

## Liaisons lobby for student regents

By Greg Wees

If a bill that would place three non-voting students on the Board of Regents is passed by the Legislature, much of the credit may be because of work of the ASUN Legislative Liaison Committee.

According to chairman Con Zutavern, members of the committee did all the research for LB323, convinced Sen. Richard Marvel of Hastings to introduce it and resurrected the bill after it was defeated in committee hearings.

"The University needs this bill so students can express themselves about the decisions that affect them...even if they don't have voting power," he said.

Zutavern said lobbyists from the liaison committee have contacted at least 30 senators in the last two weeks to determine if the bill had support. He predicted it would pass by a slim margin.

The liaison committee currently is working on six projects, Zutavern said. A bill permitting the consumption of alcohol on campus, LB783, is the next proposal the 20-member committee will support.

"Now we are concentrating our efforts on the student regent bill," he said, "but we are in the process of enlisting support of the UNL administration for LB783."

Anne Campbell, NU director of public affairs, said UNL Chancellor James Zumberge favors the bill and has been trying for several weeks to convince the Board of Regents to accept alcohol on campus.

Zutavern said students and parents should write letters of support for the bill to senators. The bill is scheduled for hearing by the Legislature's Miscellaneous Subjects Committee within two weeks.

Other bills the committee plans to support include one setting guidelines for landlord-tenant relations, LB293, and one which would offer state financial aid to college students, LB427.

The committee, he said, works to establish communications between senators and students. Under one of the committee's projects, legislators are invited to UNL living units to eat with students and discuss issues affecting students.

Last year 20 senators participated in the meetings, which Zutavern says he wants to expand to include the entire student body.

The only problem with the project, he said, is that senators have often had to cancel dinner appointments because of other business.

The most ambitious undertaking by the liaison committee is a plan to establish a statewide student lobby, Zutavern said.

According to the plan, the Nebraska lobby would be modeled after the Colorado student lobby, which is one of the best in the United States, he said.

Representatives from Nebraska colleges will be invited to attend workshops which will inform students about the operation of the Legislature. Lobbying methods and current bills of interest to students also will be discussed.

Zutavern said this is the first step needed to establish a state lobby.

"Legislators will listen if there are more students organized into a lobby," he said. "We need to become a viable organization."

At a meeting last week of the Nebraska Assoc. of Lobbyists, Zutavern said only four members were there to meet Lt. Gov. Frank Marsh.

"It was an embarrassing situation that shows how that organization has fallen apart," he said.

Evaluating the effectiveness of the Liaison Committee, Zutavern said, "It has been successful if you consider that every bill we worked for that has reached the floor of the Legislature has passed."

## ASUN Senate sets March 13 as date for spring elections

By accepting the report of its Electoral Commission Wednesday evening, ASUN senators set the date for the election of their successors. The spring ASUN elections will be held March 13, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Candidates who wish their names to appear on the ballot must file for the election by 4 p.m. Feb. 15 in the ASUN office in the Nebraska Union, the report stated.

Lance Bristol, electoral commissioner, announced that there would be six campus polling places for the election. They will be in the Nebraska and East Campus Unions and in other campus buildings.

ASUN Sen. Steve Shaneyfelt suggested polling places should be set up in dormitories and Greek houses. ASUN Vice President Sue Overing objected to that suggestion, arguing that the position of the voting booths might favor a candidate who might live in a particular dormitory. Shaneyfelt then withdrew his suggestion.

In other action, the Senate approved a resolution setting up a committee to study the University's "grading system and other related issues such as the pass/fail option, the semester bankruptcy system, and the removal of Ds, Fs and incompletes."

Headed by ASUN Sen. Jim Macomber, the committee is to report its findings to the Faculty Senate Committee on Grading by March 1.

Unanimous approval was given to a

resolution supporting state Sens. Steve Fowler's and John Cavanaugh's LB783, which would allow liquor to be sold and drunk on the UNL campus and on other state college campuses in Nebraska.

ASUN Sen. Doug Johnson asked for volunteers for a fund raising committee for the Child and Infant Day Care Center. Johnson had sponsored a resolution last semester, which passed unanimously, to set up the committee. No one volunteered.

ASUN Sen. Karen Martinson did volunteer to work with fellow Sen. Bob Potter on an "investigative ad hoc committee."

Potter questioned the ASUN sponsorship of the "Paper Money Coupon Book", a collection of coupons distributed to students giving discounts at some local businesses.

The booklet was organized by the former director of the ASUN Koop, Ken Kirk.

"Isn't this directly contrary to the idea of the Koop? Isn't this contrary to the whole of Bruce Beecher's administration?" Potter asked. "If I can get the discounts given in this book, why should I buy a Koop card?"

Ann Henry, ASUN president, replied that she had authorized the sponsorship of the coupon book and that the \$50 fee for the ASUN advertisement in the book had come from the communications fund.

Potter moved that he set up his own committee to "investigate this matter of why senate did not get its \$50 back."

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