

Alcohol-related controversy spurs CSL proposal

By Scott Whitcomb

A proposal suggesting UNL students acting as individuals off campus not be subject to university discipline will be introduced at tonight's Council on Student Life (CSL) meeting, said CSL chairman Joan Wadlow.

She said a copy of the proposal would be forwarded to vice chancellor for student affairs-designate Richard Armstrong requesting he seek legal advice on the proposal's implications.

Wadlow said CSL unanimously approved the proposal introduced by CSL members Mike Eyster, Lori Wolpa, and Union director Al Bennett at last Thursday's CSL meeting.

She said, however, that CSL could not rule because of lack of quorum on a petition request presented mainly by Abel-Sandoz residents. The petition asked CSL to rule that student organizations need not have the approval of the university to contract for transportation to university-sponsored activities.

Request turned down

Selleck Quadrangle president Ken Marineau said the problem of university discipline arose after the request for alcohol consumption on a bus enroute to Brownsville was turned down by Dan Steller, director of the UNL Center for Students and Organizations (CSO).

Marineau said the request was by residents of Abel-Sandoz and Selleck residence halls who were planning a riverboat trip to Brownsville April 1.

Eyster, Abel-Sandoz Hall complex program director, said Steller's decision included the trip to and from Brownsville, which therefore proclaimed alcohol on the bus to be illegal.

"Personally I think that is ridiculous," Eyster said of the rule. "I know they (CSO members) have some grounds for their rulings—for example if someone got hurt they could sue the university for damages. But you could also go to a football game and get hurt and sue the university."

'Legal liability'

He said, however, "I know some of those people on CSO and they are not unreasonable. They are not trying to jack us around, but they have a legal liability."

Steller said, "We have to abide by what the handbook says. I recommended to Mike Eyster that he take it (the alcohol case) to CSL because they are authorized to make recommendations to the chancellor."

Acting dean of student development Jack Baier said, "We won't allow our office to become a sanctuary where a group of students can come in and ask our blessing for something that is illegal."

Eyster said that determining a ruling on the CSL proposal strictly on legal opinions is "frightening."

"There may be any number of legal opinions available on a particular issue," Eyster said. "It is important that they (the chancellors) combine legal opinions with an edu-

cational rationale that is reasonable for the students." Interpretations

Based on sound reasoning, he said the resolution has a good chance of passing, but based on strict political and legal interpretations, it has a lesser chance.

University regulations, as stated in the 1976-77 Student Handbook, say: "It shall constitute misconduct for any student to illegally possess, distribute or sell drugs at university sponsored or approved events (on campus or off) and university disciplinary action under this code may be taken against any student who violates this rule."

UNL Chancellor Roy Young and Armstrong both said they had not seen the proposal concerning the alcohol conduct rule.

"It would be very premature for me to comment on that (the proposal) until I can obtain a legal opinion," Armstrong said. "It will be impossible to obtain one for at least a week."

John Gourlay, NU general counsel, said he has not seen the proposal, adding, "It would be unfair to prejudge the matter until I have a chance to study it."

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ASUN hears fees hike proposal

By Betsie Ammons

The UNL Student affairs staff has determined that an \$11.47 increase in student fees per student is needed to keep programs funded by those fees "in the black" next year, said Jack Baier, UNL associate dean of student development.

Baier presented their proposed student fee requests for next year to the ASUN Senate at their Wednesday meeting in Nebraska East Union.

Student affairs accounts will have a total deficit of around \$100,000 this year, Baier told the Senate. He said this is because of rising costs and declining enrollment.

Student fees currently are \$61.50 per semester for students enrolled with seven or more credit hours. A \$3.50 increase already has been approved for next fall by the NU Board of Regents to finance the East Union.

Baier explained to the Senate the amount of increase needed by each major fee user.

The University Health Center (UHC) is asking for \$3.65 a semester per student so it can pay salaries comparable with area hospitals, he said.

UHC would receive \$28.65 of each student's fees payment per semester with the increase, he added.

Nebraska Union Director Allen Bennett has said a \$1.50 increase is needed to enable the Union to operate

without a deficit, Baier said. This would bring the Union's total semester allocation to \$18.85, including the already approved \$3.50.

Baier said student development areas, which include student organizations affairs and activities, need a \$1.56 increase per student. Their total allocation per semester would be \$10.87.

The UNL Recreation Department has asked for an additional 19 cents per student each semester, Baier said, bringing their semester allocation to \$5.10.

Baier said the student affairs staff will give their recommendations to newly-designated Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs Richard Armstrong, who will make his recommendation to the regents at their May meeting.

He told the Senate he thought they should be the first to know of the possible increase.

"I'm here to tell you tonight that this will go to the regents in May," he said, "so students won't think the administration is trying to railroad this through."

Armstrong will consider input from ASUN and the Fees Allocation Board before he makes his final fees recommendation, Baier said.

There also is the possibility that a task force will be formed to study student fees and explore different ways to finance student fee users, Baier said.

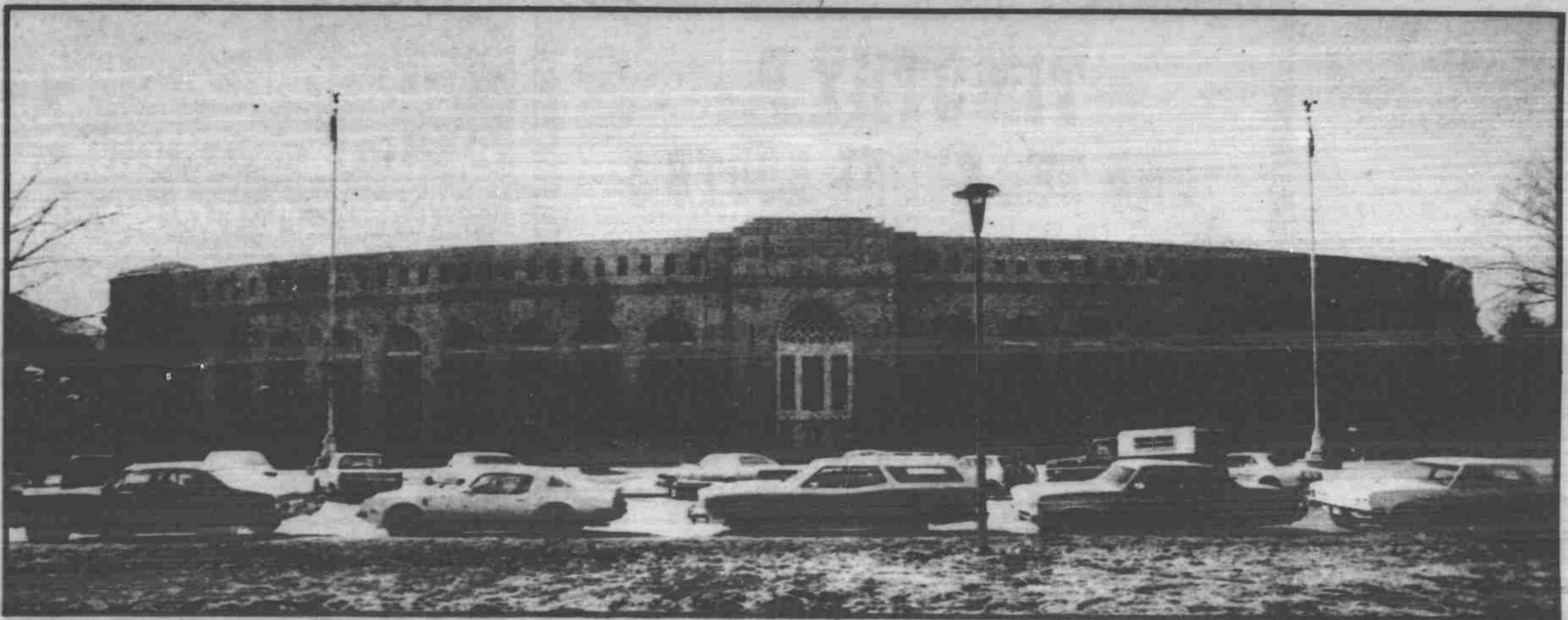


Photo by Ted Kirk

Memorial Stadium will have a new look if plans for an 8,000-seat addition are accepted.

Feasibility plans for stadium addition are drawn up

By John Minnick

A plan to determine the feasibility of an addition to Memorial Stadium has been drawn up to help the NU Board of Regents come to a decision on their proposed addition, according to Lincoln Regent Ed Schwartzkopf.

The plans, drawn up two months ago, are only preliminary studies and will help the Regents determine construction specifications and the addition's appearance, Schwartzkopf said.

"There have been no final addition plans drawn," he said. "The drawings will give us accurate facts and figures to make a decision whether or not to build the addition."

An Omaha architectural firm, Henningsen, Durham and Richardson, (HDR) was commissioned by the Board of Regents to draw up the studies, Schwartzkopf said.

"We chose HDR because they had drawn the plans for the previous stadium additions," he said.

The new addition will add around 8,000 seats to the east balcony, increasing Memorial Stadium's capacity to just over 84,000, Schwartzkopf said. Adding the extra seats will alter the present appearance of the east stadium.

"In order to add on the seats, we must build pilasters to support the seats, similar to those on the north and south stadiums," Schwartzkopf said. "The new pilasters will probably extend out as far as the flagpole in front of the east stadium."

Schwartzkopf said the change in the front of the east stadium is one of the problems the Regents should consider before a decision is made. A decision on whether to add on to Memorial Stadium will be made within a month, he said.

Schwartzkopf said the regents have authorized NU Capital Construction Coordinator Robert Panderka to begin accepting bids on the project and begin the selection process for an architect if the decision is made to build the addition.

Schwartzkopf said funding of the new addition is in question and that no solution has been reached. He said higher ticket prices might be a solution.

"Before we make any decision," he said, "We have to determine if the public is interested in an addition to the stadium. We need to see if there is enough public demand for the additional seats."

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