

## Bill would create NU bond fund

The UNL Residence Hall Association (RHA) Thursday lacked the quorum necessary to vote on proposed amendments to the RHA constitution.

Therefore, President Tim Evensen postponed discussion of the amendments to hear representative Jim Say's legislative report on LB388.

Say said the bill, introduced in the Unicameral by Sen. Leslie Stull, would create a revolving fund to purchase revenue obligations of the NU Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees of Nebraska State Colleges, and the State Board of Education.

Say said the bill would allow the state to purchase the bonds now held by the Regents on UNL residence halls and the Nebraska Union.

Evensen said at least \$200 of a dorm resident's room and board fees goes towards payment of the residence hall bonds. He said passage of LB 388 would lower student housing payments.

Say said the bill is being held up at present but still could be brought to the floor this session if enough support was expressed. RHA members were asked to encourage hall governments to write Sen. Stull supporting the bill.

Evensen reminded members that RHA elections will be held March 31. Deadline for filing for office is March 17.

## Compares with state colleges

# SUN funding asked at hearing

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225 people will participate in each course, Varner said, and 75 per cent will work for credit hours.

Based on approximately 8,000 academic credit hours, Varner said the SUN program compared favorably with state funding of colleges.

SUN needs the state's money, Varner contended, partly to show the National Institute for Education, which develops many of the educational programs, that Nebraska supports this type of education.

### Coordinate continuing education

Varner said SUN could serve as a means of coordination between the University of Nebraska and the state colleges. "SUN would let us coordinate statewide continuing education programs through existing community colleges," he said.

Varner said that all general education requirements might some day be conducted by television. One advantage of the system, he contended, is that a course, once developed, is good for four or five years.

Considering the university's request for \$589,000 for fieldhouse maintenance, the committee objected to the types of data

provided by the administrators.

"Whenever you have expenditure estimates," committee chairman, Sen. Richard Marvel of Hastings complained, "they are always readily available, but when we want to know income estimates, from things like concessions or high school basketball games, you don't have any data."

### Guarantee asked

Appropriations Committee members asked for a guarantee that university officials would not continually return to the legislature with appeals to revise tuition revenue estimates.

Varner told the committee, "I'll give you an ironclad guarantee to not ask for reevaluation in the future if you will give UNO a reevaluation at this time."

The tuition revenue estimates were mentioned at Monday's committee hearing, when UNO Chancellor Ronald Roskes complained of budget imbalances because of faulty estimates.

Varner told the committee, "I don't like disputes over appropriations like this, it smacks of bailing out. But, there are some inadequacies."

Sen. Marvel said he has become more impressed each day with suggestions to give the university system appropriations in one lump sum, "and then we could let the university fight it out internally over the money matters."



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