

NU cash fund ceiling decision is rescinded

By Dick Piersol

The Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee Monday rescinded a decision made last week to raise the university's cash fund ceiling enough to accommodate an additional tuition increase of \$2 per credit hour.

The higher education appropriations bill, LB690, already contains provision for a \$2 a credit hour resident tuition increase and \$5.75 a credit hour increase for non-residents. Had the decision not been rescinded, resident tuition could have increased to \$4 a credit hour.

Utica Sen. Douglas Bereuter, who introduced the amendment allowing the additional \$2 tuition increase at the NU Board of Regents' discretion, withdrew his support for that amendment Monday and it was removed.

He said the university administration, at whose request the amendment was introduced, had backed away from its initial support. He also cited both parent and student opposition and Gov. J. James Exon's failure to support a tuition increase as reasons for withdrawing the amendment. Bereuter said at the time he introduced the amendment that he would ask the regents not to increase tuition beyond the original \$2 provision.

'Out on a limb'

Bereuter said he had received no indications from the board that it would use the flexibility for a further tuition increase granted by the amendment for the coming fiscal year.

"There is no reason for the majority of the Appropria-

tions Committee to be out on a limb," he said, "when there is no support for it."

NU President D.B. Varner said the amendment's introduction resulted from what he called a misunderstanding among himself, Bereuter and NU Corporation Secretary and legislative lobbyist William Swanson.

Varner said the three had discussed the possibility of using a \$2 a credit hour tuition increase for faculty members' salary increases. Both Swanson and Bereuter interpreted that to mean a tuition hike in addition to that already included in the university's appropriation, he said.

Out of town

Varner said he was out of town early last week, and when he returned, the discussions had evolved into an amendment intended to give the regents flexibility to raise tuition even higher if state tax fund additions to the university budget are rejected by the Legislature or successfully vetoed by Exon.

"That was not what I had in mind," Varner said, "but I voiced no objections to giving the regents that flexibility."

Neither he nor the regents would want the \$4 a credit hour tuition increase, Varner said.

Some students visited him, expressing concern that tuition increase and possible appropriations vetoes would leave students holding the "bag," Varner said.

He said he neither supported nor objected to removing the amendment, finally stricken by the committee.

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SAP zaps UNL; promises lunacy

Editor's note: This is the third article in a series on the 1976 ASUN election. Before the March 17 balloting, all parties and executive candidates will be interviewed.
By George Miller

"There is more to be said for stupidity than people imagine."

With this quotation by Oscar Wilde as their motto, the Stupid Americans Party (SAP) promises to represent "the stupid people" on the UNL campus.

According to Dave Waskowiak, SAP's first vice-presidential candidate, the central theme of SAP's campaign is that "most people associated with UNL are stupid to be here." He said that since SAP candidates are "the most stupid people on campus" they can best represent the average UNL student.

Waskowiak, a junior history major from Millard discussed his party with his running mates in a midnight interview in the front lobby of Pound Hall.

Running with Waskowiak is presidential candidate Mark Young, a senior history major from Hat City, Iowa and second vice-presidential candidate Jeff Taebel, a sophomore botany major from Atlanta, Ga.

Waskowiak said the NU Board of Regents gave proof that students are stupid at the last regents' meeting when they "more or less said students were stupid in trying to get alcohol on campus."



"Every year we have ASUN elections and every year the same people get elected who are only looking for a recommendation for law school," Young said. "We think it's pretty stupid to elect people who are mainly concerned with not rocking the boat."

"The fact that all these people take these things (elections) so seriously tends to make the whole thing a parody in itself," he said.

A new, different approach

Young said SAP offers the student "a new and different approach to government—dealing with the administration on their own level—stupidity."

He said with SAP in ASUN Senate, they can "intimidate the regents because we have nothing to lose. We're not particularly interested in the prestige involved (with



Photo by Steve Hoover

Looking up from an unnamed pit somewhere on the UNL campus are, from left to right, Dave Waskowiak, Mark Young, and Jeff Taebel, the Stupid American Party (SAP) executive candidates in the upcoming ASUN elections. Among SAP's campaign promises is the installation of pay toilets in every Greek House and residence hall on campus.

ASUN Senate) which is minimal at best."

Young said there is "a total lack of any coherent program by anyone about anything" at UNL while Taebel compared the situation at UNL to "a man with a kite in one hand and a balloon in the other."

Young said the main problem on campus now is that students have allowed themselves "to be pimped around by the administration and their running-dog lackeys."

If elected, the SAP executive candidates all said the first thing they would do is demand a recount. After that, Young said, they would apply for Law College.

Young, who represented Mongolia in this year's Model United Nations, also pledged to establish diplomatic relations with that country to import some culture to UNL.

"Punch out" a regent

Taking office as a student regent, Young said he may attempt to "punch out" the regents at the first meeting he attends. However this would depend on whether the regents are nice to him and whether he has a hangover when he comes to the meeting, he said.

Young said SAP would restructure ASUN Senate by holding its meetings on a round table instead of a square

one. He stressed, however, that SAP would not take office if elected but would leave the office where it is.

The candidates also pledged to abolish student fees and replace its financing power by increasing fines for parking violations and by installing pay toilets in every Greek house, residence hall and classroom building on campus.

Young advocated abolishing current university tenure policies.

"We think professors should get wages and rights comparable to those given migrant farm workers in California in 1931," he said.

SAP also will demand full financial disclosures from all NU administrators above the rank of dean, including Athletic Director Bob Devaney, and from the University of Nebraska Foundation. They also demanded a study to see if university contracts are going to banks or construction companies to see if any companies getting university business are owned by or employ regents.

Young said SAP also favors renovating the Nebraska Union to include "a shopping mall, a Sambo's Restaurant and a day care center for (Union Director) Al Bennett."

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Nine ASUN senatorial candidates ruled ineligible

Nine candidates for the ASUN Senate have been ruled ineligible for the March 17 election, according to ASUN Electoral Commissioner Ray Walden.

Walden said the ASUN Electoral Commission officially ruled the nine ineligible at a Sunday meeting.

Seven of the candidates were ineligible because the commission claims they are not full-time students, and two were disqualified because they were registered in one college while running for a Senate seat in another college.

Three of the candidates have filed a petition with the ASUN Student Court asking it to overturn the Electoral Commission's ruling, and the court has scheduled a hearing at 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Nebraska Union. Chief Justice Doug Voegler, a senior Law College student from Schuyler, said the court will try to reach a decision Wednesday night.

The seven candidates ineligible because of enrollment in an insufficient number of hours are: John Fleck, Stupid Americans Party (SAP) candidate for the College of Agriculture, who is taking 10 hours; Kevin Hyde, SAP candidate for a College of Engineering seat, taking nine hours; Paul Bejot, SAP candidate for Arts and Sciences College senator, taking 10 hours; Cris Carmichael, New Student Coalition (NSC) candidate for Arts and Sciences College senator taking 11 hours; Kirk Hemphill, NSC candidate

for Arts and Sciences College senator, taking eight hours; Ed Silver, SAP candidate for Arts and Sciences College senator, taking nine hours; Claudia Turner, NSC candidate for Arts and Sciences College senator, taking 10 hours.

Wrong college seat

Disqualified for running for the wrong college seat are Richard Tillson, SAP candidate for Graduate College senator and currently registered in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Larry Austin, an independent candidate for Business College senator who is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences.

NSC candidates Carmichael, Turner and Hemphill filed the 21-count petition with the Student Court, saying that all three have enrolled for at least 12 credit hours every semester they have been at UNL and that all registered for more than 12 hours this semester. They contend they have paid for at least 12 credit hours this semester and have paid the \$61.50 in student fees paid by full-time students.

The three also say that because they have dropped a course or courses this semester they are below the 12 hour limit. However, hours needed to qualify for full-time status differs from one area of the university to another, they said, and the university has no actual definition of a

full-time student.

Pay \$61.50 in fees

The three also contend that since all the disqualified candidates are taking more than seven hours, and since the university requires all students taking seven hours or more to pay the full \$61.50 in student fees, they are full-time students.

Since the ASUN Constitution does not clearly define what a full-time student is, the Electoral Commission has arbitrarily determined that a student running for the ASUN Senate must take at least 12 hours, they say, charging that the disqualification is a denial of the plaintiffs' right of representation.

Rich Moderow, a junior business administration major from Oakland and a member of Student Court, said if the three win their case, the other four candidates disqualified for taking insufficient hours also will be placed on the ballot again.

Voegler said the two disqualified for running for the wrong college must file a separate petition with the Student Court to return to the ballot. No such petition has yet been filed.

Ron Sindelar, NSC presidential candidate, said the court petition was not a party action but a private one by the three persons involved.