

# GLC efforts in Legislature reap student benefits

While many are complaining about an increase in student fees, some students have been doing something about it. ASUN's Government Liaison Committee (GLC) has been lobbying in the Nebraska Legislature to get state funding for some programs previously financed by student fees.

Tuesday all the committee's work paid off. The Legislature's Appropriations Committee approved \$133,700 to finance new student orientation, environmental health, career counseling and career planning and placement.

The 25 students on GLC, directed by ASUN Sens. Scott Cook and Greg Johnson, personally contacted all the Appropriations Committee members to gain their support.

Because the appropriation needs the full Legislature's approval, GLC will continue to contact other senators.

Because of GLC's effective lobbying of state senators, about \$3 of each student's fees can be subtracted and allocated to other student programs.

These four programs should be financed out of the NU budget instead of student fees, the committee correctly reasoned with the senators. The programs benefit the university and its status, not just the students.

In the face of a wave of student fees requests increasing every year, it is commendable that someone looked at the requests and took out the

ones that could have received alternative funding.

I am sure the senators on the Appropriations Committee appreciated the students' concern and explanation of the need for state funding of these four programs. UNL students should appreciate the time and effort GLC members have put forth in the interest of the student body.

The actions of GLC have been the highlight of this year's ASUN. While the Senate has been plagued with apathy, GLC has overcome this apathy to become a productive force for the students in the Legislature.

## opinion

### ralph



Arthur Hoppe

## Terrorism becomes full-time PR job

"Hello, I'm a reporter for the *Daily Planet*. Is this the bullet-ridden apartment where a desperate gunman is holding five terrified hostages?"

"Yes, it is."

"Are you the desperate gunman?"

"No, I'm Milton Haberdash of Fobes, Fobes & Haberdash."

"Are you a terrified hostage of the desperate gunman, Mr. Haberdash?"

"No, I am his public relations consultant."

"You mean that after this desperate gunman seized five terrorized hostages and holed up in a bullet-ridden apart-

ment surrounded by 300 police snipers in flak vests, he had the gall to hire a press agent?"

"Good heavens, no! He has retained my firm for years. Indeed, at the risk of sounding immodest, I must confess that this entire media saturation blitz is our imaginative public relations concept from beginning to end."

"You mean to say, Mr. Haberdash, that this act of terrorism is a publicity stunt?"

"Aren't they always? Palestinians, Croatians, Black Muslims. If it's not one cause, it's another. In this case, we represent the American Whipped Topping Association."

"And you expect this to win your client a good press?"

"Well, it's certainly going to get more coverage than our annual Whipped Topping Week with glossy photos of

our Whipped Topping Queen up to her cleavage in whipped topping."

"Yes, I see your point. Have you drawn up a list of non-negotiable demands yet?"

"Yes, of course. The desperate gunman, Mr. George C. Stickle, executive secretary of the American Whipped Topping Association, demands first of all that he get to talk three minutes person-to-person to Billy Carter."

"What if Billy Carter can't be reached?"

"Then he'll take the President. Secondly, he demands that the movie, *Pumping Iron*, be withdrawn from the screen, that all diet books be banned forever, and that a banana split be featured on the covers of *Time* and *Newsweek*."

"I suppose he also wants immunity from prosecution?"

"Naturally, along with a 747 to fly him first class to Des Moines, Iowa."

"Why Des Moines?"

"That's where he lives."

"And if his demands aren't met, will he fight to the death?"

"To the death or the six o'clock news, whichever comes sooner."

"One thing, Mr. Haberdash. Won't the public sympathize with the hostages as they have in the past?"

"No, these are all professional hostages hired through Central Casting. This time, the public will identify with the poor underdog fighting for a cause."

"My hat's off to you, Mr. Haberdash, for a brilliant professional job."

"Well, terrorism was too potent a public-relations weapon to be left in the hands of amateurs."

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## innocent bystander

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### letters

#### Healthy help

Thanks to all the health aides for all the hard work this semester. Without them I would have forgotten about my ulcer, lost all of my teeth, picked up V.D. (it's for everybody!), and had a nervous breakdown. Not only are their widely distributed bulletins practical, they are entertaining. Keep on treating cuts and blisters!

Ron Ahrens

#### Proud of Texas

This is in response to Douglas R. Weil's article on the Alamo. (April 1.) In the first place, the river, actually was a river at one time but due to the demands of irrigation and shifting banks, the river was cemented. It is also a private joke to citizens. You are right that the Alamo is sacred. The Alamo represents the turning force that led Texans to secure their independence from Mexico.

The people of Texas are proud; proud of their history, heritage and country. Texas just happens to be the only state in the United States that was an independent nation before joining the United States. Texans are proud Americans just as they are proud Texans. One thing that I have found in many places I have been, is the lack of appreciation for the state a person lives in, and the history of that state. This is especially found in Nebraska. There are many beautiful and historic places in Nebraska which I believe many natives have not even explored or even care about!

In Texas, there are many such places and the Alamo is just one of them.

I feel that the reporter and his friend did commit an undo conduct of sorts. I also believe that he stretched the truth of the events into one of Texas' Tall Tales. He has tried the recurrent theme of the *Daily Nebraskan* — lack of respect for the police.

Men and women do a great job in law enforcement and I'll bet money that the reporter would never take on a duty that an officer carries out because the reporter would know he could not handle it. I really am trying to say that the power the reporter has in using the media must be used carefully. A reader can interpret an article and obtain the wrong idea of the land, and people of a place — especially when the reporter himself does not understand.

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