

## Liaison lobbies for 3 student regent positions

by Jane Owens

Adding student members to the Board of Regents is a major goal of ASUN's Legislative Liaison Committee this year, according to committee chairman Bob O'Neal.

Legislative Liaison plans to recommend that the Legislature add three students—student body presidents from each of the University's campuses—to the Board of Regents, according to a committee report.

Each student would have a one-third vote and would serve a one-year term on the Board.

O'Neal said his committee studied governing board structures of about 11 universities that have student regents.

The committee also plans to ask UNO and the University Medical Center for recommendations on adding student members to the Board of Regents, O'Neal added.

According to the committee report, the

recommendation for student regents was based on the Harris Amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1970. The amendment states that college governing boards should include at least one full student member chosen or approved by students.

"We're doing research to see if adding a student member (to the Board of Regents) requires a constitutional amendment or just a piece of legislation," O'Neal said.

If a constitutional amendment is required, have to appear on the 1974 election ballot, he said. Otherwise, the proposal only needs approval by a majority of legislators.

"It's going to be a real fight. We'll have to do quite a bit of persuading before the idea (of a student regent) is even accepted," O'Neal said.

"But if nothing else, we will have brought the idea out in the limelight," he added.

Other Legislative Liaison activities include working with the Student Affairs Office and the Residence Hall Association to prepare student questionnaires about liquor on campus.

O'Neal said his committee planned to take action on the liquor issue after studying student responses.

Legislative Liaison also is studying student fee allocation plans at Big Eight schools "just in case the issue comes before the Legislature again."

The ASUN committee also plans to work with the Legislative Budget Committee to "see that student priorities are considered in the University budget," according to O'Neal.

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## UNL introduces new curricula

Trying to decide on a major?

The Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Home Economics have five new curricula either in effect or awaiting final action.

Students interested in linguistics can now declare majors under an interdepartmental program in Arts and Sciences. Linguistics is the study of the nature, history, sociology and psychology of language. A specific language, language group, geographic or dialect area, and the acquisition of language are possible concentrations. Students in linguistics are encouraged to have two majors.

University Studies, another new program, provides "well-motivated students" with an opportunity to follow their intellectual interests in as many ways as the student finds desirable. The student will have a concentration in a particular field combined with supervised independent study and tutorials.

Students will be accepted on the basis of well thought out academic goals related either to general education or to career plans.

A major in environmental health also is being offered by the College of Arts and Sciences. Environmental health is one of the allied health sciences and is concerned with preventive medicine.

Majors study ways to prevent unsanitary food, water and air as well as accident and injury prevention. Environmental health specialists work in government agencies, industries, research and education.

Ethnic studies is an expansion of the Arts and Sciences' Afro-American studies program to include studies of all American minorities. The major will be interdepartmental and intercollegiate, and is designed to expose the student to the needs and life experiences of minority peoples.

Together with Teachers College, Arts and Sciences has developed an American studies program. The interdepartmental major will provide a structure for students interested in in-depth study of an American social-cultural concern.

The major will prepare students for masters programs, secondary education, a professional school such as law school, or museum work. Although the program can not be declared as a major now, two courses are being offered this semester: Rock in Contemporary America and a seminar for students developing an integrated studies curriculum.

Next year, students will be able to choose a consumer affairs option offered by the College of Home Economics.

The major is designed to teach an understanding of the consumer in relation to business and government agencies. Graduates in consumer affairs will be prepared to serve as communication links between business, government and consumers.

The requirements include courses in home economics, business and political science.

## short stuff

### Speech talks

William Nelson, professor of speech communication and director of graduate study at the State University of New York-Oneonta will be talking to classes and faculty members of the Speech and Dramatic Art Department Friday through Dec. 18.

### Graduate psychology

A panel discussion on graduate school in psychology will be held for all junior and senior psychology majors Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in 108 Burnett.

### Honorary fellowships

The National Council of Alpha Lambda Beta, the freshmen women's honorary, is awarding five \$2000 fellowships to its female members. Information on the fellowships and applications can be obtained today in 108 Administration.



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