

Henry to veto minority recruitment funds

by Dennis Onnen

Citing hastiness and "uncertainty on the part of a lot of senators", ASUN President Ann Henry announced her intentions Wednesday night to veto today a resolution passed by ASUN last week. The resolution gave \$1000 to the UNL Student Bar Association for its minority recruitment program.

Henry explained her action by saying that the rules of procedure had been suspended, so senators had not had sufficient time to consider the resolution. Under the rules of procedure, money matters such as the recruitment funds approved last week are automatically tabled for one week. ASUN voted to suspend the rules and considered the resolution the same night it was presented.

"People didn't seem to understand just what was going on," Henry said.

She stressed that her objections to the resolution were based on the manner in which it was adopted. "I'm saying nothing about intent; I'm questioning the procedures," she said.

Sen. Ron Frank asked that the reasons for the veto be put in written form and said he believes the senators had acted reasonably. "We discussed overruling the rules of procedure, and nobody spoke against it," he said.

If the resolution is vetoed, ASUN could act on the veto next week. It would take a two-thirds majority to override the veto. The resolution was originally passed on a 20-9 vote.

Sen. Brian Waid, who sponsored the resolution, said that "quite a bit of action" had been taken by the bar association since the resolution's passage.

Henry said she hopes senators talk to each other during the next week about the resolution so they will be informed if the question is brought up.

This veto is the first by an ASUN president in nearly five years. On Oct. 16, 1968, Craig Dreeszen vetoed a proposed delay in the Time-Out Conference. His veto was not overridden.

In other business, a resolution was passed by ASUN which stated its support of the free check cashing service of the Nebraska Union as long as it did not "severely damage" other Union services. Jed Buechler, chairman of the ASUN Legal Rights Committee, also reported that a lawyer has been hired to draw up a student lawyer proposal.

Mary Cannon, Union Board president, spoke to ASUN about the proposed check cashing charge. She said the board will probably decide at its meeting today what the charge should be.

Stating his belief that there should be a free cashing period for at least part of the day, Sen. Steve Shaneyfelt proposed an amendment to that effect. The amended resolution also stipulated that free check cashing should be continued only as long as it doesn't seriously interfere with other Union programs. The resolution passed 17-9.

Buechler said that he had talked to Richard Harnsberger, UNL professor of law, and other lawyers who suggested that someone be hired to write the student lawyer proposal. John Stevens Berry has been hired, and Buechler said Berry is negotiating with the Advisory Board of the Nebraska Bar Association to find a proposal that would be acceptable.

Another resolution was passed unanimously which designated the weekend of Oct. 12-14, 1973 as the UNL migration to the Nebraska-Missouri football game. It also said that ASUN executives should talk to ticket office officials in an attempt to make available to students 50 per cent of the tickets allotted to the University for the game.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Ann Henry...will be the first ASUN president in five years to use the veto.

Budget action may (or may not) come today

by Steve Arvanette

If everything goes according to plan—and there's no reason to believe it will after the last three days—state senators will attempt today to enact a \$563 million all-funds state budget for the 1973 fiscal year.

The possibility exists, although observers say it is remote, that Gov. J. James Exon's unaltered budget request might be rejected on final reading.

If LB259 with the emergency clause attached does not receive 33 affirmative votes it would not be law until 90 days after the Unicameral adjourns—about a month after the July 1 start of the fiscal year.

If LB259 is approved, the University would receive 22.3 per cent (\$50.8 million) of the state's total \$227.8 million general fund budget.

Senators, in a move unparalleled in recent history, Monday rejected all committee amendments to the budget bill and advanced it to final consideration with no explanation of the bill's contents.

That action resulted from promises Exon made to the Legislature to reduce the state's personal income tax rate from 15 per cent to 10 per cent if his budget is approved with no changes.

Exon also is dangling a possible reduction in the state sales tax from 2.5 per cent to 2 per cent before senators if they give him Nebraska's \$20 million federal revenue sharing money.

Should Exon's budget be adopted by senators, the University would receive a \$3.5 million increase in state fund support over the previous year's budget. That represents a 7.5 per cent increase in state general fund support above the 1972-73 appropriation of \$47.3 million.

The Board of Regents had requested a \$7 million (15 per cent) increase in state support.

The Legislature's Appropriations Committee had agreed to increase NU's previous year's budget by nearly \$4.8 million, or 10 per cent. Amendments to LB259, which would have added those funds, were rejected with Budget Committee Chairman State Sen. Richard Marvel's approval.

Areas hit hardest by the Legislature's decision not to consider amendments to the University's budget are improvement of existing programs in instruction and research.

Regents had asked for \$660,000 to improve existing programs at UNL. Exon recommended lowering that figure to \$130,000.

The Budget Committee had agreed with its fiscal staff and added \$505,232 to Exon's recommendations.

Through committee amendments, the \$635,232 would have been broken into five categories:

- \$100,000 to purchase biological and natural science lab equipment.
- \$25,000 to upgrade Law College salaries.
- \$32,500 to upgrade Dentistry College salaries.
- \$25,000 for a scope and needs study in Teachers College.

The bulk of the remaining \$452,732 would have been used to upgrade any current programs as soon as UNL terminates seven doctorate and three masters programs.

UNO was to receive \$387,132 for improving existing programs. Exon had recommended \$154,000 for that while the University had requested \$302,000.

The largest chunk of that money would have gone to adjust salaries, improve workloads and improve general quality.

The committee also had asked \$100,000 for UNL and \$150,000 for UNO to use for scholarships.

Had the committee's amendments been accepted, the University would have received about \$1.2 million more than Exon's recommendation.

OU may forfeit grid title

Nebraska's football team, which finished second last season in the Big Eight Conference, may be awarded the league championship after conference champion Oklahoma's announcement that the Sooners will forfeit eight of their last season victories because of recruiting violations.

Oklahoma announced it would forfeit all games in which quarterback Kerry Jackson played because his high school transcript had been tampered with. Final action will be decided by the NCAA.



Gorilla My Dreams... "Join a Gorilla Movement" was the slogan for a Wednesday publicity stunt urging students to register and vote in the May 1 Lincoln city elections. The group, which called itself "Professional Hack Productions," handed out leaflets reminding students to register before the Friday deadline.