \$5,918 a year ago to a proposed \$550 is not what it appears.

In the past Human Rights has been responsible for subdividing its budget to fund a number of projects. For instance, last year's Human Rights committee doled out funds to the Afro-American Collegiate Society, Mexican American Student Association, the International Students, the Program for Active Commitment to Education (PACE) and the University Women's Action Group.

Apparently, any of these groups will not go through the newly proposed Student Organizations and Activities fund. The budget proposal says "it is felt by members of this administration that ASUN should not budget money to a committee who in turn is charged with the responsibility of rationing these monies to different recognized student groups."

The Student Service's budget proposal calls for its funds to be slashed by more than half. Last year's budget called for \$4,750. The proposed budget asks only \$2,050.

Last year, the Student Services handled the ASUN Record Store and Art and Gift Shop, a child care

center and an infant care center. The bulk of both years' budgets was for the record store.

When the ASUN Record Store was opened two years ago, no money for inventory was allotted by ASUN. Consequently a supplier provided the shop with about \$5,000 worth of records, but collected six per cent interest on the entire \$5,000.

Last year ASUN gave the record store \$2,500 to invest in record stock. The store apparently also received loans from ASUN because the store's report shows it owing ASUN \$3,000. That, coupled with another \$500 past-due debt, shoves the record store debits to \$3,500.

The store's credits—inventory, bank balance and turntables and amplifiers—total only \$3,216. That leaves a record store deficit of \$283.13.

The average total sales per month, from Sept. to June, is \$3,000. Average monthly expenses run to \$2,915.85. Therefore, the record store runs on an \$84.15 per month profit or 2.8 per cent.

The budget requests \$1,250 to increase the record store inventory.

The Student Services budget also calls for \$400 for the ASUN Book Exchange. The money would be used for forms and advertising expenses.

The proposed budget asks for the establishment of \$1,000 allocations for both the Cultural Affairs committee and support of the Ombudsman.

The Cultural Affairs allocation is made "with the understanding that in years hence, funding will come from agencies other than ASUN."

The request for funds to contribute to the continuation of the UNL Ombudsman program was made because the program "is felt to be a service to members of the association and the University in general." However, the report suggests "a more continuous source of funding such as from administrative coffers seems to be a more appropriate resource base from which to apply."

Conspicuously absent from the budget request are the World in Revolution conference, which received

\$2,677.49 a year ago, and the Time Out conference which was budgeted at \$3,000.

A major brouhaha accompanied both conferences and they apparently have been scrapped. If similar events are to take place, the money apparently will have to be slipped in the back door.

The Women's Resource Center, which received \$500 mostly for remodeling last year, is also missing from the new budget request.

The proposal for the Legislative Liason Committee calls for a hike from last year's \$550 to a request for \$1,131. "Because of the increased interest exhibited by students in the committee."

Budget requests in other areas were similar to what has been budgeted in the past.

ASUN Budget Proposal Summary, 1972-73

Office Expenses	\$4,281.00
Salary Expenses	8,663.22
Conferences (Student)	2,065.00
Electoral Commission	1,600.00
Senate Expenses	1,300.00
Center for Educational Change	850.00
Communications	3,917.50
Environmental Task Force	300.00
Nebr. Free University	600.00
Human Rights	550.00
Legal Rights	750.00
Legislative Liason	1,131.00
Student Services	2,050.00
Student Organizations and Activities	5,500.00
Cultural Affairs	1,000.00
73-74 Administration	2,000.00
Contingency Fund	4,000.00
Ombudsman Support	1,000.00
Total Budget Request	\$41,134.41

Innocents endorse Hansen for regent

The Innocents Society, in what is thought to be an unprecedented move, has endorsed Regent Kermit Hansen for election in November.

The Innocents Society is UNL's senior mens honorary. Hansen was appointed to Omaha's second district Board of Regents seat in January, 1971. Former State Sen. Clifton Batchelder is attempting to unseat him.

In a news release, the Innocents labeled the outcome of the Batchelder-Hansen race "important in determining the growth of the University."

"Although we don't endorse all of the regents' actions during the past three years, we do feel that Kermit Hansen has generally acted in the interest of academic excellence while his opponent has taken a negative attitude toward the University's academic growth."

The Innocents criticized what they called Batchelder's contention that the University should exist as a training ground to provide employes for other institutions.

"We believe," the release continued, "that a university must fulfill this function, but that an educational institution must also do more."

"For instance, research in all disciplines is the key to understanding and grappling with the problems of our society and the University should continue to foster this worthwhile pursuit."

The Innocents also called it imperative that administrators, teachers and students not have to work in "an atmosphere of constant threat and fear."

Innocents Society president Mike Berns said to his knowledge this was the first time the 70-year old society had formally endorsed a candidate.

Berns said he felt the action was appropriate since the race was both nonpartisan and related directly to the University.

Berns said at this time there is no intention among society members to endorse other general election candidates.

Talks and Topics plans candidates' speech series

With the November elections drawing near, the Nebraska Union's Talk and Topics committee has scheduled a series of candidates' speeches on the UNL campus.

Darel Berg, Democratic challenger for the first district House of Representatives seat, will speak next Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Union ballroom. Tentatively, Terry Carpenter, Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate, will speak after Berg at 8:45 p.m.

Next Thursday, Republican incumbent Sen. Carl Curtis will speak at 7:30 in the ballroom. A time and date have not been set for Republican Congressman Charles Thone's talk.

Washington columnist Jack Anderson will be this year's first major speaker. The controversial columnist is featured in this month's issue of *Playboy* magazine. Anderson will speak Nov. 11 at 3:30 in the Union.

Nov. 30, Betty Friedan, feminist and author of *The Feminine Mystique*, will be on campus.

Doug Voegler, Union Talks and Topics chairman, said the committee also is trying to bring William Kuntzler, attorney for the Chicago Seven, to campus.

Voegler said the committee tries to get at least one conservative speaker each year. This year they have contracted with Sen. Robert A. Taft Jr. of Ohio. Taft will be in Lincoln Feb. 15.

On Mar. 8 John G. Neihardt, Nebraska's poet laureate will be featured. This will be the first time the 93-year old native Nebraskan has addressed a general UNL audience.

Senators ready new legal code

Because Nebraska's criminal laws had not been overhauled since 1873, the 1969 Legislature authorized a comprehensive revision of the criminal code.

Now, four years later, the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice has completed the project.

The revised code will be submitted to the next session of the Legislature according to Nebraska Attorney General Clarence Meyer.

One of the main features of the new code is a uniform classification system for offenses.

Seven classes of offenses would be established: four felonies and three misdemeanors. Formerly, each offense carried its own punishment and related offenses often carried widely varying sentences.

A chicken thief, for example, could be imprisoned for five years while the person who stole a \$99 television might escape with a six-month sentence.

Now, each class of felony will carry the same punishment, no matter what the specific crime was.

The code also consolidates similar statutes: larceny, embezzlement, obtaining by false pretenses, extortion and receiving stolen property are now simply "theft."

This procedural simplification, says the commission report, will speed justice, cut down on appeals and clear out crowded courts by clarifying crimes and their punishments.

Many obsolete laws will be dropped entirely, including those which prohibit cursing, endurance contests, Sunday baseball playing and unlawful barbering.

The revisions, based on the Model Penal Code of the American Law Institute, were financed by a \$46,000 grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Similar revisions have been adopted or are under consideration in 43 states.

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