

Committee determines NU general fund budget

Working overtime Saturday, the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee determined the NU general fund budget to be about \$100.4 million but added an improvement fund of more than \$1.6 million to this figure.

The committee's \$100.4 million decision is about \$388,000 below Gov. J. James Exon's recommendation. The university requested \$111 million in general funds.

However, the improvement money may be partially state funded.

NU must finance as much as possible of the \$1.6 million improvement money from excess cash funds generated this fiscal year.

If this excess money is not enough, the difference will be state-supported.

Although only \$1.3 million originally was allocated for improvement programs, the committee added \$286,000.

Sens. Douglas Bereuter of Uita, Glenn Goodrich of Omaha and Steve Fowler of Lincoln proposed six amendments to the

original \$1.3 million improvements allocation.

The package, totalling \$286,000, was approved by the committee and added to the \$1.3 million.

The package included the following improvement additions:

-\$50,000 for innovative under graduate improvement programs at UNL

-\$30,000 for a small business administration course at UNL

-\$10,000 for maintenance of collections at the State Museum

-\$70,000 in tuition remissions for culturally-deprived students at UNO

-\$111,000 for Pharmacy programs at the NU Medical Center

-\$15,000 for cystic fibrosis programs at the NU Medical Center

Goodrich, whose amendments aiding UNO and the Medical Center make up the bulk of the \$286,000, also insured that \$40,000 of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources' budget funds go to the Curtis Station.

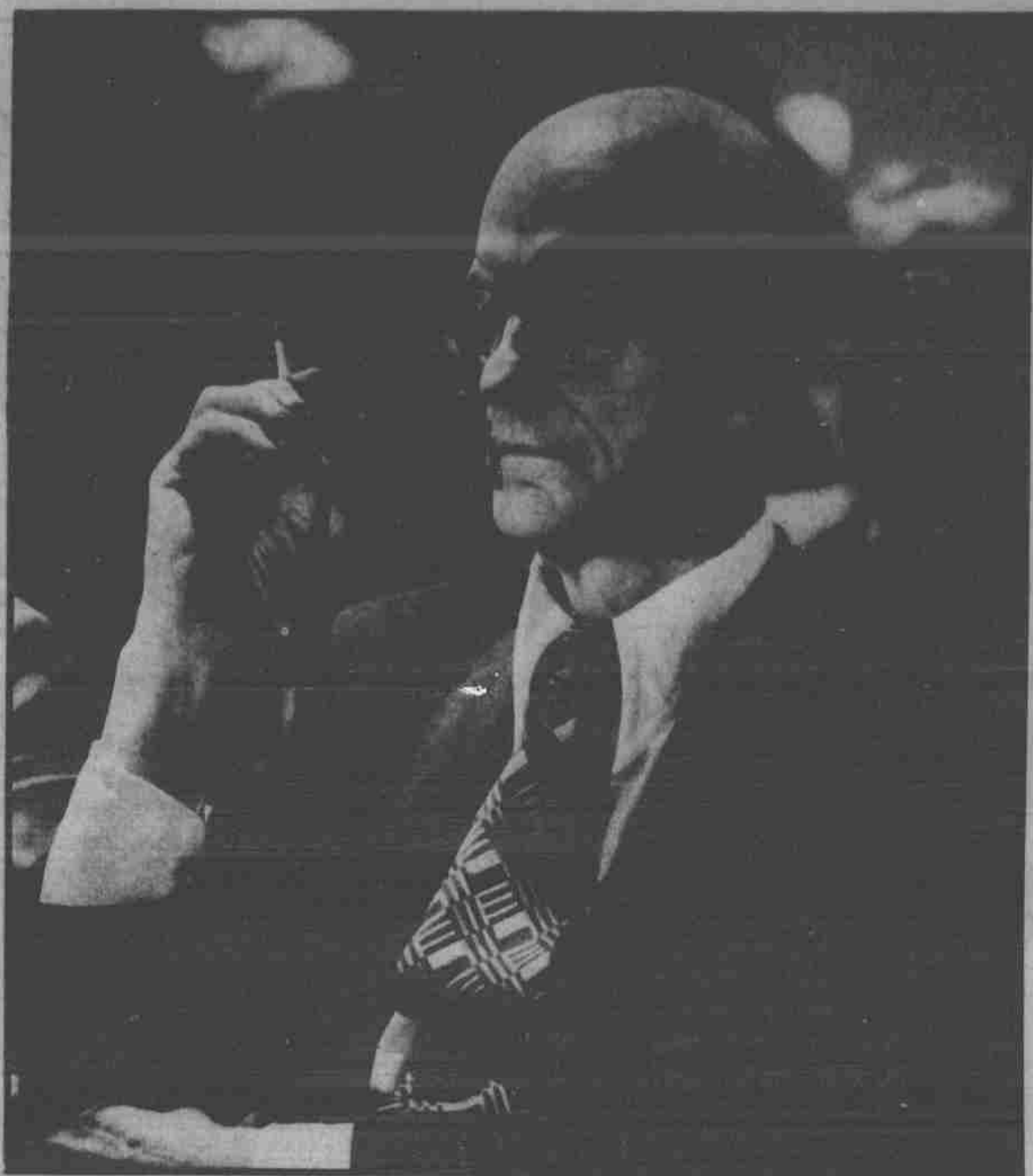


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Omaha Sen. Glenn Goodrich.

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Some court rejections say selections unbalanced

By Barbara Lutz

Appointments to the UNL Student Court for next year were based on balance, according to ASUN President Bill Mueller.

Six of Miller's appointments were approved three weeks ago by the ASUN Senate. A seventh selected at the same time declined the nomination. ASUN approved

another choice for that justice spot last week.

All of the appointments are members of fraternities or sororities or were members before they went to law school.

Some students have complained to the *Daily Nebraskan* about the selections and

the interviews Mueller conducted in filling the openings.

Bill Skoneki, a sophomore business major from Bellevue who was not appointed after applying for the court, was one of those questioning the balance. He said he applied the second time applications were being taken, when the seventh spot was open.

Skoneki said he had a good interview with Mueller, but was told the ASUN president was seeking a female law student. Law student Sue Loseke was appointed.

Mark Mackie, a junior university studies major from Omaha, said he asked Mueller why he was not selected and was told the president "wanted to give everyone a chance." Mackie said his interview was fair, open and not a rush job.

Mueller said he asked all candidates the same questions. If they had previous judicial experience in high school, college or in a Greek house, why they were interested in being a court justice, suggestions for a more effective court, what they felt was the most important factor of a justice, and if they felt they would have any biases.

Susan Ugai, a court justice this year, said her interview was very short when she reapplied. She was not reappointed. She said Mueller asked her about previous

experiences and if she had any ideas to improve the court.

Although Ugai, a junior English major from North Platte was not reappointed, she said she has not yet been notified.

"I just know I haven't been appointed because all the positions are filled," she said.

Mackie said he was not notified and was surprised to see an advertisement in the *Daily Nebraskan* a couple days after his interview for more candidates.

Nate Eckloff, a junior agriculture honors major from Minden, said Mueller "didn't inform me I was appointed. I read it in the *Daily Nebraskan*."

Judy Siminoe, Residence Hall Association president, said Mueller said he was not going to advertise again when the one selection declined the appointment, until he was persuaded by Ugai.

Siminoe said when the nominees were announced at an ASUN Senate meeting, Sen. Scott Cook objected that senators should have access to the names before the time they are to be announced.

Mueller said he told the executive committee Monday before the meeting, and any senator who wanted to know the names could have gone to the executive meeting.

ASUN to set date tonight

The ASUN Electoral Commission will meet tonight to determine an election date for this spring, according to commission member Joe Stavas.

The ASUN Senate Wednesday passed a resolution asking the commission to meet and schedule the election for April 13. The electoral commission will make the final decision.

The UNL Student Court had put a

Bill not dead

Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers' bill to abolish the death penalty was not killed Thursday by the Nebraska Legislature. The bill failed a first round vote to advance it for further consideration, 20-29.

It was incorrectly reported in Friday's *Daily Nebraskan* that the bill was killed. It takes three votes by the Legislature not to advance a bill before it dies.

Discussion on the bill will continue and Chambers said Friday he may amend it again, making 30-year sentences for first degree murder mandatory with no time off for good behavior.

Some senators had objected to the bill because of Nebraska's so-called good time law, which would make it possible for those sentenced to 30 years to get out in 15.

temporary restraining order on the elections, which were to have been March 16.

Stavas, ASUN second vice president, said the commission also will discuss finances. He said election notifications will have to be reprinted in the *Daily Nebraskan*, but added that he does not know if the election ballot must be printed in the paper again.

The actual printed ballots will be used, but the date must be changed, he said.

In addition, the commission will discuss if candidates can spend more money on their campaigns, Stavas added. If the commission approves more expenditures, the rules must go before the Senate for approval, he said.

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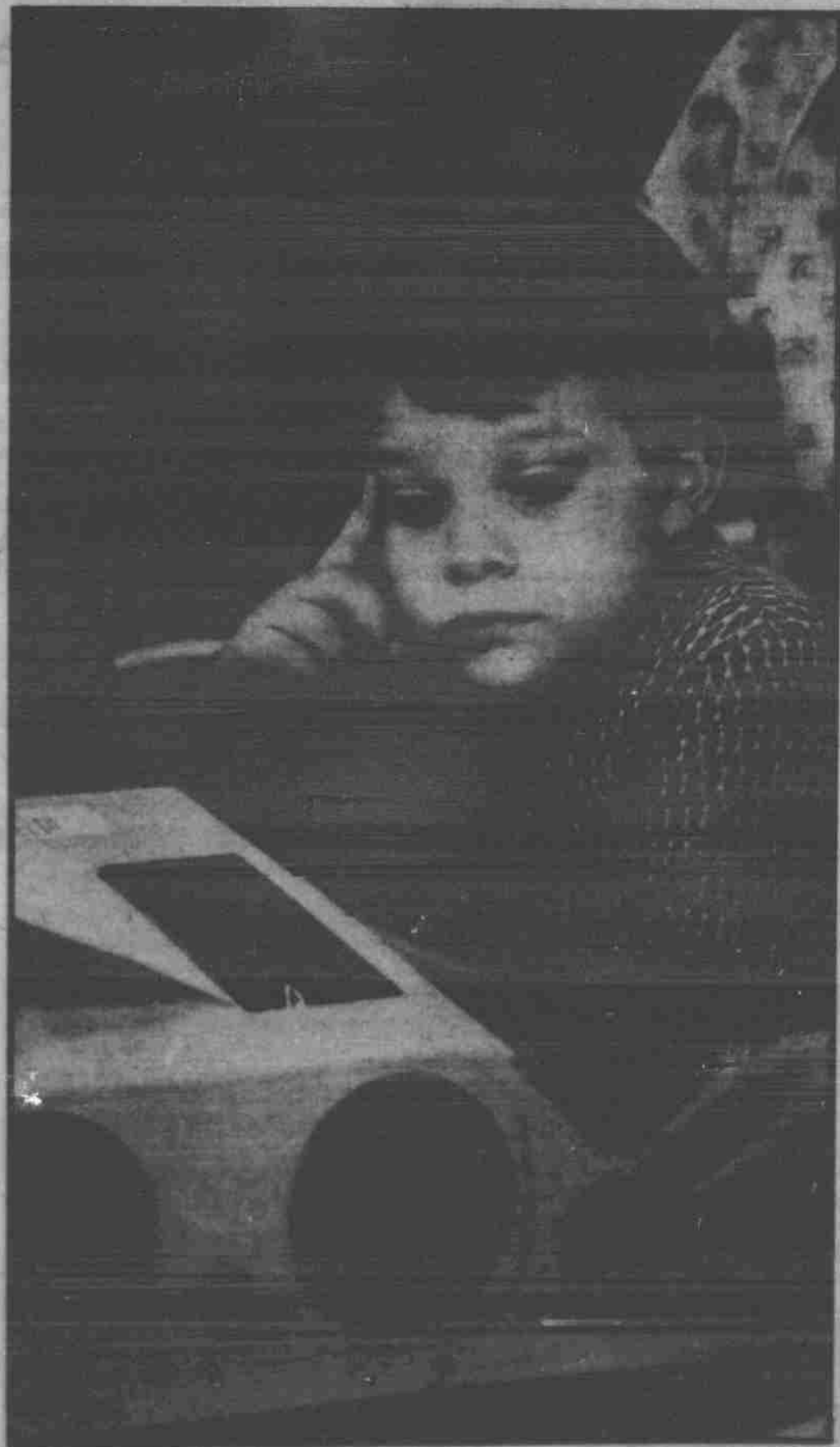


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