ASUN plans letter campaign to oppose tuition boost

UNL students are paying the highest tuition and fees rate in the Big 8, but are not receiving the highest quality education in return, according to two ASUN senators.

At a press conference Thursday, ASUN president Greg Johnson and Mike Herman, co-chairman of the Government Liaison Committee (GLC), an ASUN subcommittee, presented a data comparison of Big 8 schools.

Although UNL has the highest tuition, Herman said, the NU Board of Regents has proposed an increase from the current \$21 per credit hour to \$22.50 for the 1978-79 school year.

However, ASUN members unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday night opposing any tuition increase for the 1978-79 and 1979-80 school years, Herman said.

"We plan to take an active stand in fighting these costs," he said.

In opposition to the increase, ASUN is planning a letter-writing campaign to parents of freshmen and sophomore UNL students, Herman said. About 200-300 parents will be randomly contacted, he said.

Johnson said an alternative income source is needed to keep tuition from continually rising and that some of the burden should be shifted to state tax dollars.

"We're already paying our fair share of tuition at

UNL," Johnson said. "The state of Nebraska has made a commitment to have a university, so the state ought to throw in a fair share."

ASUN will bring its recommendations before the regents in December or early January, Johnson said, adding, "We have a fighting chance."

Johnson disagreed with recent criticism that the UNL administration is "top heavy."

"A lot of people abuse the administration as a whipping boy," he said.

UNL needs a strong administration, he said, citing a study that indicated UNL's administration was comparable to other institutions.

irritating.

is far away.

well," he said.

Fees proposal hearing today

and another 11th floor resident, Don Cole-

man, agreed that "It was funny for a while,

then it got boring," and eventually

The phantom bomber has avoided au-

thorities. According to students, the bomb-

er's technique has been to attach the fire-

cracker fuse to a cigarette, light the

cigarette, and leave. Five minutes later,

when the firecracker explodes, the bomber

None of the students interviewed on

"We don't get along with them too

Whoever the bomber is, he should take

"Cather Firecracker Policy: Get caught

with one and you are out. (Pack up and

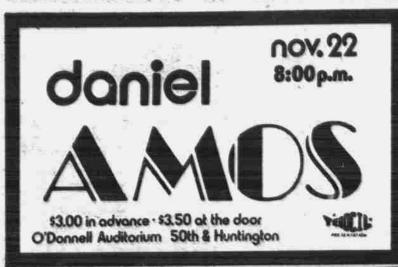
11th floor has any ideas who the bomber

is. Coleman speculated that it may be

someone from 10th floor.

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As often as two or three times a night,

the students on the ninth through the 13th

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explosion of powerful firecrackers, most

likely the M-80 variety, according to some

The explosions all have been on the

One student said the explosions have

Damage thus far has been limited to a

couple of loose floor tiles, according to Joe

Prochelo, an 11th floor resident. Prochelo

been so frequent that last week a sign read-

ing, "Warning: Entering War Zone" hung

11th floor, but can be heard two floors

students who have heard them.

outside the 11th floor elevator.

above and below.

dents for several weeks.

7:45 a.m. - Chancellor's office breakfast, room 243 9 a.m. - Nebraska Symposium on Motivation, ball-

room 11:30 a.m. - Council Bluffs Iowa Longfellow Junior High School - north conference room

noon - Engineering Protege luncheon, room 202-202 A

12:30 p.m. - Muslim Student Association, room

1:30 p.m. -Nebraska Union Public Relations Task Force, room 216 6 p.m. - Latin-American

Student Association, conference rooms

7 p.m. - Multi-cultural Affairs tutoring, room 225

7:30 p.m. - Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, room 202

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for those with an alternative Up to now everything has proceeded according to plan in the proposed ASUN

takeover of student fees, but a new twist has been added. ASUN President Greg Johnson said a hearing will be today for persons interest-

ed in presenting alternative fees proposals. The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. in Regents Hall on East Campus.

UNL Chancellor Roy Young presented the NU Board of Regents with ASUN's proposal last Friday. The regents will vote on the proposal at their next meeting in December.

Johnson said the regents must have proposals at least a month in advance before a vote can be taken. All that remains before ASUN's fees takeover is regent approval.

Johnson said he has talked with "most of the regents" and thinks they agree with ASUN's plan.

"Most of them believe in democracy," he said. "They believe the power of the purse should be with an elected body and not an appointed body."

The regents also were presented the chancellor's and the faculty senate's fees recommendations. Last week the faculty senate voted unanimously to support the ASUN proposal.



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