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"With incumbents on USA's ticket, we can start right to work without taking a month for everyone to find out what the Senate is supposed to do," Cook said. "Our new people can keep the Senate from being bogged down in old issues."

Cook said his party would establish formal lines of communications with other campus organizations by re-establishing the ASUN Cabinet, which is included in the ASUN Constitution but has not been used for several years.

### Three cabinet positions

He said there are three cabinet positions included in the constitution, which would be appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate.

One cabinet member would provide links to campus

honorary and professional fraternities, sororities and societies.

Another cabinet member would provide ASUN Senate links to campus regulatory organizations while a third would serve as a link for all other campus organizations.

Cook said if elected he also would want representatives from the Residence Hall Association (RHA), the Greek system, off-campus students and major users of student fees to advise him.

Cook said he favored restructuring the current Senate committee system to "even out the workload" for all committees.

### "A sounding board"

He also said he favors having senators take a more active role in ASUN Senate, rather than just attend Senate meetings once a week. This would include having senators do more research on Senate projects, he said.

All of the executive candidates said they opposed a centralized form of student government and advocated coordination of the Senate's different branches to provide

a united effort.

"We don't want the Senate to take FAB (Fees Allocation Board) or CSL duties away from them," Cook said, "but want more coordination with these bodies."

Welch said it was like there were two student governments on campus when ASUN Senate and CSL were dealing with the same issues.

Since ASUN Senate is linked directly to the student body through election of senators and executives, decisions and recommendations of other campus policy bodies such as FAB and CSL should be channeled through Senate so it could serve as "a sounding board for student concerns," Cook said.

### Veto power

However, the executives stressed that ASUN should have veto power over FAB or CSL decisions. They said if ASUN opposes recommendations or policies of these two bodies, the executives should send a separate veto report to the administration giving ASUN's position on the matter.

"CSL has a definite role in university life," Cook said, "but the role it plays now is outdated and conflicting with ASUN."

He said that by modernizing CSL's objectives, the "gray areas between CSL and ASUN could be cleared up."

The executive candidates also advocated starting a student lobbying effort with the Lincoln city government patterned on the lobbying done by ASUN's Government Liaison Committee with the Nebraska Legislature.

They said they opposed any flow of money away from UNL to any other school in the NU system, particularly the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

### Increase program quality

"UNL's slice of the total NU budget has dropped 7 per cent since the 1970-71 fiscal year," Welch said. "We don't want to see two mediocre institutions in the state" created by taking funds from UNL.

"The solution is not necessarily increasing the quantity of programs" offered to students, Welch said, "but in increasing the quality of programs."

Cook has been an ASUN senator for one term, was a Residence Hall Association representative for a year, treasurer of Schramm Hall for one year and currently serves on the intercollegiate athletic committee of the Faculty Senate and on the Ad-Hoc Committee studying the Daily Nebraskan.

Reitz was appointed to the ASUN Senate in fall 1974, and was elected in spring 1975. She resigned in January in accordance with a Daily Nebraskan policy forbidding editorial staff members from serving on university policy-making or recommending bodies.

Prior to that, she served on the UNL Chancellor Search Committee and covered CSL and sports for the Daily Nebraskan. She resigned from the paper at the end of February to run for first vice-president.

Welch was appointed to the Senate in January and has been chairman of ASUN's Government Liaison Committee since last October.

### USA Senate candidates are:

- College of Agriculture—Roger Davis, Herman; Nate Eckloff, Minden; Steve Upton, Madison.
- College of Architecture—Larry Kripenbrink, Gretna.
- College of Arts and Sciences—Mark Allen, Omaha; Mary Jane Bruce, New York City; Ken Christoffersen, Gordon; Kim Hachiya, Lincoln; Jolene Hoge, Grand Island; Greg Johnson, Baltic, S.D.; Jeff Searcy, Lincoln; Mark Thurber, Lincoln; Jim Winkler, Omaha.
- College of Business—Barb Berry, Omaha; Nancy Fahlgberg, Lincoln; Dave Pillard, Beatrice; Kent Thompson, Lincoln.
- College of Engineering and Technology—Joe Stavas, Columbus.
- Graduate College—Marie Engelke, New York City.
- College of Home Economics—Julie Brodbeck, North Platte; Andy Cox, Omaha.
- Teachers College—Karen Dress, Omaha; Rusty Edwards, Dixon, Ill.; Ann Elwell, Sidney; Larua Schory, Omaha; Judi Siminoe, Curtis.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Gov. J. James Exon took a break from office duties Wednesday and talked about the NU budget over a cup of coffee at the Capitol.

# Coffee shop...

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The governor also said the university administration has taken out of context one and a half sentences from the funding commission report to make its case.

That report recommended a general fund increase of \$7 million or \$8 million, to \$84 million or \$85 million, the governor's recommendation, for the university's 1976-77 budget.

Exon said he recommended eliminating nontax fund ceilings to encourage the university to manage and spend the funds it generates itself. He said he is sure that \$1 million to \$3 million is "rattling around" in university cash funds, because when the university "poomouthed" its way out of a three per cent general fund cut in last fall's special legislative session, university administrators asked that their cash fund ceilings be raised so they could spend what they had, but were not authorized to spend.

"This governor has recommended more aid to higher education," Exon said, "than any governor or Legislature

in the history of the state."

But there will be a major confrontation on the university budget, he said, and it is a question of "whether or not we'll be snowed by university administrators spoonfeeding the student newspaper and other media."

Exon said the 1975-76 university budget was 18 per cent more than 1974-75, and the 1974-75 budget was 25 per cent more than that in 1973-74.

He said Nebraska ranks 16th nationally in support for higher education and second in the Big 8 Conference.

"The majority of the Appropriations Committee is lock, stock and barrel in the university's hip pocket," Exon said. And if the Legislature adopts the committee's budget, he said, Nebraska would rank first nationally in percentage of tax fund increase for higher education.

"That wouldn't be bad if we were catching up," Exon said. But, he said, Nebraska caught up in the 1960s.

He said there would be no two per cent state income tax cut this year if the Appropriations Committee-passed university budget is passed.

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