

State's delegates object to most conference issues

By Tam Lee

Houston—A majority of Nebraska's elected delegates to the National Women's Conference Sunday voted against nine out of twelve resolutions considered, and abstained on two of the issues.



Nebraska's delegates at large voted in favor of all the resolutions.

In many of the issues, Nebraska's delegates objected to the use of federal funding for programs. In others, the delegates said they voted against them because the wording was not clear or specific enough.

The resolutions supporting reproductive freedom and sexual preference were said to be the most controversial issues voted on Sunday, with Nebraska's delegation voting a unanimous no on each of them.

The delegates voted against the resolutions supporting the national health insurance plan, women in the media, rape, and women in international affairs because

they asked for federal funding, said delegation chairman Naomi Brummond.

They also voted against reproductive freedom because it would allow federal funding for abortions, Brummond said.

Five delegates voted against a substitute amendment to expand civil rights for minorities because one clause in the resolution would make Native American reservations sovereign. Five delegates voted for the resolution and six abstained.

They voted against the sexual preference issue because they regard homosexuality as sinful, according to delegate Delores Bundy.

"It's God we're fooling with. He wrote the law and he created us," she said. "Read the Bible, it's all there."

Two delegates voted against a resolution providing help for rural women because it called for federal funding, Brummond said. Three voted for the resolution and the other thirteen abstained.

The vote on a resolution to protect homemakers was split between those who were against and those who abstained. That resolution also provided for federal funding.

The Nebraska delegation, along with representatives of nineteen other states

with pro-life, pro-family supporters approved substitute resolutions drawn up by some of the pro-family delegates. However, none of the substitute resolutions passed.

The pro-life, pro-family delegates also support a minority report, which will be presented to the conference at the concluding session on Monday, according to the group's floor leader, State Sen. Joan Gubbins of Indiana.

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College degree a 40-year goal

By Marjie Lundstrom

"I cope with everything," she muses, settling back into the desk chair after a vigorous yoga demonstration.

The Selleck residence hall room (spattered with posters, an Elvis Presley record resting on the shelf) is just big enough for Margaret Dohring to stand on her hands and prove her agility.

She is right. At 61, she still is limber. But then, she is a very flexible woman.

Perhaps the oldest undergraduate residence hall dweller, Dohring returned to college after deciding "there had to be something more than wheeling out to Vegas and running around."

She calls Gordon, Neb. home, although after her husband's death two years ago, she said, she traveled extensively.

"Sure, I was part of the jet-set," she says, pausing drawing a knee toward her chest. "But after awhile, I pulled enough slot handles and breathed enough smoky air, I don't smoke, that I decided I wouldn't want to do this the next six years."

College degree

A college degree is something she says she has always wanted—and finally is going to get.

Dohring came to UNL last summer, she said, and had accumulated enough hours the past 40 years to have junior undergraduate status. She majors in psychology with a minor in women's studies.

Although Dohring said she is a bit rusty and studies quite a bit, she still has time to enjoy dorm life.

"I find all the kids really pleasant. I've only met one unpleasant person here, and she just thought I was trying to get ahead of her in line."

Despite the age difference, Dohring said she is not treated as an "oddy."

Not 'grandmother'

"Most of them (student friends) look at me like, 'Gee, you make us have hope,'" she said. "They don't call me



Photo by Mark Billingsly

Perhaps UNL's oldest undergraduate residence hall dweller, Margaret Dohring says she can cope with everything.

mother or grandmother. That's not the image I project."

Even on football Saturdays, she remains a full-fledged student. Dohring said she attended her first Big Red football game in 1934 when Nebraska played Penn State and was not impressed.

However, after attending the Alabama game, she said, she is "totally hooked."

Big Red fans probably will be seeing more of Margaret Dohring. She said she will be at UNL another 2½ years and plans to let her career "come about in its own good time."

"I'm not in a hurry," she said with a grin. "I have more time ahead of me than I've ever had." She will be 62

Wednesday.

Swiss psychiatrist

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, a Swiss psychiatrist, answered her letter and promised Dohring she could work at one of the "health and healing" hospitals currently under construction in the U.S. Dohring said she hopes to work at the San Diego hospital after leaving UNL.

For the time being, however, Dohring said she wants to continue her new life as a student.

Her secret?

"I don't play sad songs," she said. "Some constantly look back and lament, but I wasn't brought up that way. I don't open old wounds."

Student fees task force outlines three alternatives

By Mary Jo Pitzl

The university-wide task force studying student fees outlined three alternatives to the existing fees structure Friday.

Each alternative dealt with Fund A allocations from student fees. Fund A primarily supports student-operated agencies serving a broad-base of campus interests, such as student government, student publications and cultural, educational and social programs.

At UNL, Fund A constitutes a little more than five percent of total student

fees, with the majority of it supporting the University Health Center, the *Daily Nebraskan*, the Nebraska Unions and the recreation program.

The task force evolved three alternatives for optional funding from a proposal presented by Ronald Beer, vice chancellor for educational and student services at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. One of Beer's four proposals combined mandatory and optional fees, and drew the most discussion during the task force's two hour meeting.

The 10-member task force, addressing a charge from the NU Board of Regents to eliminate all student fees except for contractual obligations, faces a Dec. 15 deadline.

Three alternatives

The three alternatives to Fund A allocations discussed by the task force included:

—dividing the allocations between student government, student publications (providing that at least 60 percent of the publication's support is self-generated) and cultural, social and educational programs. This last category would be allowed to grant "seed money" on a one year basis to help other student organizations get started.

—give the student government responsibility for allocating Fund A monies. The

government would be required to divide the money into four areas: student publications, government operating expenses, cultural, educational and social programs, and seed money for pledging student organizations or projects.

—the third alternative, similar to the second, would put the seed money under control of the cultural, educational and social programs. These programs would be the sole agencies for allocating student fee money to new student organizations and projects.

Beer's original four-point proposal included three other suggestions for NU student fees structure, although most discussion centered on the combined mandatory/optional proposal.

Other suggestions

The other three suggestions were:

—to retain the current fees allocation system,

—to collect a set fee from all students to support contractual obligations and campus programs of an on-going, long-range nature, putting all other fees on a voluntary basis.

—to collect a set fee from all students to support contractual obligations, programs related to them and to fund university student centers. All other programs and activities would be funded on a voluntary basis.

These alternatives will be included in the task force's final deliberations on a student fees proposal.

Much of the discussion during the two-hour meeting centered around the seed money concept. This idea originated from the open hearings at UNL on student fees, according to task force member Dennis Martin. It gives a student fees-funded organization the option to designate a certain portion of its allocation to another student group, he said.

Separate money

Since discussion of how to administer seed money led to many lengthy proposals, the task force agreed to separate the seed money clause from the rest of the proposal. By presenting the seed money option in its own clause, the task force felt that it would be more acceptable to the regents.

Also discussed was the level of student fees support campus publications should receive. Beer's proposal stipulated that at least 60 percent of the publication's income be self-generated, but task force members agreed that support levels are different for the *Daily Nebraskan* and the *UNO Gateway*. A proposal from Earl Berg, UNO's student representative, would leave the support level to the decision of the each campus' publication boards.

The task force will hold its next meeting Nov. 29 at the NU Medical Center. The meeting is open to the public.

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