

Pow wow funds— Bader to decide

By Jim Zalewski

Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he will announce his decision today regarding the proposed allocation of funds to the Council of American Indian Students (CAIS) by the Fees Allocation Board (FAB).

His decision will be presented at the FAB meeting at 5:15, he said. Marguerite Boslaugh, chairwoman of FAB, said FAB had proposed that CAIS receive \$3,500 to fund their spring pow wow.

Boslaugh said Bader sent a letter to the FAB stating that the Minority Affairs office had some money available for minority students. Bader's letter was sent to the board to let them know that other funds are available besides those from the FAB, she said.

The FAB allocation has been discussed informally, but Bader will not comment on the proposal until the meeting Thursday, she said.

Worthy cause

"We felt it was a worthy cause," she said. "We held an open hearing on the issue. There is the possibility that Bader will not approve our recommendation because he does not want to duplicate money and efforts."

CAIS received \$3,500 to \$4,000 last year for their pow wow from Minority Affairs, Bader said. CAIS has boycotted the Minority Affairs office this year because of policy disagreements, he said.

Bader said CAIS wanted all of the funds for Indian students to be removed from Minority Affairs and set up in an independent fund for use by CAIS. Educational as well as legal reasons prevented him from doing this, he said.

Not all demands met

"My perception is that this boycott exists in regards to action on my part," he said. "I made all the efforts I could to meet some of their demands, but I couldn't do them all."

Jimmi Smith, director of Minority Affairs, said his office has served Indian students whenever they requested service. He said CAIS has declared the boycott, but that Minority Affairs still is open to any student who wants to take advantage of the services offered.

No group of students is guaranteed any amount of money from Minority Affairs, he said. Smith said he will talk to Bader to request a base of at least \$5,000 to be used to promote cultural affairs for all minority groups.

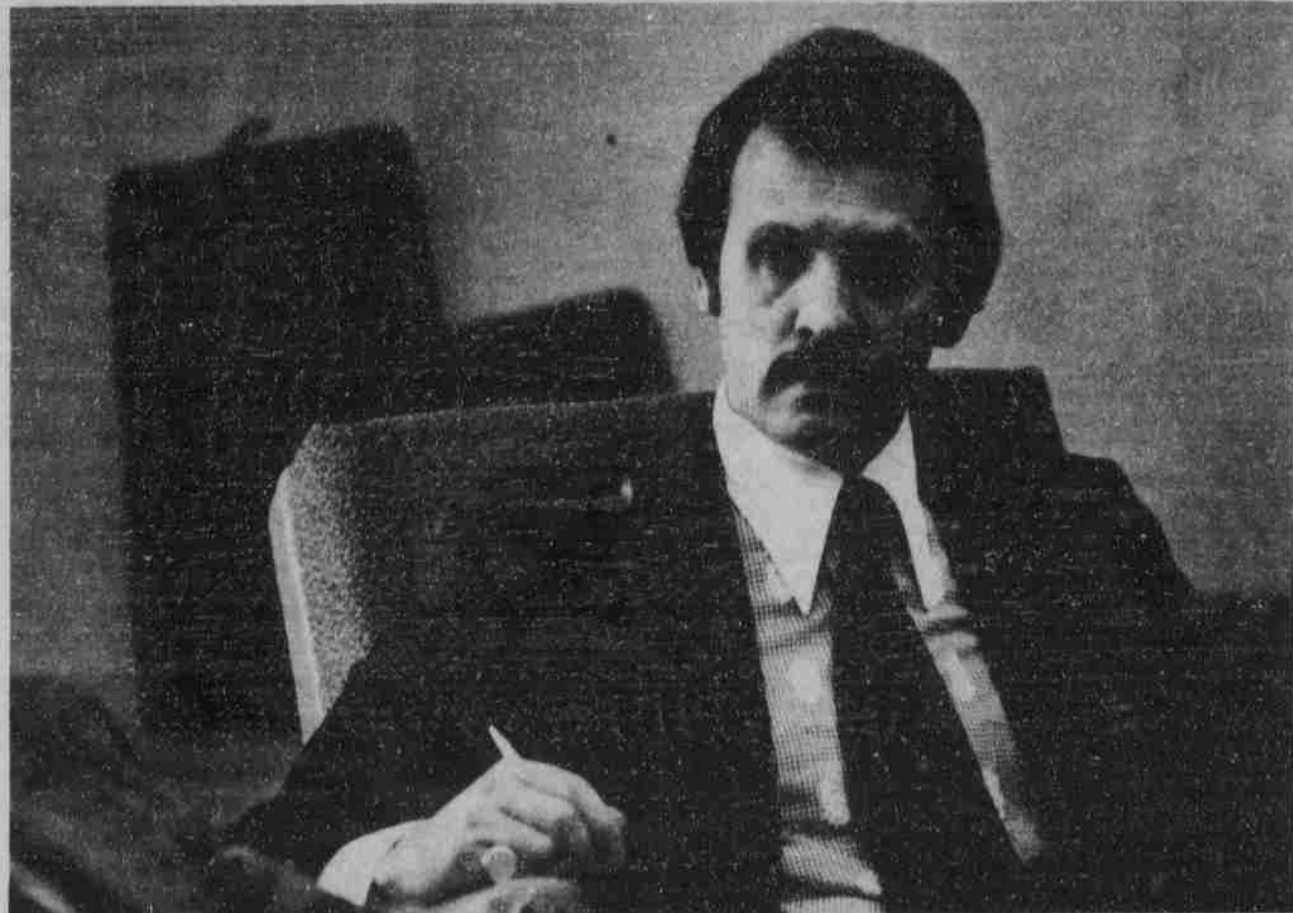
"We're concerned with the total cultural program for all minority organizations," Smith said. "We are trying to get enough money to help all minority groups to sensitize the campus to their culture."

Less money

Boslaugh said if the proposal was denied, FAB would pursue the action no further. The action would have to be taken by the group that was denied, she said.

"They (CAIS) would have to go to the chancellor, and then the regents," she said. "I would expect the Indian students would take some further action. They could try to file a complaint based on racial discrimination."

Charlie La Point, president of CAIS, was unavailable for comment.



State Sen. Larry Stoney of Omaha

Photo by Ted Kirk

Teacher license bill proposed

By Randy Wright

Teachers' licenses in Nebraska will be handled exclusively by the State Board of Education if a bill introduced by Omaha State Sen. Larry Stoney is passed.

The current law says the board cannot refuse a teaching position to anyone who has two years of college credit toward his degree even though he may not have four years of college. Stoney's bill, to be discussed on the floor this week, would eliminate this section from the law and let the state board decide which applicants fulfill the requirements.

Opponents of the bill include S.H. Brauer of the Nebraska School Improvement Assoc.

"We should not put 500 teachers who have proven their competency into a position that could interfere with their job because of a degree requirement," he said.

Stoney said he estimates about 170 teachers may be affected by the bill. Board personnel said they have no current figures, but those affected would be teachers in small, Class I rural schools.

The bill also states that any teachers currently holding licenses but not having baccalaureate degrees will be given until September 1979 to earn their degree.

"It's not the intent of the bill to force these good teachers out of the system," Stoney said. "But from an overall standpoint, the children are entitled to the extra two years of education that most teachers have."

Paul Belz, executive secretary of the Nebraska State Education Assoc., said Brauer opposes the bill because rural areas are a tax shelter. He said these areas, where most of the nondegree teachers are employed, might experience a tax increase if the bill is passed to pay for increased teacher salaries. Brauer denied that this was his reason. Stoney said the increase in taxes would be "negligible when weighed against the benefits of the bill. I think we have to consider the children first."

To be issued a teaching license in Nebraska now, the applicant must have a B.A. in education at an accredited university, according to Glen Shafer, director of teacher certification for the state board.

Robert Egbert, dean of the UNL Teachers College, said he does not foresee any major increase in enrollment because of the bill. He favors the bill, he added.

"Anytime we increase standards of professional people, we're doing the public a service," Egbert said.



Photo by Steve Boerner

Jimmi Smith, director of Minority Affairs

Artists, poets performers

Blacks' contributions shown

Artists, poets and performers will be visiting UNL during February as part of Black History Month.

The month is "primarily to inform the whole university community of the contribution blacks have made in the making of this nation," said Mark Anderson, president of the Afro American Collegiate Society (AACS). He said the events are designed to "show cohesiveness between all races."

The project is a joint effort of the AACS, Blacks of African Descent, Black Activities, Elites and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Many of the month's activities are planned by the black student organizations, Anderson said. Formerly only a week, the event has been extended to a month because of the number of activities.

Presentation by poet

Poet Haki R. Madhubti (formerly known as Don Lee) will give a Readin' and Rappin' presentation at 8 p.m., today, in the Nebraska Union. He also will participate in a rap session at 4:30 p.m. in the Sandoz Hall Lounge.

Madhubti has published five volumes of poetry of black experiences, according to Ron Welburn of *Negro Digest*. Madhubti is currently poet-in-residence at Howard University in Washington D.C.

Paintings and soft sculptures with social and political themes are on exhibit in the Union Main Lounge. The art, by artist Faith Ringgold, will be on display through Feb. 21. Ringgold will lecture and show slides on black art in the Union Ballroom Feb. 20. She also will participate in a rap session at 3:30 p.m. that day in the Culture Center, 16th and Y. Kappa Alpha Psi will sponsor a party Feb. 15 at the Culture Center.

Sunday, jazz musicians Donald Byrd and the Blackbyrds will perform in the Union Ballroom. The 8 p.m. concert is sponsored by Black Activities and admission is \$3. Byrd is head of Jazz Studies at Howard University.

The Blacks of African Descent will present a program of dancing, singing, and poetry focusing on black heritage Feb. 17 in the Union. The free performance will begin at 8 p.m.

The Creighton University Afro American Student Assoc. choir will perform Feb. 18 in the Union Ballroom at 8 p.m. The free concert is sponsored by AACS and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Movie night at the Culture Center will be Feb. 21. Entertaining and educational movies have been planned by Black Activities and AACS. Movies include *That Man Bolt*, *Cool Breeze*, and *Black Girl*. There will be a 50 cent admission charge.

Heritage dinner

A Black Heritage Dinner and Show will be Feb. 23 in the Union Ballroom. Soul food will be served and the show will be presented by Blacks of African Descent. Advance tickets are \$3.

The Afro Academy of Dramatic Arts from Omaha will perform at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Union. The performance is free.

Arrangements to serve Soul Food in residence hall cafeterias have been made by the AACS. Soul food dinners will be served in Harper-Schramm-Smith cafeteria Feb. 18 and in Cather-Pound-Neihardt Feb. 24. Nonresidents will be charged the regular guest dinner charge of \$2.25.

Anderson said Black History Month activities are open to all students.