

UNO, UNL governments differ on officer eligibility

ASUN and the UNO Student Senate will voice differing opinions on the NU Board of Regents proposed student office eligibility requirements at the Feb. 18 regents meeting, while agreeing on the issue of mandatory student fees.

Representatives of the two student governments met in the Nebraska Union Tuesday afternoon to share their views on the two issues.

Members of the two groups disagreed sharply on how to treat the regents proposed minimum standards for student office eligibility.

Controversy centered on a point in the regents academic affairs subcommittee proposal which would require student government presidents and vice presidents be elected by a majority rather than plurality.

ASUN already has gone on record as op-

posing the majority rule proposal because of the time and cost of a run-off.

Ken Christoffersen, ASUN second vice president, also cited low voter turnout as a problem in a run-off election.

"It's so hard to get them out to vote once," said Christoffersen. "How much harder is it going to be to get them out twice?"

The UNO Student Senate supported the majority rule.

UNO Student Senate President Paul Hoffman said a former officer had been elected by a plurality consisting of 28-33 percent, and he (Hoffman) was confident that had a run-off been held the officer would not have been elected. The officer was eventually impeached.

"We would have avoided destroying our student government," Hoffman said.

Members of both governments agreed

that problems could be created by a write-in candidate who could conceivably win a run-off election.

On other eligibility proposals, student senate member Gary Disilvestro said that because more people on the UNO campus are part-time students many would be ineligible by recommendations requiring an officer take six hours and have already completed 24 hours.

ASUN President Greg Johnson agreed that the student composition of the two campuses differs and maybe they should "recommend the regents study and examine if they want a uniform policy (for both campuses)."

Hoffman said he did not think the regents would be receptive to such "differences between the campuses."

Both governments intend to be well represented at the Feb. 18 meeting.

On the issue of mandatory student fees the two bodies were more cohesive, tending to support the task force on student fees recommendation.

The recommendation supports Line A funds for student government, campus newspaper and campus programming bodies.

Both bodies favored maintaining fees money for campus speakers, and admitted that funding for many special interest groups would be eliminated by the recommendation.

Some "should have been wiped out a long time ago," said Hoffman.

Johnson said many interest groups "line up for a little gold in the pot," but do not "benefit a majority of the students." The proposal would eliminate past abuses" he said.



Photo by Bob Pearson

Associate professor of physical education and recreation Marie Sanwick emphasizes a fine point to members of a social dance class.

Dance enrollments hustle

American discotheques have multiplied from about 3,000 to about 15,000 in the past two years. The movie "Saturday Night Fever," Paramount's release about weekend disco dancing has become a box-office smash.

Lincoln's jammed weekend dance floors reflect a national discomania trend.

UNL falls into step with a social dance class covering footwork from square dancing to the foxtrot to the hustle. Increased class enrollment has forced registration limitations, said instructor Marie Sanwick.

"There's been an unprecedented interest in all our dance classes, from ballet and modern dance to this social dance class," she said.

The social dance class has enrolled an equal number of men and women.

Why the sudden interest in dancing?

E. Edwards, the Arthur Murray Dance Studio manager, said "touch dancing is once again becoming popular, and a real feel for ballroom dancing is the big thing in dance now."

In touch dancing the man has to learn to lead, because there is not much improvisation, and partners dance together rather than independently, Edwards said.

At Lincoln's new disco, Personalities, 826 P St., a dancer commented during a Saturday night break that "I love to dance, it's a kind of release and it's fun especially when you've got a partner."

Another said, "It's a great form of relaxation for me. I could dance all night. It's a group thing yet still an individual effort."

NETV to air student fee discussion

Two Nebraska Union representatives will discuss student fee funding of campus speakers Thursday on Channel 12's, *Dateline Nebraska* 9:30 to 10 p.m., according to Dave Roehr, former Union Board president.

Roehr and Bruce Whitacre, of the Union Program Council will be questioned by three reporters from the Lincoln Star, Lincoln Journal and Omaha World-Herald.

Mandatory student fee funding of speakers became an issue when the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) wrote letters to Nebraska conservatives protesting the use of student fees for speakers. The NU Board of Regents will consider the issue at the Feb. 18 meeting.

Roehr said UPC and the Union Board have sent letters to Nebraska daily newspapers encouraging people to listen to the program.

According to Roehr, the two representatives will begin the program by explaining the history of student fee funding of campus speakers, and the recent YAF controversy.

YAF members were opposed to the October visit by Jane Fonda.

"Campus speakers contribute to the educational process," Roehr said. "We'll explain the selection process and how it is open to any student."

UPC's Talks and Topics Committee selects the campus speakers.

Roehr said if campus speakers are not funded by stu-

dent fees, the selection of speakers will be reduced.

"The overall education of the university would suffer," Roehr said. "Regents have publicly stated that students should select speakers and they should be financed."

Roehr said he felt the YAF letter was a biased view and it did not represent the majority's viewpoint.

Roehr said he and Whitacre objectively will present the issue that speakers should not be banned because they are controversial.

A 10-member university-wide task force on student fees submitted a report at the January regents meeting that does not change the status of the speaker program.

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