

## Grade inflation could be abating

Grade inflation may be stopping after pushing the average UNL grade point average (g.p.a.) to B. According to a current study by the grade inflation subcommittee of the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, last semester's grades at UNL did not rise over the previous spring semester.

"It looks like present inflation has abated some, but it did exist," said subcommittee member Lester Lipsky, Computer Science associate professor.

Over the past five years, Lipsky said, the average g.p.a. rose from 2.6 to 3.0. UNL men's average is 2.97 and women's is 3.23, he said.

The increased number of withdrawals and "pass" grades "appears not to have been a significant factor" in the grade inflation, Lipsky said.

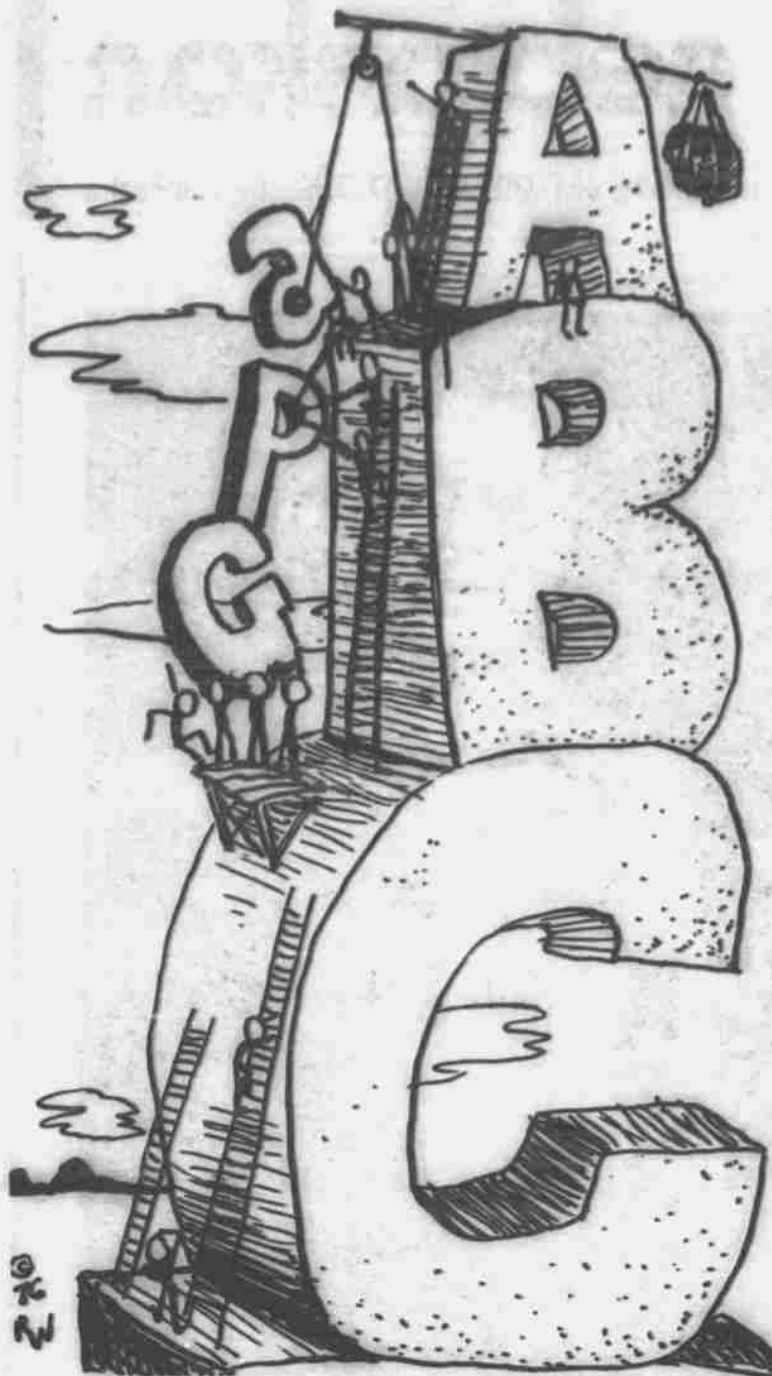
Increased A and A+ grades may have been a factor, he said.

During the past two semesters, more than 30 per cent of grades given to upperclassmen were A or A+, Lipsky said. He added that for freshmen it was only 25 per cent.

Lipsky said although figures still are tentative, data indicates that over the last three years apparently no freshman grade inflation occurred. The average freshman g.p.a. is about 2.7, he added.

Other data also has shown increasing inflation for Arts and Sciences College seniors in the upper 10 per cent of their class, Lipsky said. In the last five years the average grades given in that percentile have increased .05 annually. From the 1971 fall semester to 1975 spring semester, average g.p.a. of UNL Arts and Sciences College seniors in the upper 10 per cent of their class increased from 3.73 to 3.85.

"That's where the inflation shows up the most," Lipsky said. He said the committee will give a final report to the Arts and Sciences College Curriculum Committee on April 6.



## Day care chosen for AUF money

The University Child Care Project (UCCP), a program of three child care centers which serves low-income UNL students, has been chosen to receive money raised from the All University Fund (AUF) Spring Faculty Drive, which ends April 16.

The money will buy toys and replace worn out equipment, said Mary Jo Ryan, UCCP director. UCCP is mostly self-supported.

Sandi Huber said money from the drive, in which AUF members annually solicit donations from UNL administration and faculty members, supports local charities usually related to education or to UNL. The drive usually raises around \$1,500, Huber said.

Last year the drive raised \$1,800 for the Emeriti Association, a fund for retired professors. This year AUF's goal is \$2,000, she said. It has already raised \$25 at a bake sale in the Faculty Bldg., 1520 R St.

AUF also is sponsoring a benefit basketball game April 15 at 8 p.m. at the Women's Physical Education Bldg. Senior UNL football players will play against faculty and administration members, Huber said. Admission will be one dollar.

The drive received \$1,800 in 1972, and used it to install fire protection in the day care centers, she said.

Sandi Huber, AUF president and a junior elementary education major from Lincoln, said faculty members chose UCCP from among six local charities.

Other charities on the ballot were: the Nebraska Human Resource Foundation, a work-study program in which university students train handicapped and low-income pre-school children and aid high school drop-outs in such programs as the High School Equivalency Program; Cedars Home for Children; the Lancaster Office for the Mentally Retarded, a local service for development of mentally retarded adults and children; Senior Diners, a meal program aimed at meeting nutritional and social needs of persons 60 years-old and older; and Camp Floyd Rogers for Diabetic Children, a camp where diabetic children learn diabetic control.

## Williams wins amid ASUN chaos ; officials sworn in

By George Miller

The transfer from the old to new ASUN Senate was accomplished Wednesday night amid crowds, confusion and sentiment on the part of outgoing senators and executives.

Outgoing senators mixed with their successors and defeated candidates in a small meeting room in the Nebraska Union.

A coffin, left over from the Stupid American's Party campaign, was propped up in one corner of the room. Several incoming senators wore formal clothing for their swearing in.

Clouding the occasion was the question of who would preside over the new Senate since Paula Haeder, newly-elected first vice-president, announced she would not take office after being accepted to Law College.

After prolonged debate, Teachers College Senator Tony Williams was selected First Vice-President.

After the new Senate was sworn in, Mary Jenkins, outgoing first vice-president, accepted nominations to replace Haeder.

The ASUN Student Court ruled Tuesday that the Senate Speaker Pro-Tempore, elected by the new Senate, automatically would become first vice-president and the Senate's presiding officer.

### Constitutional authority

However, the question was raised whether Jenkins had constitutional authority to preside over the Senate since

the ASUN Constitution states that the term of office for first vice-president is the same as for senators.

This would leave no presiding officer for the Senate and conceivably, no business could be conducted.

After lengthy debate, a Senate vote on a motion to appoint a temporary chairperson until all Graduate and Professional College senators were sworn in, failed 10-16-1.

Newly-elected Teachers College Sen. Tony Williams, and Arts and Sciences Sens. Cris Carmichael and Ken Christoffersen were nominated for speaker.

Newly-elected Teachers College Sen. Laura Schory's motion that selection of a speaker be delayed one week to allow senators to become acquainted was defeated.

### Williams selected

Carmichael suggested that selection of a speaker wait until a new election for Graduate College senators is held and the winners are seated.

Jenkins suggested that the Senate appoint a temporary presiding officer to serve until Graduate College senators take office, but a subsequent motion failed.

Earlier in the evening, while the outgoing ASUN Senate still was in session, Student Court Chief Justice Doug Voegler announced that the court had rejected a request for an injunction brought to it by Frank Thompson, newly-elected Graduate College senator.

Thompson asked the court to prevent any new senators from taking office until Graduate College students are admitted.

Immediately following, the Senate, based on an earlier Electoral Commission ruling, voted on the three speaker candidates for first vice-president.

None of the three nominees received a majority of balloted votes, but Williams and Cristoffersen had the two highest counts.

### "Good to be here"

On the second vote, Williams won and was sworn in by Jenkins. Bill Mueller, newly-elected ASUN president and Dennis Martin, second vice-president-elect then were sworn in.

"I can't tell you how good it is to be here," Mueller said in his acceptance speech. "I think tonight our action proved we are willing to take action."

"I think we have to operate as if we are going to be here the entire year—I think we're going to be here all year, and with luck we'll have some money and power."

In other action, Fred Kray, who was not certified by the ASUN Electoral Commission as a newly-elected representative from Professional College because of testimony that both Graduate and Professional College students voted for each college's senatorial candidates in the March 17 elections, said the move was mistaken.

Kray said it was not fair that the second Professional College senator, Clarke Stevens, was allowed to take office while he was not. The Electoral Commission ruled that the new Senate should appoint the second professional senator.

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