

Bader offers Day Care Center funding plan

by Dennis Onnen

A tentative plan for funding the Child and Infant Day Care Center next year was presented Wednesday by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ken Bader at a meeting to discuss the problem.

"This will carry you through a subsistence program," Bader said of his financing plan. Tentatively, \$1,200 would come from the All University Fund, \$2,000 from money-making projects sponsored by the parents, \$1,000 from ASUN and \$500 from the Office of Student Affairs.

Additionally, depending on whether there will be a 15 or 20 per cent cutback of federal work-study, \$17,000 or \$19,125 would go to work-study students employed at the centers, Bader said. Bader said he had discussed the plan with Jack Ritchie, assistant director of scholarships and financial aids.

This past year \$22,500 came from work-study money, \$3,661 from the Office of Student Affairs, \$1,700 from ASUN and \$1,300 from parents' projects, Bader said.

Also attending the meeting were UNL Chancellor James Zumberge, Ely Meyerson, dean of administration for student affairs, Mary Jo Ryan, director of the centers and six parents. Parents had asked for more of a commitment on the part of the University regarding future financing at a demonstration last week.

Meyerson said that through some "manipulation" funds probably could be raised again to pay a director for the centers. Most of the money from the Office of Student Affairs went for that last year, he said.

A "financial crunch" is making things difficult for the entire University, Zumberge said. He said he hopes a more formal connection can be made in the future between the centers and the University so that the

centers will be "on firmer ground." Bader added he hopes that the centers can be tied to some academic unit.

Meyerson said that part of the day care problems lies in the fact that the centers haven't been licensed. This is because there hasn't been available money to meet the physical requirements and there are no permanent facilities, he said. The Child care center currently is in the United Ministries in Higher Education, while the infant care center is at First Plymouth Church.

Ryan added that full-time supervisors also are required for licensing.

"A majority of us wouldn't be able to continue our education if it wasn't for the day care center. We would like to know if funds will be available," parent Mike Schafer told the chancellor. "We aren't in competition with any student programs."

Zumberge responded by admitting his reservations about giving money to

the centers. "I don't feel the University is any more obligated to you because you are parents. This could be opening the door to others who would claim a like benefit," he said.

Parent Dan Hoyt then pointed out that the centers can be used only by students who need financial aid. He said he believes the University's obligation to the centers rests in its obligation to all students who need financial aid.

Zumberge rejected this as a "shallow argument." He said that under those premises someone could ask for money because he has to support his mother, for example.

The University will benefit by continuation of the centers, parent Pat Strong argued. She pointed out the number of psychology, child development and other classes that use the centers for study. "Mutual benefit is a valid argument," Zumberge said.

ASUN gives \$500 to bar association

A compromise was agreed upon by ASUN Wednesday night after a month's debate, over financial support for a minority recruitment program sponsored by the UNL Student Bar Association.

The resolution, sponsored by Sen. Dave Thurber and Sen. Melinda Fowler, gave \$500 to the program from the ASUN Human Rights Committee. The measure passed 24-1.

The original resolution, which would have given \$1,000 to the program, was introduced by Sen. Brian Waid and passed three weeks ago. The following week ASUN President Ann Henry vetoed the resolution, saying she thought the senate had acted hastily in considering it. A motion made by Waid to override the veto last week was defeated.

Henry had argued that the \$500 in the Human Rights Committee could be better spent on a change in the tuition statements concerning the PACE program. The change would let students check one of the two boxes depending on whether they wanted to contribute to PACE. Currently students must add \$3.50 to their tuition statement if they want to contribute.

Making the change could result in more money for the PACE program, Henry said. PACE is a voluntarily-financed, low-income scholarship program.

The resolution passed last night resolved that question, too. It said that the change should be implemented, but should be paid for with money from next year's ASUN budget.

In other business, summer salaries for ASUN executives were approved. The resolution said that the three executives will be paid \$2.25 per hour for up to 20 hours per week.

Money for that purpose was allocated in an accompanying government bill. The bill said that \$323.20 from the Conferences Committee and \$300 from the Communications Committee would be transferred to salary expenses. In addition, Henry said that any money listed under salary expenses which is not spent by the end of the semester can be spent for summer salaries.

The bill for summer salaries passed last year gave the president \$2.25 per hour and the first and second vice presidents \$2 per hour. However, the executives last year had a limit of 25 hours of work per week.

The senate also approved a resolution calling for the establishment of four Senate Action Committees. The Budget Committee will consider requests by organizations for monies and will assist the ASUN president in preparing the budget.

The Legislative Programs Committee initially will hold an ASUN caucus to plot legislative priorities and will review most legislation to come before the senate. The committee also will assist senators with legislation they are preparing. The Legislative Review Committee will be responsible for following up on all senate legislation.

The fourth committee will be the Appointments Committee. It will be responsible for filling all ASUN appointments, with the exception of the chairmen of the ASUN standing committees. They still will be chosen by the executives. Every senator will serve on one action committee.

In an unusual move, the Heppner Hall constitution was rejected, mainly because of objections to a provision which gave the hall one vote in the Residence Hall Association. Currently, Centennial College receives one vote. It includes both Heppner and Love Halls.



ASUN Sen. Brian Waid... finally won approval Wednesday night for ASUN financing of the Student Bar Association's minority student recruitment program.

Outreach-confidential help

by Nancy Stohs

Not everything happens during office hours. Suicide attempts, emotional problems or an overdose of drugs don't all happen between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

That's the rationale behind Outreach, UNL's walk-in, call-in crisis aid service. It opens at 6 p.m. and closes at 7 a.m. every day.

Outreach is both a telephone number (472-2200) and a room at the University Health Center. It is staffed by students—trained and paid a small salary—and designed just for students.

Like other "hotlines," Outreach handles both minor problems (squabbles with boyfriends) and major ones (suicide attempts and bad LSD trips). Other calls are medical, emotional and sometimes informational ("Where's the financial aids office?")

Since it was founded in April 1971, 1200 to 1500 people have contacted Outreach, most by telephone.

According to one Outreach worker "We try to get him (the caller) to see his problem in a way that he can handle himself, rather than give solution A, B, or C."

The most frequent of the 50 to 75 calls received monthly concern personal and sexual relationships, she said, especially venereal disease and problem pregnancies.

Suicide threats are the most severe cases handled. There have only been 20 such calls.

On reason Outreach is unique, Kathleen said, is because this person has the backing of medical facilities, nurses and doctors if he or she wants them. Or he can stay in the Outreach room overnight—free of the usual hospital atmosphere.

While an all-student staff is an advantage, it often leads to over-identifying with the problems, Kathleen said.

"You have to know where you stand in regard to your value system and than not use it to judge other people," she said.

Besides personal counseling, Outreach workers give lecture, question-and-answer presentations to dormitory floors or Greek houses and hold occasional seminars on campus.

To become an Outreach worker, a student is trained for six weeks on topics such as creative listening, drugs, sexuality and suicide and receive continual evaluation once hired.

"We regard them (Outreach workers) as paraprofessionals," Grant said.

If one feels incapable of handling a case, he can make referrals to health center staff or community agencies.

But Kathleen described it as a "here and now" service, that "deals with a person at that one point of time, rather than referring him away."

"Students don't know how lucky they are here to have Outreach," another staff member said. A hotline with medical facilities and specialized for students is very uncommon, he said.

Kathleen said she wishes more people would feel free to use Outreach.

"It doesn't have to be highly serious," she said. "I can't understand why people are so fearful."

"You can always talk to friends," she said. "but many times friends will reflect on what they would do in your case, and not what is best for you. Here you get an objective view."