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## Legislative cut threatens Minority Affairs

By Sandy Mohr

UNL's Minority Affairs Office may lose six of its eight staff members which would result in the discontinuation of most of its advising and counseling programs.

Last week the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee struck out of LB691, the higher education bill, a proposal which would have given the office \$86,000. It currently receives a state appropriation of \$65,000.

Previously, six of the office's staff members received \$110,000 from the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) and other grants, said Minority Affairs Director Jimmie Smith.

The HEW grant will end June 30, he said, so the office has little time to apply to HEW for more money.

The office has been trying to apply for another grant, but because HEW guidelines for further federal financing were not released as expected on March 5, the office has not been able to apply, said Ken Bader, vice-chancellor for student affairs.

That is why the office tried to get money from the state, Smith said.

There is no assurance the office will receive the federal funds when they apply, he said.

### Special services

"It's extremely crucial that some money come from somewhere," he said, adding that the federal grant paid for six staff members in the office's Special Services Program.

Special services provides academic and personal advising, develops university courses, organizes workshops, helps with job placement and sponsors social and cultural programs for minority and low-income students, he said.

Last year the program's staff worked with minority students' organizations on campus, but Smith said this was discontinued this year.

"There were not enough hours in the day for all of us to do those kinds of things," he said.

In addition, Smith said, the program provides "a source of moral support (for minority students) in an all-white environment."

The program further "makes the student an individual who understands how everything in the university is interdependent," Smith added.

### No reason

If this program is discontinued, only Smith and his

secretary will remain in the Minority Affairs Office, which Smith said serves about 600 students.

"I know other offices (in the university) are not going to do the job to make sure that they (minority students) get quality education because they are not sensitive to minority people's needs," Smith said.

Because he cannot accommodate 600 students, he said, he is now in the process of hiring another staff member. He said this person would coordinate a learning center for tutoring, academic advising, study skills development and reading improvement programs.

Smith said he received "no substantive reason as to why" the office's request was denied.

### "Promise not fact"

"By not funding is saying we see no need for people with expertise in this area," Smith said of legislators' decision. Smith said Bader has promised him the Special Services program will continue.

"But a promise is not a fact," Smith said.

Bader said he will try to restore the office's appropriation in the NU budget request. The Women's Collegiate Athletics appropriation was deleted at the same time, he added, and said he will try to restore that request as well.

"We have, as a university, an obligation to continue this (Special Services) program," Bader said. "We may have to eliminate something else, but there is no lack of commitment to continue the program."

## Story postponed

Because of difficulties in scheduling interviews with the four independent ASUN executive candidates by press time Thursday, the story on the independent candidates for the ASUN election will appear in Monday's Daily Nebraskan.

## FAB subcommittees to study fee increase report

Fees Allocation Board (FAB) Thursday formed subcommittees to study a report on 1976-77 student fees presented to the board by Ely Meyerson, dean for student development, last week.

The report, recommending a \$3.50 a semester increase in student fees next year, included studies of student fee use by the Nebraska Union, the University Health Center, the Recreation Dept., Career Counseling, the Council on Student Life and Career Planning and Placement.

FAB subcommittees will study the groups and make recommendations to Meyerson and Ken Bader, vice-chancellor for student affairs, by mid-April.

The board also heard subcommittee recommendations for eight student organizations requesting fees. Tentative recommendations made so far are:

Alumni Association \$1,000

Graduate Student Organization	450
Ski Club	350
Teachers College Advisory Board	0
Horticulture Club	100
Block and Bridle Club	1,430
Women's Action Group	225
Student Y	550
Gay Action Group	500
Women's Resource Center	1,200
UNL HEMP	0
Association of Computing Machinery	40
Korean Student Organization	80
UNL Orienterring Club	20
Nebraska Human Resource Foundation	175
Builders	300
American Guild of Organists	150

Cultural Affairs	25,000
UNL Tractor Club	75
Corncobs	500
Rugby Club	380
UNL Rifle Club	600
Masquer's Club	245
UNL Wildlife Club	200
Innocents/Mortar Board	130

The board will be meeting Wednesday at 4 p.m. to hear the following subcommittee recommendations: UNL Crew, Geology Club, Phi Beta Lambda, Pi Sigma Alpha, Marketing, Semper Fidelis, Angel Flight and Student Veterans.

Don Wesely, FAB chairman, said he encourages groups to attend subcommittee recommendation hearings for their organizations.

## Committee advises new departments should be formed

The NU Board of Regents Academic Affairs Committee Saturday will recommend to the board that the UNL Department of Speech and Dramatic Art be reorganized into three separate departments—the departments of speech and communication, theater arts, and speech pathology and audiology.

The board will start its monthly meeting at 8 a.m. at Regents Hall, 38th and Holdrege streets.

The committee recommendation states that the three subdivisions have little in common and that "there is no rational need for them to be joined together in what is, in practice, an unworkable union."

NU President D.B. Varner also will ask the board to select a bank for NU trust and management services. The university now makes separate investments through the state investments officer.

By using a bank, NU endowment funds would be pooled and investments would be more secure because no single fund would depend on the success of a single investment, according to William Erskine, executive vice-president for administration.

The regents will meet informally with the Inter-Campus Faculty Advisory Council at 7:30 a.m. in the Nebraska Center, 33rd and Holdrege streets. The council was formed to improve communication between regents and faculty members at UNL, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, according to Franklin Eldridge, chairman of the UNL Faculty Senate.

Regents also will hear an "Area of Excellence" report on Teachers College nontraditional education.



## French prof wins honor for service

Jane Dein, associate professor of French and vice-chairman of UNL's Department of Modern Languages and Literature, was awarded the French Order of Academic Palms Thursday afternoon at Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

Dein was presented the award by Jean Beaulieu, cultural attache to the French consulate in Chicago, for her work in directing an educational exchange program which allows UNL graduate French students to study in France while working as graduate assistants in French universities.

The award was established in 1806 by the French Government to honor distinguished writers, artists and teachers.

Beaulieu praised Dein's "harmonious and exemplary" work with the international exchange of teaching assistants.

After the presentation, Beaulieu spoke on France's cultural policies since World War II.

Photo by Ted Kibik

For "harmonious and exemplary" work with an international French teaching exchange, Associate Prof. Jane Dein receives the French Order of Academic Palms from Jean Beaulieu, cultural attache to Chicago's French consulate.