

# FAB makes tentative cuts in ASUN fund request

ASUN President Greg Johnson received \$930 less than his amended budget request in the Fees Allocation Board (FAB) tentative allocation Thursday night.

The board, disregarding last year's FAB recommendation not to fund salaries, voted to accept the proposed ASUN executive salaries totaling \$2,695 for September through March of 1977-78.

The possibility of unpaid ASUN executives was compared by Johnson to old time England where input from the poorer, lower class was eliminated through economics.

He said the lack of salaries would prevent students putting themselves through school from becoming involved in the higher levels of student government.

However, the budget took a \$400 cut in its administrative salary line which would have provided payment for the current executives for April and May. The executives' summer salary request was also cut from \$600 to \$560.

The board supported an amendment to delete the \$250 requested for a task force to study student government, but voted to accept Johnson's \$5,000 programming fund request, which he said included new ideas for student services.

An apartment service, uniform class evaluations, an improved ASUN book exchange, information seminars

and a student loan program were possibilities Johnson listed for using the allocated funds.

The tentative ASUN allocation of \$28,385, along with the current overallocation of about \$20,000 forces FAB to either raise student fees more than the recommended \$6.04, or to drastically cut allocations to other student organizations, according to Nate Eckloff, FAB chairman.

Greg Johnson said he could hardly advocate a greater fee increase since he was elected to fight one, but FAB member Frank Hallgren pointed out that axing other organizations would be the only other alternative. The board will discuss this further before making a final decision.

Jay Matzke, FAB member, justified the boards allocation by saying "ASUN is here to help the students of this university, and I can't think of any organization that will fill, or could fill the bill as well as ASUN."

Board member Mark Buchanan said he felt the benefits of an effective student government far outweighed the cost, and that this effectiveness would perpetuate itself.

"Either fund it and back it all the way, or cut it out," he said.

After considering budget requests from eight other student organizations, FAB planned to make final cuts and recommendations late Thursday night.

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## City council candidates debate issues in Union

By Mary Jo Pitzl

Nearing the home stretch before Tuesday's city general election, city council candidates came to the UNL campus Thursday afternoon to discuss election issues with students.

Plagued by microphone difficulties, the two-hour debate in the Nebraska Union Main Lounge drew about 35 students. The debate was sponsored by ASUN's Government Liaison Committee (GLC).

Following self-introductions, the six candidates responded to questions from a three-member panel representing city, county and university governments. The city council hopefuls then fielded questions from the student audience.

City council candidates include T. R. Allan, Joseph Hampton, Leo Scherer and Dorothy Walker and incumbents Sue Bailey and John Robinson.

Debate topics ranged from the importance of Lincoln's downtown center to energy conservation.

### Housing discussed

ASUN president Greg Johnson asked for the candidates' opinions on Lincoln apartment conditions and availability, explaining this housing issue is of major concern to UNL students.

Several candidates offered little hope to remedy the current situation.

"It's doubtful if the apartment dilemma will be solved until demand decreases," incumbent Bailey said. She said the city is responsible for supplying tax dollars to support housing, and "we have not yet seen the support to do it."

Allan admitted that there is a deficient amount of apartments in the city, but building additional housing entails high cost. He recommended that the city apply for federal loans to alleviate the high building expense.

"The burden lies on the university to provide off-campus housing for students," Robinson said. Acknowledging such action is currently impossible, Robinson encouraged students to work for this goal and to pressure the NU Board of Regents for help.

Robinson also said it is important for students to understand Lincoln zoning

policy. Many areas of Lincoln will be rezoned this year and Robinson said this will affect students as Lincoln residents.

### Support downtown

Candidates unanimously voiced support for a strong downtown center.

Scherer said the downtown plays a vital role to the city, especially with the university located so close.

Calling the Lincoln downtown core the "hub of culture and the tax base for the city," Hampton said the city must do a thorough job in developing the downtown area.

"Let's not do it half way. Let's make it functional," Hampton said. More downtown parking is necessary to achieve this goal, he said.

"We have to keep the population close enough to the downtown to use the downtown," Walker said. She agreed with Scherer that this would entail additional parking on the edges of the downtown core.

An unidentified student in the audience questioned the contradiction between the candidate's emphasis on energy conservation and their support for increased downtown parking.

"Although I am strongly for energy conservation, we will have to provide parking downtown because people will still come downtown," Scherer said.

Hampton stressed a move toward increased conservation and better use of Lincoln transportation systems.

In comparison to other cities, Lincoln doesn't even have an energy problem, according to Bailey.

"As soon as possible we ought to get rid of the idea parking is essential to the downtown core," Bailey said. She suggested peripheral parking for the downtown center.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Regional Comprehensive Plan was also discussed by the candidates.

Other debate topics included the Lincoln-Lancaster County Common, westward Lincoln expansion, and widening Huntington Road between 27 and 33 streets.

## State senators may begin budget discussion Monday

Explaining that state senators "just haven't gotten to it yet," Waverly Sen. Jerome Warner said Thursday the NU budget bill may be discussed by the Nebraska Legislature beginning Monday.

The NU budget bill, LB533, includes proposed budgets for the four state colleges and aid to technical community colleges. The bill had been expected to be considered Thursday.

The Appropriations Committee has recommended an amendment which would add some \$265,633 to the committee's original suggestion that NU receive \$100,663,540, said legislative fiscal analyst Alan Moeller.

The additional sum is to replace loss of federal funds for the UNL nursing program, Moeller said.

The Appropriations Committee recom-

mends NU receive some \$100,929,173 in general funds.

Kearney Sen. Ron Cope said the appropriation bills are "moving along much more quickly" this session than they have in the past.

He attributed the delays that have occurred to amendments on bills which he said "should have gone through without a hitch."

Cope said the NU budget is a "slow" process because of the amount of money involved. He said he knew of no proposed amendments but said "it'll be a great surprise" if the bill passes without amendment.

With only 17 days left in this legislative session, there is "no possible way" all the bills will be considered this session, Cope said.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Lincoln Mayor Helen Boosalis made a brief visit to the Nebraska Union Thursday afternoon and mingled with students attending the city council candidate debates.

## Beware: the book you buy might be the one you "lost"

A few UNL students are making a lucrative living selling books to the bookstores, according to Merle Howe, Campus Police detective.

The problem is that the students making profits are taking books from cafeteria entrances, where students leave their books while eating, and classrooms and selling them for their own profit, he said.

"We average about two students per semester being caught and going to court for stealing and then selling books to the two bookstores on campus," Howe said.

He said these students are charged with petty larceny, and, if convicted, are charged \$60 plus \$8 court costs.

Howe said the persons are caught when they sell the books they stole.

Both University Bookstore and Nebraska Bookstore require the book seller to sign his name and show proof of his stu-

dent identification number, sources from both bookstores said.

When someone loses a book, or believes one has been stolen, he or she should contact Campus Police and the two bookstores immediately, Howe said.

"A lot of times a student says 'big deal' when he loses a book," Howe said. "But when you figure books cost from \$10 up - that's a lot of money."

Persons who keep going back to the bookstore frequently selling books are under suspicion from bookstore clerks, he said.

He said the signature and student identification number used in selling the books are used as evidence of theft.

"If the accused student does not admit to the thefts, the clerk will have to go to court and testify about the physical appearance of the suspect," Howe added.

The biggest problem in catching thieves is getting students to report thefts, he added.

To help prevent the thefts and aid in catching the guilty party, Howe said, students should put their name, address, identification number and any identification marks they can remember in the books.

Not only does this help catch thieves, but it helps get many books back to the owner when the books are left in the classroom and picked up by custodians, he said.

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