

Lewis petition gaining names

Slow but steady progress is being made in the petition drive for a grand jury investigation into the shooting deaths of two Lincoln black men, according to Cynthia Grandberry, secretary to Omaha State Sen. Ernest Chambers.

About 2,000 signatures have been collected to date at the rate of about 500 a week, she said. Although 2,414 signatures are required, an attempt is being made to get 3,000, Sheila Finney who is heading the petition drive, said last month.

Lincoln Action Program (LAP) director Jesse Payne said recently that he "understood Judge Van Pelt's position" in his decision to refrain from calling a grand jury investigation. Payne said he is helping the petition drive as much as possible both

personally and through LAP.

"As a social service agency, we serve as a distribution point of information for anyone interested in the petition drive," Payne said. Petitions are available at the LAP center for people who want to help circulate them.

Payne said that although he supports a "thorough" grand jury investigation into the deaths of Elijah Childers, shot by a Lincoln police officer, and Arvid Sherdell Lewis, shot by Lancaster County Deputy Sheriff Rod Loos, he realizes that LAP "has a limited extent of resources" with which to help further the petition drive objectives.

LAP has been assisting in fund raising events to help pay Lewis's legal and funeral

expenses.

City officials and others connected with the issue should "remain objective and not fall prey to tactics designed to mold their actions in one way or another," Payne said.

A school classmate and personal friend of Lewis, Payne said he thought any information connected with the case should be public record.

County Commissioner Bruce Hamilton, said he has "not had any official access to any more information than what is also available to you (the public)." In a recent sermon at the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Hamilton supported the efforts for a grand jury investigation.

FAB asks CAC, bakery inquiry

By Marian Lucas

Investigation into a proposed Campus Assistance Center (CAC) and a union bakery was unanimously moved Wednesday night by the Fees Allocation Board.

A report by the board's Nebraska Union Operations subcommittee stated that the union's 1975-76 capital budget didn't include the two proposed items.

Also, the subcommittee reported that student fees would have to be raised if funds from student organizations were not cut to finance operation of the new East Union.

Further inquiry into the status of the University Bookstore was suggested because the subcommittee termed its operations "questionable." Cited as vague items were the bookstore's profits and its arrangements at the Nebraska Union.

As a result of a Recreation Department and Recreation Facilities subcommittee report, board member Jim Lewis said that even though the women pay the same amount of student fees as men, they do not receive the same recreational opportunities.

The issue, Lewis said, is whether the Recreation Dept. is sincere in its efforts to give to women the opportunities for the money they pay.

Members of the subcommittee said that while student fees were increased, such things as entry for intramural sports were decreased.

In other business, Jim Sherrets, was denied \$500 for transportation to a Transatlantic Debate Assoc. tournament for the Student Bar Assoc. The request was denied, 6-3.

According to FAB chairman Don Wesely, the board's criteria doesn't provide for transportation to student activities.



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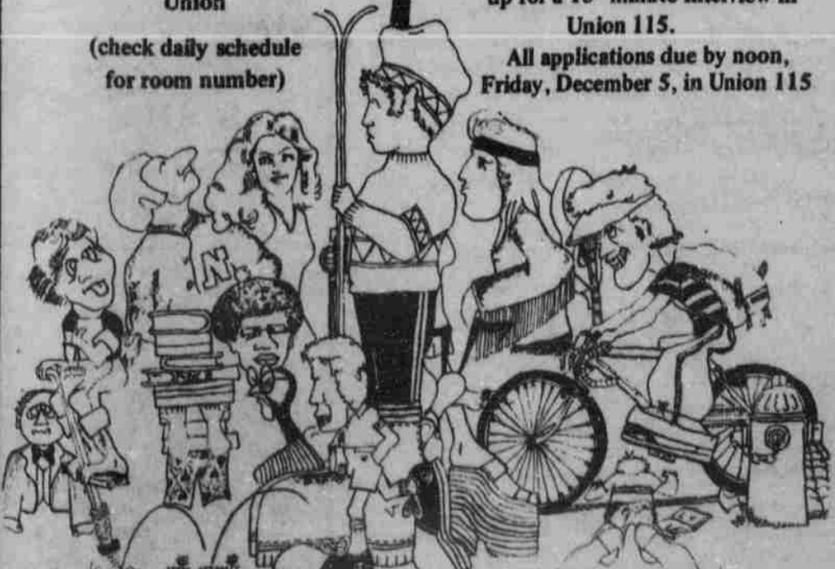
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