

# Senators endorse ecology bills

by Ruth Ulrich

"Environmental legislation gets shot down year after year after year," according to State Sen. Steve Fowler, who, along with State Sen. Richard Maresh, spoke at an Environmental Information Series program Wednesday evening at the Nebraska Union.

Maresh said his proposed bills on ecology since 1957 all have been killed in committee. The bills related to taxes on soft drink, alcoholic beverage and beer containers to decrease litter.

The litter problem is nationwide, Maresh said. He said most people who oppose his bills are those in can and bottle factories or breweries because they fear they will lose their jobs.

Fowler said there are three reasons why environment legislation doesn't succeed. He cited the lack of "environmental expertise" and that few pressure groups or lobby groups have vital information on the subject.

The second reason is a general lack of public concern. Senators receive few letters about environmental projects, he added. The third reason is that concerned persons aren't involved in political campaigns, he said.

"If you sit and wait for senators to come to you, you won't get them," Fowler said, "because the amount of time

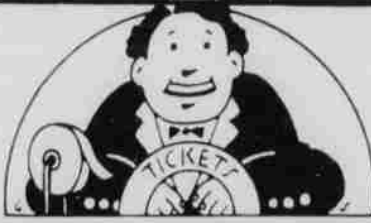
they have is limited and their initiative doesn't go too far."

He said that community interest and citizen groups are needed because "many senators are skeptical of bureaucrats."

Fowler said environment-

interested people should become active in political action groups, such as public power boards or service commissions.

"Until environment groups get into that sort of thing, they won't go far," he said.



## WEEKEND FILMS

### VIOLENCE

Weekend Films presents the two landmark films of violence in the American cinema.

#### Bonnie & Clyde

This film was the winner of two academy awards and stars Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway as a couple that lives for excitement. The film is very accurate in its representation of time, place, and characters as each member of the gang is brought to life on the screen. Michael J. Pollard is especially effective as the comically cool gang mechanic. This film has been widely criticized and lauded for the slow-motion sequence of the machine gun death of the two anti-heroes.

#### The Wild Bunch

This film marked a new direction for the American western as the emphasis was placed on the violence and not the mythology of the American West. Sam Peckinpah directs one of his best films with intelligence and compassion while depicting the horror of violent massacre. The stars include William Holden and Robert Ryan giving exceptional performances as ruthless men whose outlaw violence would have been considered heroic in the early West, but is now considered as some disease to be eliminated.

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Bonnie & Clyde - - - - - Friday

The Wild Bunch - - - - - Saturday

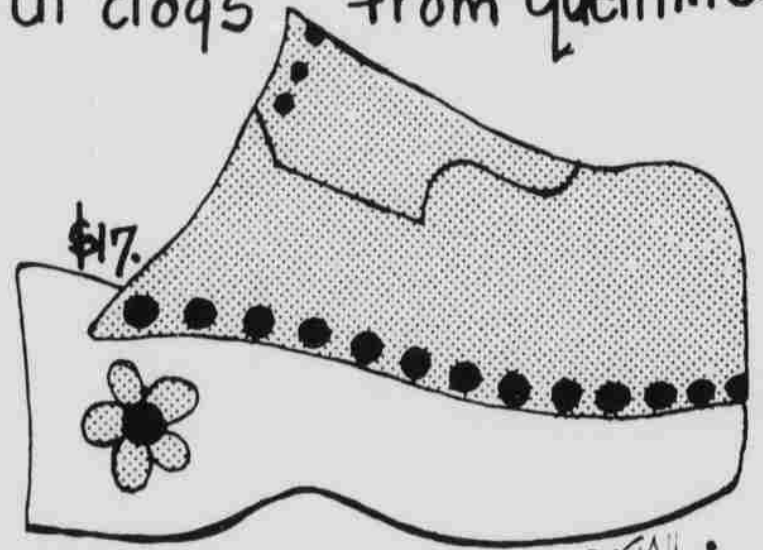
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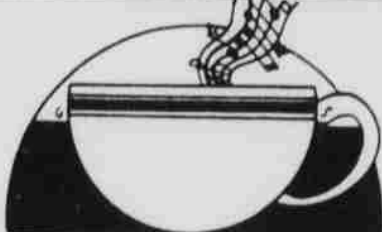
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