

## ASUN frees Day Care funds

by Sara Schwieder

ASUN voted Wednesday to give \$702 to the Child and Infant Day Care Center. The vote was 21 for with 1 against and 3 abstaining.

The Senate also endorsed two bills currently in the Nebraska Legislature. One is a proposal for a student regent and the other provides for a College of Environmental Design. An ASUN committee to study the Student Fees Task Force report also was approved. The reports came under fire early this week from the Daily Nebraskan.

The day care issue drew a crowd of parents and occasional children for the second week, and the Senate again heard discussions from day care supporters.

Pat Strong, an assistant at the day care center, said the center "happens to be a vital activity while all others are amusement activities."

"We're not asking you to support our children, we're asking for money as an activity. We're a minority activity," she said.

Senators wanted to know why the "desperate situation" of the center aired at last week's meeting had not been aired a month ago during Budget Committee hearing. Day Care Center Director Mary Jo Ryan told the Senate that she knew the center was on a tight budget, but that she hadn't realized that without ASUN support the center would have to "work on a shoestring."

"When the Budget Committee asked if the center would continue to operate, I said 'yes,' but we may have to sell everything in the center to keep it going...it would be very difficult."

She said she thought about \$600 had been donated to the center by parents since budget hearings a month ago. Legal requirements

forbid parents to give directly to the center, so she didn't know the amount exactly, she said.

"For the most part, parents who use the center don't have children in order to get poorer...most have been out working and want to come back to the University to improve themselves—and they can do it with the center," Ryan told the Senate.

Money for the center was transferred from a part of the 1972-73 budget which provided for a Big Eight Government Conference that never materialized.

In other action, the Senate voted unanimously to endorse LB323, which would provide for a student vote on the Board of Regents. The bill is sponsored by Sen. Richard Marvel of Hastings.

Should the bill be approved by the Legislature, it will go to the voters for approval as a constitutional amendment, according to Legislative Liaison Chairman Ann Henry.

"ASUN students have done a lot of work on this bill, and it's a major accomplishment of ASUN," said Sen. Vince Boucher.

The Senate also came out for LB275, which would establish a College of Environmental Design.

Behrooz Emam, sponsor of the resolution, said "They (the School of Architecture) don't get enough money from the Engineering College (of which the Architecture School is a part) because there are not enough students."

Emam said college status would help the School of Architecture get more money.

The Senate also voted to set up a committee to look into the Student Fees Task force reports.

ASUN President Bruce Beecher announced that consultants for ASUN's study of the library system at UNL will arrive Sun., Feb. 26.



Day Care child . . . will benefit from Wednesday's ASUN decision to fund the Day Care Center.

## Fee bill threatens budgets of UNL groups

by Nancy Stohs

A legislative proposal which, if passed, would abolish collection of some mandatory student fees is officially called LB362. But for some UNL groups LB362 means a nightmare—in terms of building debts, loss of jobs and the threat of being closed down.

The bill, introduced Jan. 31 by Sen. James Dickinson, of Millard requires that funds for "student activities, athletics, a student union, social activities or other student purposes" would be collected voluntarily.

UNL fee-supported organizations affected by the bill include ASUN, the Daily Nebraskan, UNL intramural activities and all Nebraska Union programs.

According to ASUN First Vice President Sam Brower, passage of the bill could "cast a death spell" on student government. Almost all of ASUN's current \$41,000 budget comes from student fees, he said.

Art Thompson, Union program director, said the proposal would have a "drastic effect" on all Union programs.

Student fees support art displays, speakers, films,

free meeting rooms and the Model United Nations, among other things.

"A lot of (UNL) departments would like to bring in speakers," he said, "and if we didn't, I wonder who would."

Fees also are used for the Union's programming staff salaries, Thompson said.

The main concern of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Ken Bader is a possible default on UNL building bond agreements.

According to Bader, a debt service was started several years ago to loan money for constructing the Union and University Health buildings.

However, according to the Feb. 1 Daily Nebraskan, fees used to retire revenue bonds and money for "direct and primary purposes" of the school still could be demanded under LB362.

One of Dickinson's protests against mandatory student fees is that many students are neither aware of nor interested in some of the fee-supported programs.

Bader said he admits that UNL hasn't done the best job communicating to students where fees are spent. He added that the information is available to whomever asks.

The UNL General Information bulletin lists the registration office, laboratories, the library, University Health services, the Union and intramural activities as fee users. It does not mention building debts, ASUN or the Daily Nebraskan.

"While the fees are mandatory and not necessarily of paramount importance to each person, I'd think that throughout the year there would be one or two events or services or chairs to sit on that every student could use," Thompson said.

Bader said that although some students couldn't care less, interest is hard to measure until a student is faced with a situation, such as a need for health services.

What would some of these groups do for a source of funds if student fees were made voluntary?

According to Thompson, the Union would have to increase existing service charges, add new ones or look into state support.

UNL Comptroller Bill Eberle said he thinks that on a voluntary basis UNL would be lucky to collect one-third the fee money it now gets.

He pointed to the program for Active Commitment to Education (PACE) as an example. Now that a student volunteers to contribute, rather than checking "no" on his tuition statement, funds collected dropped about 80 per cent.

## Sen. Taft speaks today in Union



Sen. Robert Taft Jr. R-Ohio . . . will speak at 8:30 p.m. today in the Nebraska Union.

U.S. Sen. Robert A. Taft Jr., R-Ohio, will address UNL students on "The Future of American Political Parties" in the Nebraska Union ballroom today, according to the Union Talks and Topics Committee.

The son of the man known as "Mr. Republican," Taft is a Republican who frequently preaches a doctrine of fiscal responsibility. He has been active on committees dealing with finance, banking, labor and insurance.

Taft will deliver his main address at 3:30 p.m. after a press conference. He also will participate in a discussion from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Schramm Hall.

The senator has been active in GOP party affairs and has served in the Ohio House of Representatives (1955-62), the U.S. House of Representatives (1963-70) and the U.S. Senate.

He was a delegate to the GOP national conventions of 1956, 1960 and 1964 and was chairman of the GOP coordinating committee task force on functions of federal, state and local governments from 1965-68.

Taft was also a member of the Republican revenue sharing study group in 1967-68 and chairman of the House GOP conference research committee in 1969-70. In addition, he served as a member of the House GOP leadership in 1969-70.

He is former partner in the law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister and has been active in civic affairs. He is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School and holds an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Centre College, Kentucky.