

short stuff

National Symposium America - 1976: The Unfinished Agenda will be held this weekend, April 18 thru 20 at the Ahmanson Law Center on the Creighton University campus in Omaha. The event is sponsored by the Institute for Study of Contemporary Social Problems and is directed by Hubert Locke, dean of the UNO College of Public Affairs. The symposium is presented under a grant from the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities.

The symposium's agenda will include a variety of speakers and will conclude

with a small group discussion of all topics covered and their relevance to local issues on Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Speakers for the three-day conference include: Walt Rostow, former aid to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, speaking Friday at 8 p.m.; Robert Lilley, president of American Telephone and Telegraph, at 10 a.m. Saturday; Clayton Yeutter, assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, at noon Saturday; Paleott Parsons, professor of Ameritus sociology at Harvard University, at 2 p.m. Saturday; Hans Zeisel, Chicago University law professor, who will speak on "Crime and Society" at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Sunday speakers include NU President D.B. Varner; Franklin Littell, Temple University president; and C. Peter Magrath, president of Minnesota University, at a 10

a.m. panel discussion of education; and Bayard Rustin at 2 p.m.

Cost of the symposium is \$6 for all of the sessions (\$5 for students). Single tickets are also available at the door for \$1.

For more information, call Linda Coates, conference coordinator, at (412)339-6517.

America: the Datsun Student Travel Guide, a 72-page travel magazine, is now available free of charge, sponsored by the Student Alumni Board.

Earl Wells, an engineer with Union Electric Co., St. Louis, Mo. is presenting a program on the utilization of solid waste in the production of electricity, tonight at 8 in the Nebraska Union.

The Lincoln National Organization of Women will elect officers tonight at 7:45 in the Unitarian Church, 6300 A.

The UNL Gay Rap Group meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the UMHE-Commonplace chapel, 333 No. 14th.

Two summer reading courses, Novel & Short Story (200Ac) and Afro-American Literature (244c), are now open to a limited number of students. They will be taught by Dr. George Wolf. First come first serve.

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity is sponsoring a bathtub pull Saturday to raise money for the Cedars Home

for Children. They will be on O street from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at Gateway shopping center from 1 to 2 p.m.

A Water Safety Instructors (WSI) retraining session will be held April 24 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Womens P.E. pool. All WSI must be retrained this year. Contact Pat Sullivan or Jan Callahan, 472-3926.

The Students' Asian Studies Association will meet Friday in the Union at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Garland Bare will speak on Thailand. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

The ASUN Environmental Task Force will meet Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Union to discuss the current status of nuclear power in Nebraska.

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Plans to increase bus fare criticized

By Chuck Beck

University administrators apparently have ignored student-initiated proposals to finance the ailing UNL bus system, Bum Hall president Henry Nuxoll said.

Chip Lowe, a member of a five-member informal committee protesting the fare, said the students organized after spring vacation in response to Business Manager Ron Wright's proposal to increase bus fares. The fare currently is set at 10 cents a ride or free with a special bus pass that may be obtained with a parking permit. Wright's proposal would eliminate entirely the pass and increase bus fare to 25 cents a ride.

Lowe said CSL recommendations submitted to the UNL administration at the Feb. 27 meeting were much more attractive than Wright's proposal.

Among the CSL proposals were complete university support for the bus system, partial rider and partial university support, and complete support from student fees.

Nuxoll said his committee was sparked by a March 26 memo Wright wrote to Miles Tommerausen, vice chancellor of Business and Finance.

Deficit possible

Wright wrote that the bus operation, which has an annual operating cost of \$85,000, could incur a \$46,550 deficit next year. The operation receives a \$20,000 subsidy from Campus Police and revenue from fares and passes would generate \$18,450 next year, Wright's memo stated.

Although university support for the bus system is an attractive financing alternative to rate increases, the UNI budget cannot support the buses, Wright said. Bus financing perhaps could come from either the Instruction and Research budget or the Plant Maintenance budgets, Wright said.

However, there are problems involved with university financing of the system, Wright said. Chancellor James Zumberge said the \$28 million instruction budget must be cut by \$2 million to maintain academic programs already in existence, Wright said.

"This means we either must reduce spending for each program or cut out some programs entirely," Wright said.

Plant maintenance budget

Another budget that could finance the bus system is the \$5.9 million plant maintenance budget, Wright said. He added that the maintenance budget, which currently is frozen, does not reflect the inflated utility rate increases that UNL faces this year.

But Nuxoll said the increased bus fare, should not be passed to students, who he said could pay \$50 to \$150 extra next year.

"We don't agree (with Wright's proposal) that students living on east campus should be penalized for having to take classes on west campus," Nuxoll said.

Yearly bus pass

Instead of the increased bus fare, Nuxoll said the committee advocated a plan where students could buy a \$15 yearly bus pass. Additional financing should come from the university, Nuxoll added.

Nuxoll said T.E. Hartung, dean of the College of Agriculture, has agreed to partly finance bus operations out of the college's budget.

Hartung said he would agree to partial financing of the bus operation if other colleges provided an equal amount of funds.

Although he said he knew of no definite date that Zumberge would make a final recommendation, Wright said the NU Board of Regents will hear current proposals at their meeting this weekend. Zumberge said the regents would make a final decision from his recommendation at their May meeting.

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