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## Union loses approximately \$32,000

By Kathy McAuliffe

Nebraska Union losses for the 1977-78 fiscal year have been estimated at approximately \$32,000 including depreciation, said assistant union director Larry Emmons at Wednesday's Union Board meetings.

UNL comptroller Jim Knisely last week estimated union losses to be \$41,880. The difference in figures is a result of different accounting systems between the union and the UNL administration, Knisely said. The administration does not consider depreciation in figuring the deficit, he said.

Last year's union deficit was \$98,445, according to union director Allen Bennett. The high loss was due in part to minimal student fee increases, opening costs of the East Union, and the fact that the entire cost of depreciation was figured in, Bennett explained.

Only one-half of depreciation costs were figured for 1977-1978 because of a move last year by the Fees Allocation Board, Union Board, ASUN and Vice Chancellors Miles Tommeraasen and Richard Armstrong to hold the line on student fee increases. By not including depreciation, losses include only operations costs, so less additional revenue in the form of student fees is needed to meet costs, according to Bennett.

However, by not including depreciation in the cost

of operating the union, a reserve will not be built for future maintenance and replacement costs, Bennett said.

In 1978-1979, depreciation costs will not be included at all, he said.

Sparks flew between Kinsely and Union Board faculty member John Janovy when Janovy asked Knisely if the Nebraska Union loss estimate reflected the true financial condition of the union.

Although Knisely first evaded the question, he then responded, "I believe it does."

Knisely added the \$41,880 figure he released was confusing because it was subject to the interpretation of the reader.

If the figure needed additional interpretation, Janovy said, it should not have been released to the press.

"I see a great responsibility for you people over there (comptroller's office) to see that it gets out within the proper context," Janovy said.

"In my business, you didn't have any business letting this out. I'm not impressed with that at all."

In other action, the board approved bylaw changes which have been necessary because of the creation of the Campus Activities and Programs Office. These changes will be submitted for signatures from Bennett, Armstrong and board President Mark Knoble after they have been printed in the Daily Nebraskan for ten days.

## University Police officer files a report on regent

By Brenda Moskovits

A University Police officer and a student security supervisor have filed reports claiming that NU Regent Kermit Wagner of Schuyler yelled at them for no reason Saturday before the football game, accusing them of not doing their jobs.

Wagner denied the incident occurred and said it must have been a case of mistaken identity.

However, Officer Barbara McGill identified Wagner from a series of Daily Nebraskan photos of various middleaged men as the man who yelled at her.

A police check of the license number confirmed the car was registered to Wagner.

Officer McGill said she stopped her cruiser in the driveway of the administration building parking lot after speaking with Student Security Supervisor Cooper Hanson about towing a car from the lot when Wagner pulled in and nearly collided with her cruiser.

"He proceeded to yell at me and told me to get out of his way and to go do my job," McGill said. She said she pulled out of the lot to follow up on a radio call without saying anything to him after noticing his area 50 parking sticker, indicating he had a reserved space in the lot.

Hanson said Wagner pulled in "kind of fast" and after barely squeezing past McGill's cruiser drove past him. Hanson said he put the chain across the lot entrance and went over to the car to see who was in it.

Hanson said Wagner accused him of not doing his job and of "making out with my girlfriend."

Hanson said that he and McGill were discussing towing a car.

Then Hanson said Wagner replied, "Oh, bullshit. Just because she's a female and you're having a little social hour there."

Hanson said Wagner then accused him of not doing his job because a car was waiting to get into the chained-off lot, and told him he would "get the Lincoln Police Department to do the job next time."

After discussing the incident with Sgt. Milo Bushing and Capt. Kenneth Markle, McGill said "we came to the conclusion we should write it up."

The report will go to UNL Chancellor Roy Young, according to Robert Lovitt, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance. Copies already have been received by Police Chief Gail Gade and vice chancellor for Business and Finance Miles Tommeraasen, Lovitt said.

McGill said she filed the complaint because of the "attitude he (Wagner) was using and the way he was shouting."

"If you've got a reason to shout at somebody, that's fine. We saved him a parking space, what more does he want?" she said.

Hanson said he filed a report because he felt that a regent "is no better than anyone else. He came down real harsh."



Photo by Mark Billingsly

The ownership of the breadcrumb in the foreground was the focal point of his dog (bird) fight reminiscent of the Red Baron and his most daring opponent. The starving starlings screamed and swore at each other but all for naught as an animalistic photographer crept up and stole the prize for himself.

## University libraries get computer system by January

By Jeff Unger

A computer system designed to make the NU libraries easier to use will be in operation as early as January 1979, according to Brice Hobrock, assistant dean of libraries.

The system, a culmination of nearly three years of planning by library personnel, university administrators, the NU Foundation and the Legislature, will link all university libraries to one central computer housed in the basement of Love Library.

"We will be the first and largest academic library system in the country to have this advanced of a system," Hobrock said.

"The computer will make it infinitely easier for students and faculty to get books. It will also allow campuses to share books instead of the current self-sufficient funding."

Books no longer will be checked out through use of handwritten cards, Hobrock said. A hand-held optical scanner will

record the student or faculty member's computer number and the book's number then store that information in its memory.

### I.D.'s issued

Each student and faculty member will be issued an identification card for use when checking books out. Faculty cards will be issued beginning Oct. 1, and student cards will be issued in either December or January.

"Students must come to the library to get their cards," he said. "They will be required to fill out a short information sheet, and the card must be used when checking out anything from the libraries."

"If a student with overdue books tries to check out more, the computer will put a block on the transaction. But we will make the decision on whether to let the student or faculty member check the book out or not."

"Currently, faculty and students get away with a lot because we can't remember faces. The computer will solve that problem."

Love collects in excess of \$30,000 from fines and other related fees, he said, and that this figure could be decreased "by being able to identify bad guys that are systematically ripping us off."

Funding for the computer system is at the \$350,000 level and initial costs may reach \$500,000, he said. An amendment to the May 1978 university appropriations bill allowed the university to use unexpended utility funds for library improvement.

The libraries chose to use the remaining \$200,000 for the computer, and an additional \$150,000 was given to the libraries by the NU Foundation.

"This (the money) isn't coming off someone else's back," Hobrock said, "it's all specialized funding."

The initial funding covers only the computer and the first 16 terminals. He said more terminals would be purchased as funding becomes available. The goal is to link 48 terminals to the computer. Depending on the staff, the entire system may be complete in three to five years.

Money isn't the main goal of the

program, according to Hobrock.

"I don't think it will save anything to speak of in the first five years," he said. "The primary justification of the system is what it will do for the students and faculty as a whole. Improved and additional services is a big thing."

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