

Motion to blackout ETV show fails

By Jim Fullerton

State senators voted against a motion last week that would have removed daily Educational Television (ETV) coverage of the Nebraska Legislature's proceedings. The vote was 17-26.

State Sen. Calvin Carsten of Avoca sought to blackout the daily coverage, contending that the state ETV network ignored discussion of a major bill, LB1028, in its 30-minute program Tuesday night.

Most of the program was devoted to debate on gubernatorial vetoes of drug control bills, the proposed spending limit for schools and proposed merger of the Omaha School District with District 66. LB1028 was not mentioned.

Carsten said he also offered the motion because he thinks the daily gavel-to-gavel taping of the Unicameral's floor action delays legislative progress and results in campaigning by some of the senators.

He said he recognizes the "tremendous job" the ETV staff has in editing a day's floor activities into a half hour program and suggests the coverage could be limited to a weekly review of the legislative action.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha said the government should "open up its procedures" as fully as possible and let the TV cameras remain.

Carsten said the Tuesday night program should have covered LB1028 because it is of great importance to many Nebraskans. The bill would provide for an additional assistant attorney general to enforce antitrust laws.

State Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh said the debate revolved about a motion only to place the bill at the top of the list for floor discussion.

He suggested a more proper time for full coverage would be when the bill is actually debated "on its merits."

Joel Fowler, producer for the ETV show, said the selection of the show contest was a matter of judgment. He said LB1028 is an important bill and will receive coverage in future sessions.

The network began to film several sessions a week in 1969 for a weekly legislative review aired on Sunday, Fowler said. The network began the nightly programs shortly after State Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff made a motion that received approval of a majority of the senators, Fowler said.

State Sen. Robert Clark of Sidney said that Carsten's proposal would "not be fair to our candidates." The Legislature contains aspirants for governor, lieutenant governor, state auditor, state treasurer and Congress. Also, the terms of 24 of the 49 senators expire this year.

During the floor debate, State Sen. Wally Barnett of Lincoln referred to the Tuesday night program as "The Frank Lewis Show." State Sen. Frank Lewis of Bellevue, a candidate for Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, was shown on the program because he spoke on two issues.

Barnett said after the debate that his remark about Lewis "was made in fun."

Individual counseling offered on campus

By Pat Schnitzer

To UNL students seeking individual counseling on pregnancy, marriage, birth control or social life, several channels are open.

Although no group sessions or workshops currently are available, counseling is offered individually by the University Health Center (UHC), the Mental Health Clinic and the Counseling Center.

Patty Kampfe, public health nurse at UHC, said two workshops were conducted last year, but the high cost of publicity cancelled workshops this year.

"Becoming Partners" and "Communication in Marriage," programs for those about to be married, were attended by 75 or 80 people, she said.

Because the sessions were free, publicizing them through mailed announcements was too expensive, Kampfe said.

"Mental Health handles marital problems, so we'll try counseling this way rather than through programs," she said.

However, Kampfe explained that UHC still provides individual pregnancy counseling.

Couples are instructed in pre-natal care and exercises, are given doctors' names and told how often to see a doctor, she said.

If the expectant mother is not a student, the couple is referred to another agency, Kampfe said.

Spouses who are not students can't be treated because of limited space, she explained.

Although UHC does not perform abortions, counselors will talk to couples about abortion if they are considering it, she said.

According to Dr. Shirley Pflug, a psychiatrist at the Mental Health Clinic, birth control and marriage counseling are given individually rather than through classes or workshops.

If several couples are being counseled at the same time, a group session might be organized, but there is none at this time, Pflug said.

The Mental Health Clinic tries to help couples with particular problems, such as concern about compatibility, but does not offer programs in premarital counseling, she said.

Counseling is not restricted to married couples, however, Pflug said. Students who are having problems with a boyfriend or girlfriend also come to the clinic, she said.

Several couples are seen each semester but many more students don't know counseling services are available, Pflug said.

She added that she thinks a larger staff is necessary. The Mental Health Clinic now employs a psychologist, a social worker, a psychiatrist and several part-time psychiatrists.

Free student counseling also is provided at the Counseling Center in Seaton Hall.

calendar

Thursday

9 a.m.—Personnel Dept. workshop-Nebraska Union
12:30 p.m.—Teachers College Freshmen Study Commission-Union
12:30 p.m.—CSL Fees and Finance Committee-Union
1:30 p.m.—Personnel Dept. Workshop-Union
2:30 p.m.—Letter Day Saint Student Assoc.-Union
3 p.m.—Free University "Unified Family"-Union
3:30 p.m.—Tassels, Corncocks, Band, Yell Squad-Union
4 p.m.—Builders Red Coats-Union

4:15 p.m.—Builders executives-Union
4:30 p.m.—Free University "Feminist Writing"-Union
4:45 p.m.—Builders Board-Union
5 p.m.—Council of American Indian Students-Union
5:30 p.m.—Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia-Union
7 p.m.—Council on Student Life-Union
7 p.m.—Free University "Self-defense for Women"-Union
7:30 p.m.—Chancellor's MASA Advisory Committee-Union
9 p.m.—ASUN Legislative Liaison Committee-Union

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