

Board to study fee, ticket hikes

By George Miller

A raise in student fees and the price of non-conference football tickets will be considered by the NU Board of Regents at its regular monthly meeting Saturday.

The regents also are expected to move into closed session during the meeting to discuss the progress of the search to find a replacement for outgoing NU President D. B. Varner.

The meeting will lack one of its usual participants, Steven Shovers, University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) student body president and student regent, was ousted last week by the UNO student senate.

Interim President Nancy Norenberg does not have the power to serve as student regent under the UNO constitution, but will attend the meeting as an observer.

On the lengthy agenda will be a proposal to place a \$1 surcharge on tickets to non-conference football games during the 1977 season.

The added revenue from tickets to the Washington State, Alabama, Baylor and Indiana games would go to help finance the UNL Intercollegiate Athletic Dept.

The regents are expected to approve a \$3.50 increase in student fees to repay the surplus fund of the student fees and facilities revenue bonds for the cost of construction of the Nebraska East Union.

Out of the total \$4,340,000 cost of the East Union, \$3,831,000 was to be paid from the surplus fund.

The board was to vote a \$4 increase in student fees at its October meeting, but delayed that action. However, after this, NU administrators cut their request from \$4 to \$3.50 per semester for each student registered for more than six credit hours. This is to become effective with the start of the 1977-78 fall semester.

The regents also will vote to approve guidelines to

clarify which appointments of academic-administrative personnel need to be approved by the regents themselves and which can be approved by the president or the chancellors of the three NU campuses.

The regents also will consider approving a formal development fellowship program for NU faculty members. The program would set down policy so that permanent faculty at the university may be awarded fellowships to pursue research, artistic activity or the study of teaching or professional innovations "which will improve the faculty member's ability to contribute to the academic program at the University of Nebraska," according to the proposal.

A proposal sponsored by Adam Breckenridge, UNL vice chancellor of academic affairs, also will be discussed.

The proposal would establish a center for Great Plains studies at UNL. This would be a center for study and research into all aspects of the Great Plains, including cultural and physical environment, heritage, people, institutions and economy.

Breckenridge notes that UNL is the only land-grant university in the Great Plains states that has its archives, museums, agricultural college, research center, state capital and university press in the same city. His proposal argues that "this unique collection of resources should be marshalled to combine efforts in the arts and humanities with those in the physical and social sciences to explore, document, and interpret the cultural and physical heritage of the peoples in the Great Plains."

Also on the agenda is a proposal to purchase nearly \$5,000 in art objects for the F. M. Hall Collection in the Sheldon Art Gallery. The money would come from the F. M. Hall bequest made to the university in 1929 for the purchase of paintings, sculptures and other works for the NU Art Gallery.



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Omaha Regent James H. Moylan

Farm leaders support Kreuzscher for ag position

By Mike Patten

Although Glenn Kreuzscher says he will not campaign for the position of secretary of agriculture in Jimmy Carter's administration, several local farm leaders said they think he would make a good secretary.

Kreuzscher has been one of the names suggested to President-elect Carter for secretary of agriculture.

Gov. J. James Exon, who has told the Carter people that he doesn't want the job, said he would "definitely recommend" Kreuzscher for the position.

"The Carter people know how I feel about Kreuzscher," Exon said. When asked why he thought Kreuzscher was qualified for the job, he said, "He's the man I selected to be secretary of agriculture in Nebraska."

Exon said Kreuzscher would be one of his top candidates for the job, but declined to say who his other top choices would be.

"He is one of the few persons in the United States that should be considered for this," he added.

Director since 1970

Kreuzscher has been the director of agriculture since 1970. He currently is president of the Mid-American Agriculture Council. He also is a former farm editor for *The Lincoln Evening Journal*.

Last week Exon said he would forward to Carter the name of Norfolk lawyer Vincent Kirby. Kirby has said he would like to be secretary of agriculture.

Several local farm leaders said they would like to see a Nebraskan named to the post, but added that they think it will never happen.

Lewis Wiebe, president of Farmer's Union, said, "I think he (Kreuzscher) would make a capable secretary. He has shown more impetus toward helping the farmer than any other director of agriculture."

Gilbert Erickson, general manager of Farmland Industries, Nebraska division, said Kreuzscher is a "very competent individual."

He probably understands agriculture as good as anyone I can think of," he added.

Others mentioned

But while all say Kreuzscher would be a capable secretary, other names were mentioned as possibilities. Some have even mentioned NU President D. B. Varner.

Patt Patitz, executive director of the Nebraska Water Resources Association, said she heard Varner's name mentioned at the national convention of the Water Resource Association.

"This was not the association talking, this was several individuals in the association," she said.

"He (Varner) has been a most avid speaker to the problems that have faced Nebraska and the water users of Nebraska," she said. "These are just the comments of some of the members," she added.

Another name that has been mentioned is Minnesota Director of Agriculture Jim Wiefold.

Name submitted

Oren Lee Staley, president of the National Farmer's Organization (NFO), said the Minnesota delegation submitted Wiefold's name to the NFO convention. He said the Nebraska delegation has not submitted Kreuzscher's name.

Staley said the NFO would cooperate with Carter's choice.

Howard Elm, secretary of the Nebraska Alfalfa Dehydrator's Association, said he would do anything he could to help Kreuzscher become secretary of agriculture.

"I would certainly recommend him," he said. "He has done a good job here, and he knows agriculture. He has been associated with it all his life."

Erickson said Kreuzscher has learned more about grain exporting than anyone else. He said this was important because more than 25 per cent of the grain grown in Nebraska is exported.

Patitz said Kreuzscher has been a strong, vocal supporter of the farmer, but added that there are others who are just as qualified as Kreuzscher.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Knees are the stuff athletes are made of. In this case, they belong to Rickey Harris (left), UNL basketball center. Both his knees are wrapped and covered with ice bags. As for guard Eric Coard (right), it appears he's not too concerned. See related story on page 14.

Could amendment shatter dreams?

By Lisa Broman

Escape from poverty could become only a dream for low-income and ethnic minority students if "a way around" federal legislation is not found, according to Jimmie Smith, director of the UNL multi-cultural affairs office.

The legislation referred to, Smith said, is the William Buckley Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The amendment states that no one will be allowed to ask to see records of persons to determine whether they have a low income or are members of an ethnic minority.

"This is a case of a law with good intentions that has created major problems," Smith said.

Although intended to protect persons from credit agencies, social workers and police, the law has excluded counselors from multi-cultural affairs offices and similar groups from attaining this information to grant scho-

larships and inform students of postsecondary educational opportunities.

Smith said the UNL multi-cultural affairs office wants to be allowed to meet with high school seniors in the low-income and ethnic minority categories to tell them about the educational opportunities in college.

"If we are not granted access to this information," he said, "we will be unable to adequately inform all students of potential opportunities available to them."

He said that if a solution to this problem is not found, his staff of three counselors will be forced to canvass churches and community organizations to recruit students.

This, he said, would limit the number of students that could be contacted and the number of students that could attend a postsecondary educational institution.

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