

GLC talks to senators to emphasize NU needs

The ASUN Government Liaison Committee (GLC) is making a concentrated lobbying effort supporting the proposed NU budget which probably will come before the Nebraska Legislature today, said Mary Fejfar, GLC co-chairman.

About 15 UNL students on the GLC are keeping close tabs on UNL interests in the Legislature.

Committee members met Tuesday to "really get members interested and psyched up to go talk with the senators," according to Mike Herman, the other GLC co-chairman.

Each GLC member has been assigned several senators to talk with and stress the importance of university needs,

Herman said.

"We want everyone to talk with their state senator before they go home," Herman said. "We are on top of the wave now and going good."

GLC's primary targets this legislative session have been lowering student fees and promoting support of the landlord-tenant bill, LB121, Fejfar said.

The projected student fee increase next year is about \$10.29. However, this figure would decrease by \$3.18 if the state finances four programs currently supported by student fees, Herman said.

The program, costing about \$133,700, are career

planning, career counseling, new student orientation and environmental health.

The Appropriations Committee has recommended state financing for these programs, Fejfar said, but GLC is lobbying to ensure that this appropriation remains in the budget.

Fejfar added that the GLC supports the Appropriations Committee's recommended NU budget.

"It is pretty good if you compare their figures with those in the NU budget," she said.

Herman said GLC also is lobbying for Grand Island Sen. Ralph Kelly's landlord-tenant bill and amendments and are pressing for the bill to come up on the floor soon.

The bill is "down the line quite a ways", Herman said, but GLC hopes it will reach the floor while UNL students still are in Lincoln.

The bill may not be reviewed during this session, he added.

GLC is opposed to an amendment proposed to the landlord-tenant bill by Scottsbluff Sen. William Nichol, Herman said.

He said Nichol, a landlord, "turned the bill around" and proposed that if the tenant fails to comply with his obligations, the landlord would be able to recover losses from the tenant.

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Photo by Kevin Higley

A UNL student takes advantage of the warm spring weather by studying and soaking up some rays at the same time.

Committee will interview three

The list of UNL housing director candidates has been narrowed to six by a screening committee that is "running a little ahead of schedule," according to Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Armstrong, former housing director, said Wednesday he urged a quick screening process so final candidates could visit the campus from May 2 through 13 to be interviewed by students before summer.

The 10-member screening committee which was appointed March 15 and includes two students, narrowed the list from 68 applicants, he said.

"The committee and myself have selected two definite candidates to visit the campus next week," Armstrong said. "A third candidate will be chosen from the remaining four," he added, narrowing the list to three.

He said "several local staff members" were included among the 68 applicants but declined to say if any UNL staff members were among the finalists.

The position of housing director has been vacant since March 1, leaving five assistant housing directors with operations responsibility, according to Armstrong. Glenn Schumann has been chairman of the group.

"We are extremely fortunate to have strong assistant directors," Armstrong said. "They have worked beautifully and have the ability to reach high standards and maintain perfection."

He said he has asked Mike Gibson, Residence Hall Association President, to select four association members to be on the interviewing committee when candidates visit the campus.

He said he plans on appointing the new housing director and "having him at work by July 1," which he said "would be about as quick as any recent search committee has acted."

Senate approves ASUN budget increase proposal

By Betsie Ammons

The ASUN Senate Wednesday night approved a resolution supporting President Greg Johnson in his approximate \$12,000 increase over former President Bill Mueller's 1977-78 budget proposal to the Fees Allocation Board (FAB).

Johnson said the increase was needed to hire an \$8,000 per year Senate researcher and to implement new Senate programs.

Also included in the increase would be a \$1,000 a year work study student to help with ASUN clerical work, Johnson said. He added, however, that he is not sure he will ask for the money.

The vote was 20 to 5 in favor of the proposal with Senators Mike Borgan, John Kamp, Bill Cassel, Harley Lofton and Susan Ugai voting against the proposal.

The senators who voted against the proposal questioned the feasibility of hiring a full time researcher since FAB already is \$20,000 over its \$260,000 allocation limit.

"I just can't see how they can't raise student fees, and it would be all our fault," Ugai said.

Arts and Sciences Sen. Kamp asked Johnson to justify the extra expense.

Johnson said the researcher would benefit students and make the ASUN Senate a more viable organization.

He added that hiring a full time researcher now would build up senate files on subjects every Senate deals with and help future administrations.

"You have to remember that just being an active organization will take more money," he said.

After senate debate on the increase, Ugai proposed that Johnson's budget be given to the Budget and Fees Committee for review with the intent that the Senate would approve any solution they devised.

Ugai told the Senate that she thought sending it to the committee would eliminate spending more time hashing it over at the meeting.

However, Business Sen. Jane Matzke said she thought sending it to committee was not the solution since she did not know what else they could say about it.

Ugai's proposal was defeated and the Senate gave its vote of confidence to Johnson, who will submit the proposal at tonight's FAB meeting.

FAB adviser Jack Baier, acting dean of student development appeared at the meeting and urged the senate to offer alternative budget cuts to the board.

In response to Baier, Sen. Libby Swanson presented a proposal asking that FAB consider making cuts in the budgets of other student organizations so the Senate could have its new program money.

Swanson's resolution passed 20-5-1, with the same senators who opposed approval of Johnson's increase also against making the recommendation to FAB.

In other business, the Senate approved Organic Act Three, which establishes a task force to study student government.

Although the original act included Webb Bancroft, a sophomore from Ralston, as the Force's chairman, Sen. Ted McConnell amended it so Bancroft only is temporary chairman.

McConnell said this would give the Senate a chance to see how Bancroft works out and give the Task Force time to establish their own leadership. The Senate will approve a permanent chairman by Sept. 15.

Johnson said his intent in appointing Bancroft as permanent chairman was to separate the Task Force as much as possible from ASUN.

He would have rather seen the chairman chosen by the force instead of ASUN, he said, adding "if the senate did not like what the force was doing, they might not reappoint him."

The Senate also approved a resolution recommending a \$30 parking permit for next year, and another asking that information discussed at a closed Parking Advisory Board hearing April 21 be revealed.

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