ASUN talks and travels

The ASUN president took to traveling this summer, and the travels will continue until after the November general elections, President Ron Clingenpeel said.

Clingenpeel spent July 22-28 in Bassett, Ainsworth, Rushville and Valentine telling western Nebraskans that students are individuals, and asking their support for Constitutional Amendment No. 1 on the November ballot, he said.

The amendment would allow student body presidents at UNL, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center to sit as nonvoting members of NU Board of Regents.

"It was a 'feeler trip,' to see how things would go,' Clingenpeel said. The next is scheduled for early September, he said, and will include other ASUN executives and senators.

Sharon Johnson, a senior in Home Economics, is first vice president; and Dave Howlett, a senior in intergrated studies, is second vice president.

. Clingenpeel said residents in western Nebraska often feel ignored by the University.

'One man told me it emphasized to western heard anyone from the University who wasn't asking for money," he said.

He said stereotypes of students as radicals are breaking down and he emphasized to western

Nebraskans that students come in 'ail shapes, sizes and colors.'

Executives also decided during the summer that ASK (Associated Student Ko-op) cards will be cheaper this fall, Clingenpeel said.

Cards will go for \$3, or \$2 to renew a 1973 card, he said, down from the \$5 fee charged since the program's inception

January, 1973.

The Ko-op was set up as a discount union for students. The card entitles holders to 5-20 per cent discounts at cooperating merchants, including liquor store, restaurants, gas stations and clothing shops.

Clingenpeel said 600 students bought cards last year compared with 100 the spring semester of 1973.

He said they hope the lower price will encourage

Clingenpeel said ASUN executives have been studying the report of the UNL fee allocation board this summer.

The board was created last summer by the regents to recommend fee support for University programs and organizations

Students pay up to \$61.50 per semester in University Program and Facilities Fees, depending on the number of credit hours for which they're enrolled. That's a \$10 per semester increase over last year.

Before the boards' existence fee allocations

were reviewed or changed very little on an annual basis.

Five organizations not recommended by the board for financing were added by UNL Chancellor James Zumberge, as is his privelege.

The organizations are Alumni Association, Placement Office, Overseas Opportunities Center, Flights and Study Tours and New Student Programs.

Clingenpeel said ASUN believes those should not be financed by the fees, most of them because they are not of direct benefit to enough fee-paying students.

He said ASUN executives are writing a report they will submit to the senate for approval and student comment.

"We're looking for support," he said, "so we can go to the Legislature and ask for tax dollars for those programs."

The chancellor thought the programs were necessary, Clingenpeel said, and had no alternative money source.

If tax doilars were available for those programs, the University wouldn't feel compelled to use student fees, he said.

ASUN organized studies on low-income and University housing shortages, and prices at book stores that serve the University.

Those reports will not be available, he said, until they come before the senate.



David Rasmussen . . . new student lawyer.

Lawyer to prevent, not solve problems

ASUN student lawyer David Rasmussen said he'd rather keep 10 students from legal trouble than help one out of it.

Rasmussen, a December 1972, graduate of the NU Law School, took over his duties Aug.

The program began November 1973, when attorneys Bruce Hamilton and Doug German shared the full-time position.

It is financed with University Program and Facilities Fees.

Rasmussen said he will organize seminars on topics he thinks are of particular concern to students.

The most important are landlord-tenant laws, operation of the small claims court, and drunk driving laws.

He will deliver the seminars to dormitories and Greek houses and any other organizations that request him.

Rasmussen said he will spend the rest of his time answering individual students questions.

Everything is confidential, he said, and all advice will be given in person, not over the phone.

"I'm willing to discuss anything with any student," he said.

Rasmussen has been a member of the Wagener and Youngs general practice law firm for the past 11/2 years.

