

State senators: bolster faculty, citizen contact

By Vince Boucher

Two Nebraska state senators agreed Thursday that contact between faculty members and citizens of Nebraska must increase if schools are to fare well financially.

Sen. David Stahmer and Jerome Warner addressed the Nebraska State Chapter of the American Assoc. of University Professors (AAUP).

Stahmer, a member of the unicameral Appropriations Committee, said, "People with intelligence are not doing enough to offset the ignorance in the state."

He added, "It's time for students and professors to get together and do something. Your silence is contributing to the acquiescence of the situation."

Stahmer said he not only approves of faculty members participating in political activity, but that he would encourage it.

Warner, chairman of the Education Committee, said contact between university staff and the public was necessary to offset a negative image that often surrounds educational institutions.

"People see the Lincoln senators as favorable to the university (UNL)," he said. The main reason for this feeling was that most Lincolniters know at least one person on the university staff, he said.

Warner said that because of this, Lincolniters "know the problems and know they are real."

He explained that elected officials can only do things that the public is willing to accept and support."

Warner criticized past controversial activities on the UNL campus, asking if students and faculty participated in them only to prove they have the freedom to do so.

Concerning the future, Warner said he expects "a lot of competition between vocational and academic courses of study. There is no question that the need exists for both, but we have to keep a balance," he said.

He said the reduction of the Nebraska state income tax rate Thursday eventually may mean a decrease in state funds to education.

One remedy may be the institution of a coordinated system with the universities and state colleges in Nebraska under the administration of one "superboard," Warner said.

Stahmer also called for coordination of state educational institutions. He termed the present situation "primitive compared to what it could be."

Projected high school enrollments for the year 2020 indicate an enrollment decrease of up to 40 per cent, he said.

"What will this do to the state colleges?" he asked. "I am very pessimistic about the future," he said. "I think there is a real crunch coming; the money just isn't there."



State Sen. Jerome Warner

Students to survey language classes

By Chas Wieser

A survey that will study UNL foreign language departments was outlined Thursday to members of the College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board.

The survey is to research different methods used when teaching foreign languages and how UNL foreign language classes now are being conducted, according to Dave Ware, one of two UNL students coordinating the survey.

Sherry Cole, a French major and the other coordinator of the survey, said the project is being partially funded by the Centennial Education Program.

"We'd like to see the language department help fund the other half (of the survey)," she said.

"People living in this region are hung up on application. They believe if you can't use it (a foreign language), then why learn it," she said.

Ware said language requirements are "fading" across the nation.

He said Temple University's language department's enrollment took a nosedive shortly after abolishing its language requirement.

Cole said there are about 3,000 UNL students now enrolled in language classes. Of the 1,156 taking Spanish courses, only 17 are Spanish majors. Cole said she didn't have

figures on how many of the 1,156 were Spanish minors.

Included in the survey, Cole said, will be a question dealing with student reaction to language requirements.

"Some people don't do well when taking a foreign language—not because they don't study, but because they're not capable," she said.

She explained that some people have difficulty in learning a new language. "It's like somebody who has a hard time learning basic reading skills. (They) need additional help in learning the basics," she said.

To alleviate this problem, Cole said the UNL language departments should give students the Modern Language Aptitude Test (MLAT).

She said the MLAT tests a person's knowledge of the basics which are needed for persons going into a language course.

"Some people are straight A students, but they flunk their language courses," she said.

Cole said the language requirement should be waived for those students who have difficulty in catching on to new languages.

She said credit hours are declining in UNL colleges and departments, which will result in less money being allocated to the departments.

The College of Arts and Science is losing the most credit hours, according to Cole. "The language department is the first place they're looking (to cut funds)," she said.

Term paper clinic offered

Help in researching term papers can be obtained from the staff at five UNL libraries in a special clinic to be held Saturday and Sunday, according to head librarian Leslie Manning.

C.Y. Thompson Library on East Campus, and the undergraduate, law, architecture and Love libraries on the city campus will be staffed with aides to help students research paper topics from 10:00 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. Saturday, and from 1:30 to 10:00 p.m. Sunday.

The clinic is designed to help students get an early start on term papers, and to give them the special attention they may not be able to receive as the deadline nears, said Miss Manning. Three to five times the usual number of staff members will be on duty during the clinic, she said.



Charlie Chaplin as Adenoid Hynkel in *The Great Dictator* (1940). This is Chaplin's first dialog film and it is a hilarious yet meaningful satire of Hitler and Nazi militarism. The film will be shown tonight at 7 and 9 p.m. and Saturday at 3, 7 and 9 p.m. at Sheldon.

CSL hears housing clarification request

By Mark Hoffman

A student request for housing policy clarification and committee reports dominated discussion at the Council on Student Life (CSL) meeting Thursday.

At issue was whether dormitory floor lounges, hallways and stairwells were public areas. John Wiltse, student assistant at Harper Hall, requested the clarification.

Wiltse maintained that a discrepancy existed between Housing Office policy and the Student Discipline Code as to whether students of the opposite sex violate rules if found in areas off-limits after Residence Hall Assoc. hours.

He asked that a clarification be given, hopefully in favor of making floor lounges, hallways and stairwells public areas with 24 hour visitation.

CSL member Ely Meyerson reported that Ken Bader, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, was writing a report on the open lounge policy Wiltse discussed.

That report is supposed to be completed by the next CSL meeting on Nov. 29, he said.

In other business, Tim Evenson, student member of the Housing Policy Committee, reported on progress of the differentiated housing task force he chairs.

The task force is to make recommendations to CSL about changing current UNL housing policy, Evenson said, and will send out surveys to UNL students to gauge student opinion on those recommendations.

The task force recommendations include holding classes in dormitories and providing different living arrangements in dormitories, such as one dorm containing only coed floors, with men and women housed on the same floor. Another dorm might follow the traditional same-sex format with only limited visitation.

Thone to meet with students

The Union Talks and Topics Committee is sponsoring the program "Meet Your Congressman" Tuesday at 1:15-2:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Small Auditorium.

Rep. Charles Thone (R-Neb) is to meet individually with students and answer questions at the session, according to an aide.

Students interested in having lunch with Thone at 12:30 p.m. in the Harvest Room should contact the Union Program Office, Union 115.