

Poll shows campus alcohol favored

By George Miller

Eighty per cent of UNL students polled favor consumption of alcohol in private living units on campus, according to a poll conducted by Selection Research Inc.

The poll was sponsored by the ASUN Government Liaison Committee as part of its effort to gain approval of consumption and sale of liquor on campus.

Twelve per cent of students polled opposed liquor consumption on campus, while 9 per cent had no opinion.

Seventy per cent of the students said they thought beer should be sold in the City and East Campus Unions. Twenty-one per cent said no and 10 per cent had no opinion.

Sixty-one per cent favored sale of wine in the Unions, 27 per cent opposed it and 12 per cent had no opinion.

Fifty-four per cent favored sale of mixed drinks while 36 per cent opposed sale and 11 per cent had no opinion.

Profits to scholarships

Thirty-two per cent said they thought profits from liquor sales in the Unions

should go toward scholarships, 20 per cent said toward Nebraska Union improvement and programs and 20 per cent said toward parking lot improvements. Seven per cent said profits should go toward campus beautification, six per cent said toward entertainment, five per cent toward intramural athletic facilities and four per cent said toward the University Health Center.

Eighty-eight per cent of the students said they drank alcoholic beverages but only 47 per cent said they drank them in their campus living units.

If alcohol was legalized on campus, eight per cent said they would move off campus. Eighty-three per cent said they would not and nine per cent had no opinion.

However, only seven per cent said they would be more likely to live on campus if alcohol consumption was legalized. Ninety-three per cent said they would not.

Sixty-three per cent said legalization of liquor would have very little effect on their decision to live on campus or not. Twenty-five per cent said it would affect their

decision to live on campus or not. Twenty-five per cent said it would affect their

Effect on study habits

Sale and consumption of liquor on campus would "definitely not" hurt study habits of 63 per cent polled. Twenty-four per cent said it would "probably not" hurt studies, eight per cent said it would "probably" hurt their studies and two per cent said it would "definitely" hurt.

Eighty-two per cent said they favored establishment of a voluntary campus alcohol education program. Three per cent opposed creation of such a program while 15 per cent had no opinion.

ASUN Sen. Jeff Searcy, chairman of the Senate's Governmental Liaison Committee when the poll was commissioned, said the next step in getting approval of campus alcohol sale and consumption will be to establish a state-wide network of "influential decision somewhat while 13 per cent said people" to back proposed legislation in the Legislature legalizing it on campus.

He said the "influential" people would include community leaders, labor officials, municipal officials, party leaders, teachers,

lawyers and doctors who would receive information about the issue and "spread the word" about the proposals.

Searcy said he hopes those people would contact their state senators and urge them to support the legislation.

If they can win

One state senator has agreed to sponsor legislation next year "if the students can prove they can win" on the issue, he said.

Searcy said students can prove they can win by enlisting community and business leaders to help push the issue.

A student lobbying network composed of interested students from each legislative district also will be established, Searcy said. Students would try to persuade their state senator to support the bill.

He said the lobbying network's format would be formulated within the next two weeks. Efforts to enlist students in the program will start in January, Searcy said.

"If the students are concerned enough and want it, we can win," Searcy said. "If not, the bill will go down to defeat."

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Varner addresses senate on communication flaws

By Sandy Mohr

Because of what he called a "considerable flaw in communication," NU President D.B. Varner spoke to the Faculty Senate Tuesday afternoon on budgetary problems and expectations for the new UNL chancellor.

Some areas of misunderstanding have developed in the administration of the three NU campuses, according to Varner.

"The university must function as a single organization," he said, adding that the NU Board of Regents is solely responsible for running the campuses.

Senate talks

Varner opened the door for further talks to the senate by saying that it is "not only desirable, but essential for the president to meet occasionally with the faculty." Senate President Franklin Eldridge had said previously this was the first time he could remember Varner speaking to the body.

Varner reported to the senate on a five-year study from 1971 to 1975 which found UNL receiving 45 per cent, the University of Nebraska Medical Center 32 per cent and the University of Nebraska at Omaha 18 per cent of legislative general fund appropriations.

However, he said, enrollment during that period had decreased by 7.6 per cent at UNL and increased by two per cent at UNO. Although Varner said this disparity was not significant, he said every effort should be made to see that comparably fac-

ulty salaries and academic programs receive equal financing. He added that he is not happy with the progress of a Faculty Senate Committee that was set up to study this problem.

Campus comparability

This committee, appointed in February by Varner, reported to the senate later in the meeting they still are studying the comparability of the two campuses and hoped to reach a consensus for this year's budget request to the Legislature.

Varner also warned faculty members that faculty salaries may not increase.

"There is little reason for optimism regardless of the merits of our case," he added.

Varner also told the senate that he hoped the new chancellor, whoever he or she may be, would bring leadership and enthusiasm to UNL.

New scholarship

Also at the meeting, senate members passed a proposal for a new type of scholarship called Scholarships for Academic Excellence. Besides regent and athletic scholarships, Vice President Steven Sample said, there are no current "scholarships for scholarship."

The senate also approved two grading proposals, one saying if an official drop slip is not filed a grade of W will be dated on the last day of the class. The other proposal stated that a student who has received a W must register again in order to receive credit and a grade in the course.

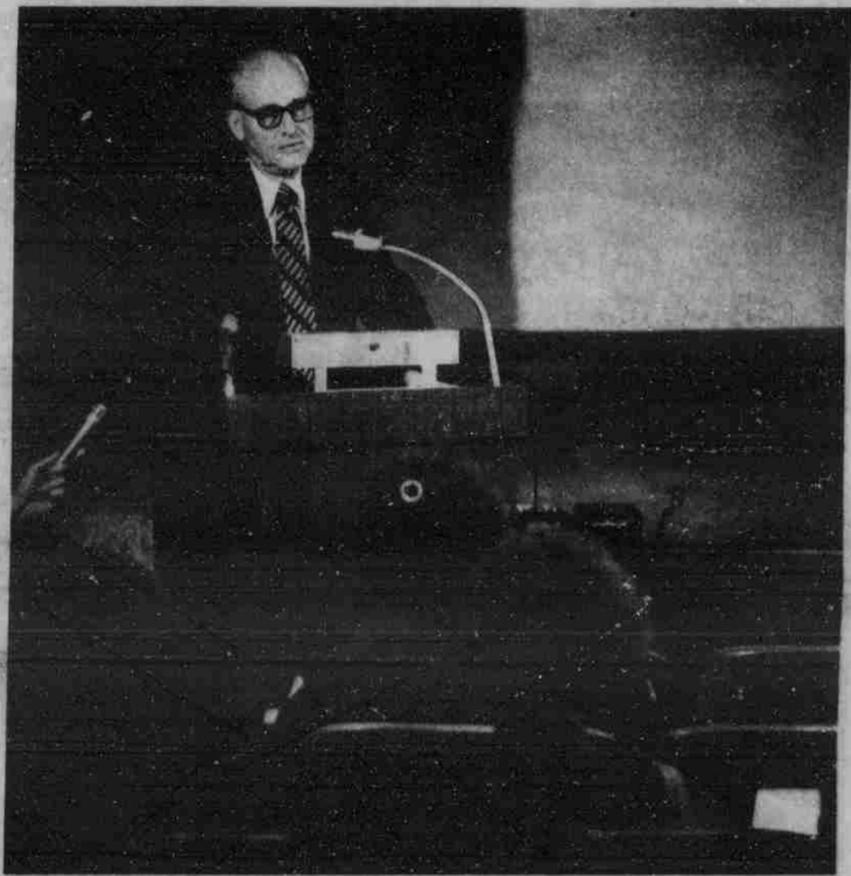


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NU President D.B. Varner addressed the Faculty Senate for the first time Tuesday.

Businesses boost band fund

Hopes for a UNL marching band trip to the Fiesta Bowl Dec. 26 were improved Tuesday when Ken King, executive vice-president of Commercial Federal Savings and Loan, announced that nine area banks and loan institutions and a Lincoln radio station have decided to encourage donations to the band fund.

King said First National Bank, National

Bank of Commerce, Havelock Bank, Gateway Bank and Commercial Federal Savings of Lincoln; First National Bank, U.S. National Bank, Omaha National Bank, and Commercial Federal Savings in Omaha, and KLIN Radio in Lincoln have ordered 10,000 Fiesta Bowl programs to be given away with every \$5 contribution to the NU Foundation's fund raising drive.

Examinations still alive during dead week

By Theresa Forsman

Dead week is alive and well on the UNL campus.

The week before semester final examinations is designated dead week, supposedly a moratorium on all exams, both hourly and final.

Dead week is anything but dead this year, but nobody seems to mind.

The dead week rule has been altered to allow hour exams during the last week of classes with the unanimous consent of the class, according to a memo distributed to faculty members two weeks ago, and signed by acting UNL Chancellor Adam Breckenridge and Faculty Senate President Franklin Eldridge.

Many faculty members give exams during dead week, Eldridge said, usually for the convenience of both the students and the faculty, he added.

"Faculty members don't want to grade final exams two days before Christmas" Eldridge explained, "and students

want to stay on campus until the end of finals week."

Pressure teachers

Students sometimes pressure the teacher into giving the exam early, he said.

Most students who have final examinations during dead week have no complaints. Comments from freshman Carmen Braasch typified student response.

She said dead week tests are preferable to finals week tests because they last one hour instead of two, lighten the load during finals week and often allow an early Christmas vacation.

ASUN President, Jim Say, Eldridge and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ken Bader all said they have received no student complaints this semester about exams during dead week. Bader said he received less than 50 complaints last year about professors flouting dead week rules.

Other students said finals during dead week did not leave enough time for study.

Pete Mason, junior, said this complaint is invalid. "They're just kidding them-

selves," he said. "Everyone knows in the beginning of the semester they are going to have finals. That should be enough time to study."

Rules broken

Students who think dead week rules are broken may complain at the departmental or college level, Eldridge said, bringing their grievance to Bader or to the Faculty Senate.

Bader said he would like to do away with final examinations, because he said they are unnecessary.

Eldridge supports the current policy of final examinations for most classes. Administrative and faculty opinion aside, dead week rules must be followed, he said.

The dead week tradition has been around for at least ten to 15 years, according to Ronald Gierhan, assistant to the vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Nobody seems to know for sure how old the dead week tradition is because, "it's written down somewhere, but darned if I can put my finger on it," Eldridge said.

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Weather

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and warmer. High temperatures in the low to mid-50s.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy and little temperature change. Lows in the upper 20s to low 30s.

Thursday: Partly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the mid-40s.