

Regents told med students affected by attitude

Ten UNL students sat in stony silence Thursday night as the Board of Regents' Students' Advisory Committee discussed UNL Chancellor James Zumberge's plans to conserve energy, a survey from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the parking situation at that campus.

The students had planned to discuss "quality of residence hall living," but Board of Regents Chairman Robert Koefoot had a different idea.

He said he thought it improper to discuss any aspect of residence hall living since a suit is pending against the Board of Regents regarding coed visitation and alcohol.

The suit, which was filed two weeks ago by the Residence Hall Assoc. and ASUN, seeks a court injunction against further enforcement of University regulations governing visitation and alcohol in University housing.

In what appeared to be a reference to the regents' policy restricting University employees from practicing abortions in their off-hours, Gwenn Robinson, a member of the medical center's student council, reported on a survey which showed that "the Regents attitude toward the medical center" is affecting whether students want to live and practice medicine in the state.

She said the student council survey of 800 persons showed that 75 per cent of the respondents have less desire to live or practice in Nebraska because of the "Regents' attitude." No one said they had developed an increased desire to live or practice in Nebraska, while about 25 per cent said the Regents' attitude had no affect, she said.

Robinson said that students have told her that "at times regents don't seem to be thinking about what students want." The policies of the board have

"hindered education" at the medical center, she said.

She said that when she was a freshman medical student her class was polled and more than half the students said they were planning to live and practice in Nebraska. She blamed the attitude change on the board.

Koefoot defended the boards' actions. He said the regents are behind the Medical Center 100 per cent and it is unfair and unrealistic to blame the attitude change on them.

"I love that medical center," he said. "I am a graduate of that medical center. I fee that medical center is part of me."

He said the regents "only get credit for stepping on people's toes. We never get credit when we do something like the professional fee program, which is one of the best in the country."

The professional fee program is a system of dividing money paid by patients referred to the

medical center by other doctors. Under the plan, part of the money goes to the doctor who takes care of the patient and part goes to the center itself.

Robinson denied that the program is one of the best in the country. She said few students believe that claim.

In other matters relating to the medical center, Marge Jusell, president of the student council, urged the board to purchase more land for parking lots. Koefoot said the purchase of additional land for parking has been studied and is thought to be a bad investment.

Regent Robert Prokop said a survey has been done on the lots on the campus and at least one of them has as many as 60 vacant spaces daily.

Robert Sparks, medical center chancellor, said the lots are oversold by about 10 to 20 per cent and increased enrollment might require more spaces.

Zumberge: turn off, turn down to save energy

A shutdown of the University due to the energy crisis does not seem likely according to UNL Chancellor James Zumberge. He told the Regents' Student Advisory Committee that he has taken measures to attempt to save energy on the campus.

Those measures, he said, include:

- turning off unused lights.
- turning off outside lighting on buildings.
- turning down thermostats to 68 degrees.

NU President D.B. Varner told the group that he is urging all University employees to ask themselves

before they use a University car: "Is this trip necessary?"

Also, a resolution designed to help conserve energy on the campuses will be proposed at the Board of Regents meeting today.

Regent Robert Prokop told the Regents' the resolution will call for limiting the speed of state-owned University automobiles to 50 m.p.h. It also will call for University employees to share rides when using the cars.

Organize before session —senators

By Charles Wieser

Four Nebraska legislators told members of Lincoln's chapter of the Women's Equity Action League (WEAL) Thursday night that the key to participating in the legislative process is to be well organized before each session of the Legislature begins.

State Sen. Steve Fowler of Lincoln said persons interested in introducing bills into the Legislature should become acquainted with their senators and should give them sufficient notice when interested in a particular issue.

State Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly said the legislative process has changed in the last 10 years. "There's more citizen participation and interest these days," he said.

"A legislator provides leadership by recognizing a problem before it becomes a crisis," Warner said.

State Sen. Frank Lewis of Bellevue said persons should be concise and organized when approaching legislators with an idea for a bill.

State Sen. Roland Luedtke of Lincoln said when persons know what they want, the senators "take notice." **Luedtke said state senators are most often persuaded when persons send letters, cards or set up personal visits. "It's the way you use the muscle that's important," he said.**

Fowler said the Legislature is usually trailing behind social movements. "It's up to the citizens to help the Legislature catch up with the times," he said.

Warner said there is a tendency for incumbents to be defeated in relation to how they supported one or two particular bills.

4 senators on probation; 4 others 'in trouble'

An inquiry on the part of the Daily Nebraskan Tuesday revealed that a number of ASUN senators may be in danger of losing their senatorial positions.

It is the policy of the ASUN Senate, according to first vice president Mark Hoeger, that a senator may be dismissed if he or she is absent from 3 or more senate meetings.

According to figures received from the ASUN secretary Tuesday, out of 32 senators, 10 have three or more absences on their record. Two of those senators, Hoeger explained, have received excused absences because of academic and work commitments.

It is up to the discretion of the first vice-president, Hoeger said, to decide whether action will be taken against a particular senator.

Hoeger said he takes into consideration whether a senator is active outside of the weekly senate meetings and whether the senator's excuse is "legitimate."

The senator is then "asked to resign", Hoeger said, if the absences prove unwarranted.

At the Wednesday ASUN senate meeting, Hoeger asked the senate for a consensus opinion on whether he should take a "hard-nosed" or lenient attitude towards those senators who have more than three absences.

"What constitutes an excused or unexcused absence? Where should I draw the line?" Hoeger asked.

Hoeger said he will excuse Senators for illness, academic conflicts, (if a professor requires a student's presence or if it is a requirement for graduation), family deaths, and in certain other cases. For example, Sen. Mary Jenkins must attend choir practice to retain her scholarship and Sen. Mary Voboril has a conflict with her work as managing editor of the Daily Nebraskan, Hoeger said.

Those senators with more than three absences, Bunting, Christofferson, Shaneyfelt and Stiebler are

"on probation," Hoeger said. Those senators with three absences are "in trouble."

	Excused	Unexcused
Marguerite Boslaugh	—	—
Emille Brown	1	—
Jane Bunting	—	5
Rob Christofferson	—	4
Karl Cochran	—	3
Deb Coe	1	—
Melinda Fowler	—	1
Steve Evers	1	1
John Higgins	1	1
Larry Hill	1	—
Mary Jenkins	3	—
Doug Johnson	1	—
Sharon Johnson	—	—
Jim Macomber	—	—

	Excused	Unexcused
Karen Martinson	—	—
Myron Molecek	—	2
Mark Molecek	—	—
Todd Patterson	—	3
George Rhodes	2	1
Steve Shaneyfelt	—	6
Ruth Spencer	1	3
Laurie Stiebler	1	4
Dave Thurber	1	1
Mary Voboril	4	—
Brian Wald	2	3
Gail Watson	2	1
Steve Timmons	—	—
Jim Erickson	—	—
Mark Rasmussen	—	—
Bob Patterson	—	—
Bob Peterson	—	—
Mike Jacobsen	—	—

