

Council approves fees paper

by Jane Owens

After passing three amendments to a position paper on the issue of UNL student fees, the Council on Student Life (CSL) voted Thursday to approve the entire paper.

The working paper, prepared by Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs Ken Bader, includes a series of basic premises and specific recommendations which "if accepted will establish the basis for a new student fee policy (at UNL)."

One of the council's amendments to Bader's paper would give the Fees Allocation Board power to decide what kinds of capital construction should be paid for out of student fees.

The other two amendments would change the appointment procedures for student members of the allocations board.

If Bader accepts the amendments, five of the eight student members of the allocations board will be appointed by ASUN. These students will be members of ASUN, Nebraska Union Board, publications board and the University Health Center and Recreation advisory committees. The third amendment provides for appointment of the remaining three "student-at-large" board members by ASUN.

In his working paper, the vice chancellor recommended that each of the five agencies represented appoint its own student board member. Bader also recommended that students-at-large be appointed by CSL's

student organization subcommittee.

The three at large members should be chosen by an all-student body such as ASUN, instead of a body with members in addition to students (such as CSL), according to CSL member Ann Henry.

Bader's report also specifies that the allocations board "will be accountable to the vice chancellor for student affairs." In answer to questions regarding his veto power, Bader explained to the council that he would exercise this power "only when there is something legal in question or I find an obvious violation of University fiscal policy or procedures dealing with the use of facilities."

In that case, Bader said he would return the recommendation to the allocations board for reconsideration.

All recommendations from the board ultimately will be reviewed by the chancellor and board of Regents, he added.

The vice chancellor said he plans to forward his final report to the Regents today to be considered at the regents' May meeting.

In other business, the council passed a resolution which prohibits student organizations from using all community facilities "implementing or professing discrimination practices in employment or membership." The resolution also covers all UNL activities involving students.

Also included is a recommendation that the UNL Faculty Senate review and accept the resolution.

A CSL subcommittee also was charged with drawing up procedures for the establishment of a student advisory board to UNL Campus Security.

Nebraska Union Board president Mary Cannon told the council that the Union would charge a 10 cent check cashing fee, effective first summer session.

Fowler remembers his Unicameral year

by Steve Arvanette

Seated in the far rear corner of Nebraska's one-house Legislature, State Sen. Steve Fowler of Lincoln reflected Thursday on his accomplishments and failures as the first session in his four-year term entered the home stretch.

"I haven't been as effective as some other freshman senators," Fowler readily points out. One reason could be mistrust from other senators for his being the youngest freshman, he said.

Last November, Fowler narrowly defeated incumbent and highly favored State Sen. William Swanson. So at 22, he became the youngest elected senator in the state's history.

"I was on the losing side of social issues more often than not," Fowler said, of this year's session.

Although proposals to tax non-returnable beverage containers and another to allow the sale of prophylactic devices from vending machines were defeated, Fowler points to other pieces of legislation which he has seen enacted into law.

On Wednesday a bill he sponsored was passed. It removes discriminatory language with regard to pregnant women receiving unemployment compensation. The bill almost failed on final reading due to his tardiness in getting to the statehouse.

When he arrived Wednesday morning to find the bill had failed by one vote because of his absence, Fowler said he had to call for reconsideration on the measure so he could provide the 25th vote needed to send it to the governor.

"I think I've been reasonably effective in committees," Fowler said. He said he has been very satisfied with his assignments to the Education and Government Committees.

With the completion Thursday of final reading which lasted nearly two hours, Fowler said the past 75 legislature days have seemed much longer.

"When I go back down on campus it seems it has been years since I've been there."

Fowler noted he doesn't often participate in evening senatorial meetings. "I've tried to make friends and allies throughout the session."

As he turns to hear one senator urge the Legislature not to take another three-day weekend so he can return to his farm work before the end of May, Fowler said he hasn't set any concerns for next year. One senses he wouldn't mind finding a job to tide him over until next January.

All things must pass

All good things must come to an end. So must the Daily Nebraskan.

Today's issue will be the last of the semester. The Daily Nebraskan will resume publication Sept. 5.

Resting in peace

In this last part of a five-part series, Nebraska Penal and Correctional Complex inmate George E. May tells about the prison cemetery and the people buried there.

On Thursday, May's bid for parole was delayed. He will appear before the Parole Board in June for a final hearing. Such final appearances are usually only an administrative formality before a parole is granted.

by George E. May

On Memorial Day a small group of

veterans representing the Lincoln Post No. 3606 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will gather in an unlikely place—a burial ground called "Grasshopper Hill." This commemorative service will mark the 15th anniversary of the death of William A. Fitzgerald, a Marine Corps veteran and one of many former servicemen buried here.

The serenity implied by Grasshopper Hill is belied by the turbulent lives once lived by its inhabitants. They had three things in common: they were convicted criminals,

they died in prison and they were unwanted by relatives and friends. Their final resting place is within the Nebraska Penal Complex.

A span of 84 years marks the Alpha and the Omega of this land of the infamous. James Whitebread was the first person buried here, back in 1874. He died at 23 while serving a life sentence for murder from Dixon City. Fitzgerald, was the last person laid to rest in this plot. He died May 30, 1958.

Of the eighty-odd graves, four contain the remains of women. The first was Sarah J. Overton. She was committed in 1887 for a term of 25 years for the murder of her husband. She was the mother of nine children and died by her own hand about nine months after her arrival at the prison. The second was Effie Crakaal, who was received in 1891 with a term of 20 years for aiding to rape (her husband, Alfred was received at the same time charged with rape). She was 20 years old when committed and died after serving ten years.

Dora Moore was sentenced to a term of 10 years for murder and entered the prison in 1892. Upon commitment she listed her occupation as, "Sporting Woman." She died at age 22. The last woman buried on Grasshopper Hill was Evelyn Winters, a 39-year-old drug addict from Douglas County, who was sentenced to a term of two to three years for grand larceny. She died in 1930.

Although Nebraska law has meted out capital punishment to twenty men since enacting its code in 1867, only three are buried on the hill. The first condemned man to die on the state prison gallows is buried here. He was Gottlieb Neigenfind, a 28-year-old farmer who pleaded guilty to murder in 1902 and was hanged in the prison yard on March 13, 1903. The second person to pay the supreme penalty and be buried here was Albert Prince, the last man to die by hanging in Nebraska. Prince was 24 years old at the time of his death. He was serving a 12-year sentence for assault with intent to kill when he fatally stabbed Deputy Warden Davis in 1912. He was given



George May . . . surveying the headstones on "Grasshopper hill".

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