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ASUN president Jim Say attended a conference of Big 8 student government representatives Dec. 6 and 7 in Lawrence, Kan.

## ASUN officers participate in government workshops

By George Miller

ASUN executives attended two student government workshops to discuss common problems and ideas last weekend.

President Jim Say attended a meeting of Big 8 student governments in Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 6 and 7, and First Vice President Paul Morrison attended the Bellevue College Student Government Workshop in Bellevue Dec. 6.

Say said seven Big 8 schools attended the conference along with the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities). Oklahoma State University did not attend.

Say found that of all Big 8 student governments attending the conference, only ASUN did not disperse student fees. He said other Big 8 schools also are involved in the appointment of faculty and in tenure consideration for teachers. However, only UNL has academic bankruptcy option for students, he said.

Of the Big 8 schools, Nebraska is the only one with a decentralized form of student government. He said that at other schools, organizations like the Fees Allocation Board or the Council on Student Life are committees of the student government and not separate organizations as they are at UNL.

The recall of six CSL members by the student senate would not have caused a stir at any other Big 8 school, he said.

ASUN appears to have one of the more "open" student government bodies in the

Big 8, Say said. The University of Colorado has only 20 student senators, 10 of them appointed by the senators' colleges, Say said. On the other hand, the University of Missouri has a student senate numbering 240 students.

The University of Minnesota proposed formulation of a student information exchange program among large colleges to replace the National Students Association (NSA), Say said.

### Education issues cited

The representatives from Minnesota said the staff of the NSA was more interested in lobbying for national political issues instead of issues relating to higher education, according to Say. He said the Minnesota representatives urged formation of the Student Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges to compete with NSA and to include only large universities.

Representatives of eight student government groups attended the Bellevue workshop, Morrison said.

Morrison said the representatives discussed student fees, faculty evaluations, school newspapers and communications between colleges.

He said that ASUN appears to have good communications with students on campus, compared to other schools at the conference. He said it appeared that schools with students living on campus had better communication between the students and student government.

## Survey reveals opinions on dorm visitation, alcohol

By Betsie Ammons

Residence Hall Association (RHA) representatives Thursday heard the tentative results of a Differentiated Housing Task Force survey to determine dorm resident's opinions on housing at UNL.

Ray Walden, chairman of the RHA Special Issues Committee and member of the task force, reported their recommendations to the council, based on the survey.

The task force stated that guest hours in residence halls should remain the same, with a 24-hour option currently given to graduate students in Selleck Quadrangle extended to other dorms, according to Walden.

Walden said the task force believes alcoholic consumption in residence halls should be legalized by the NU Board of Regents, but be restricted to private use in dorm rooms.

Permission of floor SA's would be required to consume alcohol in floor lounges, and the dorm Residence Directors would have the option of whether to permit alcohol at dorm functions in snack bars and cafeterias.

The completed report will be distributed to RHA representatives at the beginning of second semester, Walden said.

John Welch, chairman of the ASUN Government Liaison Committee, spoke to the group and asked for their aid in legalizing alcohol on campus.

Welch said ASUN should have a state senator to sponsor a bill recommending the legalization to the Regents by next week.

He said past attempts to legalize alcohol at UNL have failed due to opposition by parents of students. He urged RHA representatives to speak to their parents about the matter.

## Postal hike to hurt UNL

Mailing costs at UNL will jump almost 30 per cent as a result of the U.S. Postal Service's rate hikes, effective Dec. 28. First class will increase from 10 cents per ounce to 13 cents. Other mailing rates also will increase.

Ray Coffey, UNL assistant business manager for business and finance, said the price of mailing will increase about \$65,000 in 1976. The university sends about one and one half million pieces of mail yearly, he added.

Money for mailings comes from the part of the Legislature's fund appropriation to UNL designated for administration, Coffey said. Provision for the mailing rate increase has been included in the proposed 1976 budget which has been sent to the Legislature, he said.

Coffey said this year's budget allocates \$184,072 for university mail, which includes business and student mail.

Some departments within the univer-

sity pay their own postage, such as the Athletic Dept., University Press, and the Extension Division, Coffey said.

He said the administration has been "cutting down for the past five years" on postage costs.

"We've been trying to identify particular types of mailings," he said, "to see which we could use under the U.S. Postal Service's bulk mailing rate."

However, he said most UNL mail is sent first class, which does not qualify for bulk rates.

Coffey said some mailings are consolidated, particularly student registration information.

The UNL General Bulletin is an example, he said. An application blank is included with the bulletin to eliminate the cost of mailing them separately.

Costs of grade reports and of course registration confirmations are "cut as close to the bone as can be," according to Coffey.

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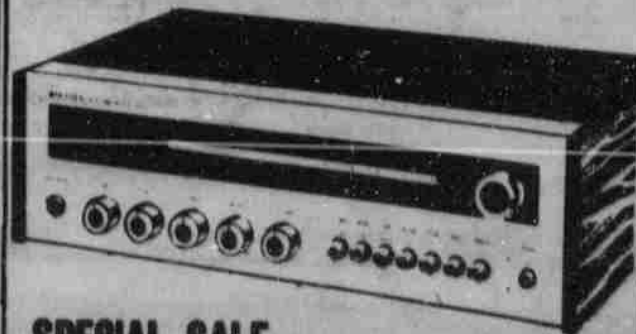
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