

Garfinkel: Exon misunderstands HPER proposal

By Barbara Lutz

Gov. J. James Exon's \$4 million budget proposal for the University of Nebraska at Omaha Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Bldg. is not enough, according to UNO interim Chancellor Herbert Garfinkel. Not only will the \$4 million not build it, he said Monday but "we'll have to throw away one-quarter million dollars worth of plans appropriated by the Legislature." "Our request of \$7.3 million was based on a program" accepted by the Legislature, Garfinkel said.

"We appreciate the governor including HPER in this year's budget," but Exon's proposal "is based on a concept that misunderstands our program," Garfinkel said. "We lose in two ways," Garfinkel said. "We lose the money already appropriated by the Legislature, and we will have a facility that is inadequate for the future." The proposed \$4 million would finance a building inadequate for the needs articulated "from the day it opened," he said.

Garfinkel said the governor ought to reconsider his proposal because he "misunderstands what we wanted to build." "We are not asking for a field house, gymnasium or swimming pool, we are asking for a replacement for Quonset hut "after rooms," instruction rooms, he said. The "program needs for HPER were carefully arrived at," he said. "Many people misunderstand what we wanted to build is a training program in recreation and health as well as physical education."

news digest

By The Associated Press

Guilty plea

Tel Aviv, Israel—A weeping Asher Yadlin threw Israeli politics into turmoil Monday as he abandoned his innocent plea on real estate kickback charges and said the money had gone to Israel's ruling Labor party. Yadlin, 53, a leading political and financial figure in Israel until his arrest last October, pleaded guilty to charges involving only \$9,000 in kickbacks. However, he said he was pressured into the illegal money raising by Labor party bosses, including two current cabinet members. His charge drew quick denials from the party and touched off a storm in Israel's Parliament.

U.S. pressured

As Secretary of State Cyrus Vance prepared to begin a week-long Middle East trip Monday, Saudi Arabia increased pressure on the United States to persuade Israel to make concessions to the Arabs in return for Saudi restraint on oil prices. Prince Saud al-Faisal, Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, indicated his government might give up its five per cent lid on price hikes and impose a further increase if the United States and other Western nations failed to provide more support for the Arabs in dealing with Israel.

Killer dead

New Rochelle, N.Y.—A hulking, Army-trained sharpshooter steeped in the Nazi philosophy of Adolf Hitler shot himself to death Monday night after taking over the warehouse where he worked and killing five persons, including a policeman. Fred Cowan, a 6 ft. 250 lb. body building enthusiast, was found with a bullet in his brain

from his own handgun. A law enforcement assault team found the body as it closed in on Cowan's second-floor stronghold in the Neptune Worldwide Moving Co. warehouse on the outskirts of this Westchester County community. Five persons, including three other police officers, were wounded in the initial bursts from the M16 automatic rifle in the hands of Cowan, 34. About two weeks ago, he was suspended from his job as a driver's helper after getting into an argument with a customer over moving a refrigerator. He was due to report back to work Monday morning. He arrived shortly before 8 a.m., but with a gun.

Gang responsible?

Hollandsburg, Ind.—Indiana State Police speculated Tuesday that the shotgun slaying of four young brothers may have been the work of a small gang of men who terrorized and robbed two other couples last week. "This hideous crime will take precedence over all other matters until we have the perpetrators behind bars," said State Police Supt. John Shettle. "We have a number of leads and a mountain of information by informants and citizens from Hollandsburg." The victims were Ralph Spencer, 14; Reeve B. Spencer, 16; Raymond M. Spencer, 17, and Gregory B. Brooks, 22, a step-brother. They were found Monday face-down on the blood-soaked floor of their mobile home. Each had been killed by a shotgun blast to the head.

Senator 'frustrated'

Omaha—After watching such U.S. Senate incidents as a two-hour debate over whether to abolish the Senate barbershop, freshman Sen. Edward Zorinsky almost quit his job a little more than a month after taking office. But his wife talked him out of it, Zorinsky said Monday in an interview. "I had just had it," Zorinsky said. "It was the frustration of sitting there hour after hour, knowing the problems of the country that need solving and seeing nothing happen." He said his wife, Cece, persuaded him to "give it a fair chance" before quitting.

"There is a great need for the products of the program, he said. The health and recreation program works with the elderly, delinquent disadvantaged youth, penologists and prisoners, he said.

"The teaching program intersects with the health program. We can't get it through people's heads. They think we want to build a gymnasium, swimming pool and field-house."

Exon had vetoed the HPER Bldg. three times before he said Thursday the structure could be financed at the lower price.

Exon said his prior vetoes were not because the building was not needed, but were based on the lack of funds. In his budget speech to the Nebraska Legislature, Exon said the building had been long delayed.

Exon justified his reduction in the proposed cost of HPER on the basis of a comparison to the recently completed \$3.3 million recreation facility at Omaha's Creighton University.

Garfinkel said it was an unfair comparison in two ways. First, the difference in the number of students: approximately 16,000 at UNO and approximately 5,000 at Creighton.

Second, he said, "We don't want just an athletic training program" at HPER. Garfinkel said the request is for classrooms, laboratories for stress testing and educational instruction program for undergraduates and graduates.

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- 3:30 p.m.—Union Program Council Interviews, Union 203.
- 5:30 p.m.—Engineering Toastmasters, Union Harvest Room C.
- 6:30 p.m.—ASUN Senate Meeting, Union 202-202A.
- 7 to 10 p.m.—Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Union 225 F-G-H.
- 7 p.m.—Junior Inter-Fraternity Council, Union 337.

calendar

- Noon — Rockbrook School, Dist. No. 66, Nebraska Union Conference Rooms.
- 1 p.m. — Admissions / Builders, Waverly High School, Union 222.
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