

## Bader attributes advising woes to lack of initiative

By Marella Synovec

Academic advising is a two-way street, said Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Bader said academic advising problems at UNL basically are the same problems any academic institution has to solve.

Bader said the main problem in the advising system is not a lack of advisers' availability when students need them, but the lack of student initiative when trying to talk to an adviser.

It takes more than visiting an office every day at the same time, not finding the adviser in and then saying the adviser is unavailable, Bader said.

One problem lies in the concept of advising. Many faculty advisers, Bader said, think a nineteen-year-old student can work through the registration system with little need to talk to anyone.

Some advisers, he said, are strictly academic in nature and do not think advising includes discussion of career and personal goals.

### Personal contact important

Bader said it is important for students to develop personal contact with faculty members. He said a student who ignores this is shortchanging himself.

This student-faculty involvement benefits the student in the long run, Bader said.

"It helps to know someone in a field who has had some professional experience," he said "and is also helpful when the student is seeking letters of recommendation for a job.

"We have a long way to go before our advising system meets everyone's satisfaction," he said, "although we are quite a bit

ahead of other institutions in some respects."

The College of Arts and Sciences and Business Administration have a combination of advising opportunities, including both faculty advising and peer advising, he said.

Mary Corbin, a student adviser at the Business College's Advising Center, said the Center's seven or eight student advisers keep undergraduate records and advise.

She said the advising center serves as a channel to handle problems concerning college changes and grades. The center refers students with questions they cannot answer to the dean's office, she said.

Pat Peterson, student adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences, advises undeclared freshmen. "We try to make undeclared freshmen feel comfortable in being undeclared," she said.

The College of Arts and Sciences and Business College student advisory boards have established centers at the Nebraska Union, Harper and Abel Halls to help students with pre-registration since Monday.

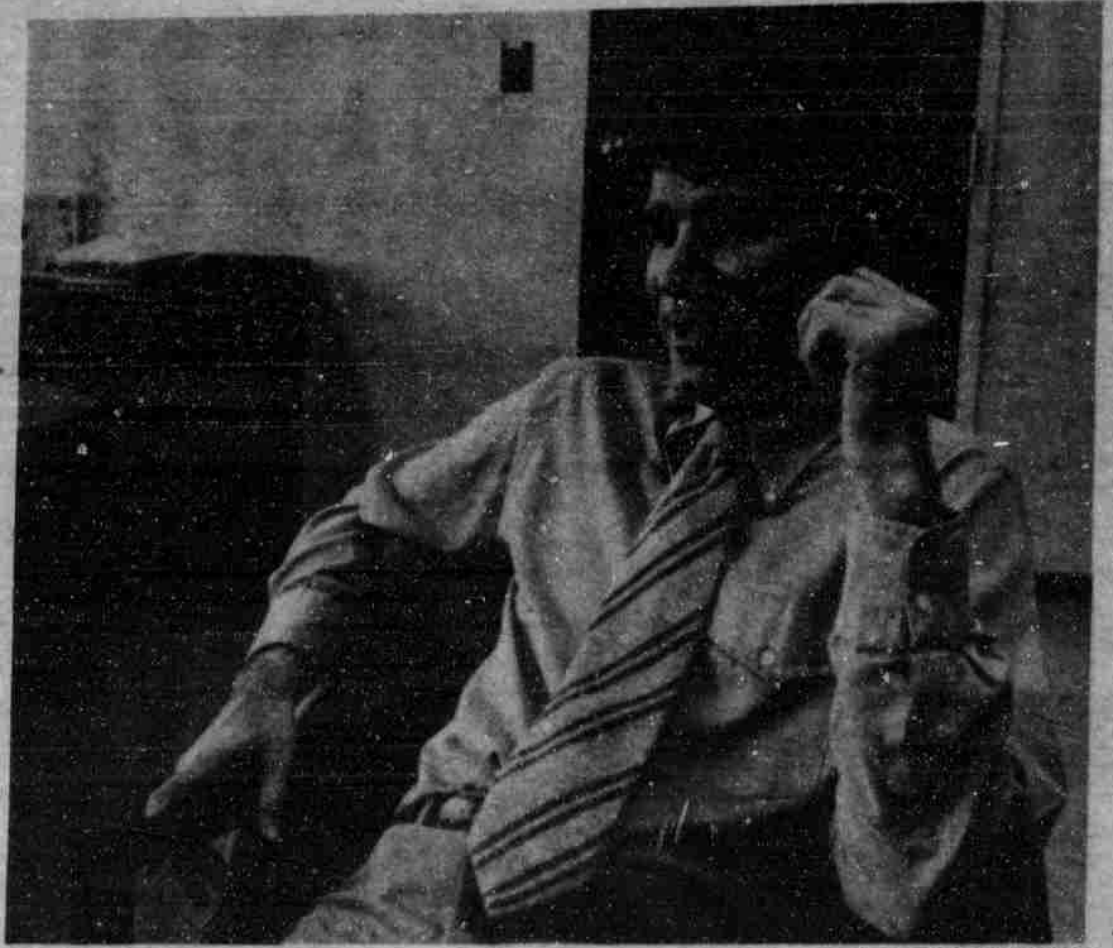


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Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs

While classes increase in size, one teacher tries to make his students feel like more than a social security number.

Associate Professor John Demuth photographs all students in his organic chemistry classes so he can learn their names. He currently teaches two classes with 320 students total.

"I take the pictures home and study them in the evening while the students are studying their chemistry," Demuth said. He said he tries to learn each student's name within the first weeks of classes. The students are "good sports about it,"

Demuth said, because they like to be known by name.

Although his classes are primarily lecture, he said, he frequently directs a question to an individual student.

Demuth, who started photographing his students in his first year of teaching 20 years ago, said he thought he needed to associate the students' names with their faces.

The largest number of students he memorized was two classes of two hundred, he said.

## Teacher tries new approach

## Grant sparks arts proposal

A \$10,000 matching funds grant could be the first step toward a Lincoln Bicentennial Performing Arts Center, which would serve the city and university, said Bicentennial chairwoman Barbara Henderson.

The Nebraska American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, which uses federal funds and money from locally sold commemorative items, awarded the grant last week.

The proposed Lincoln Bicentennial Performing Arts Center will occupy the old Federal Bldg. between 9th and 10th streets on P St. Funds would pay for remodeling the building to include city offices and a 2,500-seat theater.

Henderson said the center, endorsed by the mayor and City Council, was awarded the grant because the project has more than "local significance."

"Nebraska badly needs such a facility for its capital city," Henderson said, adding that Lincoln then could host "many more performing people."

### Lincoln architect

Henderson said Lincoln architect Larry Enersen originated the idea to restore the old Federal Bldg. two years ago.

Only sketches were made until now, Enersen said.

The U-shaped building would contain the theater inside of the U, on the ground floor. He said the approximate cost for the theater alone would be \$1.5 million.

Enersen said since the office space is in "excellent condition," the main expense would be to install air-conditioning.

When city offices move into the building, the city will assume the lease, according to City Council Chairman Max Denney. Currently, the Mutual Development Corp. owns the building.

Denney said if enough money is raised for the arts center, the building would be sold to the city and UNL will lease it.

The city has not yet proposed any financing, but Denney said the Council will consider it if asked. He said city financing would be in the form of a general obligation bond, which requires a vote of the people.

Henderson said a decision on the role of the mayor and City Council in the plan will be made in the next couple of weeks. She said it probably will be a year to 18 months before restoration on the building starts.

She said the foundation will try to buy the building before it goes on the tax rolls Jan. 1, because she said its price will go up after taxes are assessed.

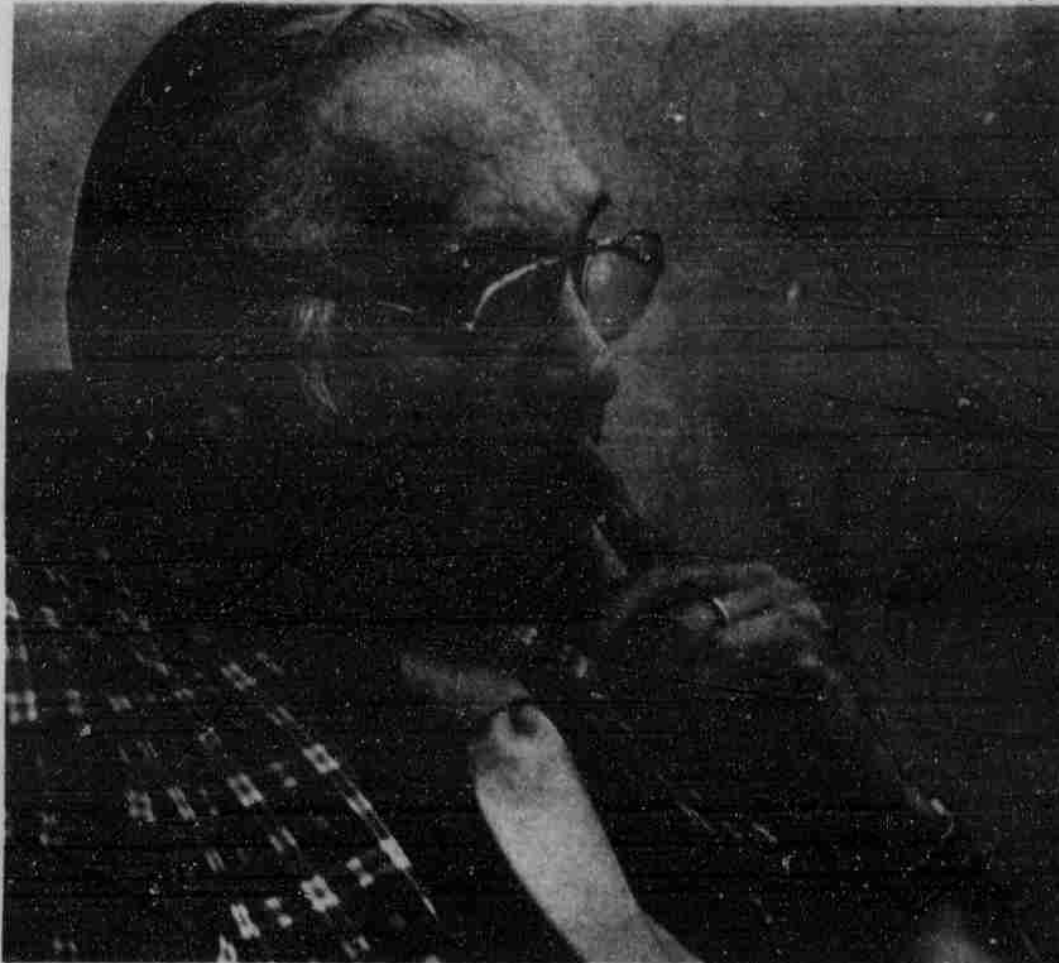


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City Council Chairman Max Denney

## Bader expects \$4 student fee increase next year

By Rex Seline

Although UNL faces no operating deficit like the one which caused the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) to increase student fees, Lincoln students still can expect about a \$4 increase in the 1976-77 school year, according to Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Bader said the addition to the current \$61.50 student fee was agreed upon last year by "all parties" when the decision was made to proceed with construction of the East Campus Union.

These parties included student representatives and members of the Fees Allocation Board (FAB), he said.

The increase will be used to retire bonds issued to investors on construction costs for the East Campus Union, he said.

The City Campus Nebraska Union is financially in good shape, Bader said, and although it is feeling the stress of inflation, no increase to cover its costs is expected.

### UNO increase

UNO has asked to increase its student

fees \$12 for full-time students and \$6 for part-time students to offset its student centers operating deficit, according to Skeahan, director of the student center and coordinator for student developmental programs. Currently full-time UNO students pay \$30 in fees each semester.

UNO Student Regent Clint Bellows said last week that students are upset by the proposed increase, which will come before the NU Board of Regents in November. The increase would take effect in the spring semester.

"They haven't told me why students always have to pick up the tab for mismanagement and inflation," Bellows said.

Skeahan said he does not know of another source.

"I don't like asking the students for money, but if anybody thinks we can get the money from the Legislature at this point, they aren't very cognizant of what's going on," he said, referring to the state's

reported tight money situation.

### \$140,000 deficit

"If we don't have the money by the second semester, the deficit could reach \$140,000," Skeahan said.

The student center's food service accounts for \$51,000 of the projected deficit, he added.

The money from student fees will be used to make the student center operationally solvent," Skeahan said. "The profits from the bookstore and food service will go to a contingency fund."

He explained that currently no contingency fund for the center exists to pay for replacement and renovation of equipment.

Bellows said he is opposed to the boost in fees from \$30 to \$42 per semester and has asked for an accounting of student fees use.

A total of \$5 of the \$30 fee goes to the student center, said Lou Anne Rinn, UNO student government treasurer. Last year, an additional \$95,000 from the fees total went to pay the center's deficit, she said, which brought the total to about \$9 from each \$30 fee.

Bellows asked if the additional money can be taken from another source.

"The administration is able to make a good case for the need of the money," Bellows said. "It's a question of where they're going to get it."

Several UNO student senators, who oppose the increase, have started a petition drive, according to the UNO student newspaper, the Gateway.

The Gateway quoted Sen. Steve Shorars, a leader in the drive, "We're going to show Skeahan and Beer (UNO Vice Chancellor for Educational and Student Services Ron) there is student interest."