

ASUN strikes down bill to withdraw suit against YAF

By Pat Gentzler

A bill, which would instruct ASUN President Ken Marienau to withdraw a suit pending in Student Court against the UNL chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), was rejected Wednesday by the ASUN Senate.

A petition filed with Student Court against YAF last spring charged that YAF failed to have an active bank account with the UNL Student Activities fund, which must handle all student organization money. The petition also charged that

YAF violated constitution rules by allowing non-students in their organization. YAF was accused of taking unethical action against Nebraska University Public Interest Research Group in a letter writing campaign.

No action was taken by the court last spring because of the end of the semester. Court action will continue.

The bill proposing that the charges against YAF be dropped appeared before the senate several times before it was

finally defeated.

Senator Bob Gleason, who sponsored the original version of the bill but later withdrew it, said "My mind has shifted to the other side."

Gleason, whose original bill said that YAF was a "frivolous band of political misfits who do not deserve to be trifled with by a dignified student government," and that a "court victory would make martyrs of UNL YAF'ers," said Wednesday that he now thinks action should be taken by ASUN to oppose YAF.

Special Topics Committee Chairman Dan Lamprecht, whose committee studied the bill, said that the committee's recommendation was against the bill to drop charges.

The lawsuit is not intended to disrupt YAF, Lamprecht said. It is not a game, and the point is not for ASUN to win and "stick a feather in our hat," he said. "This is to answer some questions," he said.

A pre-trial conference will be held before the court on Oct. 10, Marienau said, to lay down the foundation of the case.



Photos by Mark Billingsley

Crumbling and barren, these old military barracks located six miles south of Offutt Air Force base remain, surrounded by dense undergrowth, as a mute testament of the ravages of winter which is just around the corner.

UNL war buff to give lecture at naval college

By Randy Essex

"War is not healthy . . ." according to the famous poster in the office of a UNL assistant professor of history who has been invited to lecture at a place specifically designed for the study of war.

Pete Maslowski will travel to the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., Oct. 2-5 to lecture and participate in seminars on the subject of Total War: Lessons of World War I.

The college is designed for career military officers from the United States and 40 other free-world countries who are studying to become experts in their field, Maslowski said.

He said he has been invited as the "so-called expert" on U.S. strategy in WW I. The college invites an expert for various sections of their course, "Strategy and Policy." The course presents case studies of war from Athens versus Sparta to contemporary conflicts.

The best and worst

"I guess what fascinates me about war is that in a very short period of history, the best and the worst of human nature are side-by-side. There is cowardice and brutality; bravery, heroism and acts bordering on sainthood," Maslowski said.

He has had very little experience with career military men before, Maslowski said, and hopes this excursion will help him with his teaching and personal research. He said the one course he teaches in military history is required for Navy and Army ROTC students, and about one-fourth to one-third of his students in that class are in ROTC.

Maslowski said his lecture at the Naval College will focus on John J. Pershing, the commander of the American forces in WWI. Pershing set American policy in Europe through his orders from Woodrow Wilson to establish an independent American army, Maslowski said.

Father initiates interest

He said his interest in war began when his father, who traveled as a lecturer for the Audubon Society, mailed him literature from Civil War battlegrounds.

Maslowski has a great deal of literature about war. His office library includes books about modern war, past wars, the history of arms and, of course, the Civil War.

Maslowski will be the second UNL professor to visit the war college. History professor Edward Homze was a visiting faculty member for one year. Philip Crowl, former chairman of the UNL history department now is chairman of the college's Department of Strategy.

When Maslowski returns from the Naval War College, he said he will be busy preparing for the visit to campus by Gen. William Westmoreland, former Army Chief-of-Staff. Westmoreland will present a public lecture Oct. 13 at UNL.

Child care center seeking AUF funds

By Denice Smee

Have you noticed some persons on Memorial Plaza in front of the union this week who probably are too short to be students.

These are children from University Child Care Project, 333 N. 14th St.

Students are encouraged to watch or to play with the children, said Mary Jo Ryan, director of the child-care center. This way the students will have a chance to be with small children and to learn about the activities offered at the center.

She said students also are encouraged to vote for on- and off-campus projects for the AUF/ASUN Fund Drive, one of which is the Child Care Project.

The Child Care Project wants the money from the AUF/ASUN Fund Drive because it is looking for a new location for its infant care center currently located at 20th and D streets, Ryan said.

Renovations

Renovations would have to be done on

the facility to meet fire standards, she said.

Also, the center expects a deficit in funds by next spring because of rising costs in items such as paper products, Ryan said.

"We estimate we'll need about \$4,000, and we'd like to get it through the AUF Fund Drive," she said.

Currently, the center gets no university support, Ryan said. It receives its funds from fees charged for taking care of children and from federal grants.

She said 20 children are served at the infant care center, 25 children at the child care center and 25 children during two summer five-week sessions at St. Mark's-on-the-Campus, 1309 R St.

The maximum cost to a student placing a child in the center would be \$130 per month, Ryan said. However, if the student is low-income the Lancaster County Welfare Department might pay part of it.

"For instance, if a single parent was working full time at minimum wage, then welfare would pay only part of it (child-care expense)," she said.

Low-income students

The center basically is for low-income students as determined by the Financial Aids Office, but it will consider other students if it has available spaces, she said.

Currently, there is a waiting list of 70 people, Ryan said, the majority waiting to put their children in the infant care center.

She said there has been an "incredible increase" in the number of students needing child-care facilities since she first worked at the center as a student volunteer eight years ago.

"Then we had only 14 children with maybe one call a month about placing a child. We took all of the children then be-

cause we had room. We literally have a phone call a day now."

She said calls have increased because the attitudes about college have changed. The economic climate is different, making people realize they need higher education to better support their families, she said.

While they are on the waiting list, students have child care alternatives.

The child-care program at Ruth Staples Child Development Lab is for children of university students or personnel, said Helen Sulek, director of the lab.

Waiting lists

It has a capacity of 23 children from three to five years old, and the cost is \$30 weekly, she said.

The waiting list for the program is not very long, she said.

The lab also sponsors a nursery school which lasts two and one-half hours daily and is open to the public, Sulek said. However, the waiting list for this is somewhat longer.

The Lincoln-Lancaster Child Care System charges a maximum of \$7.50 a day, \$35 a week or \$1.55 an hour. However, the fees range according to the number of children placed in the system per family and according to the monthly income of the family.

Southeast Community College offers a child-care program university students may use, said Barb Fleck, program director.

Currently, there are 10 to 12 children of UNL students, she said.

"Most of the students who come here are graduate students," Fleck said.

"Of course, a student can always use commercial day-care centers, or church centers, or get someone to come into their home," Ryan said.

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