

Cuca stresses ASUN, administration compatibility

By Shelley Smith

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska has battled UNL administrators all summer, according to ASUN President Bud Cuca. This fall, he said, he hopes to start working with them.

"It's been one fight after another," he said.

"First the stadium expansion, the alumni center and now the proposed tuition hike."

Cuca said he believes it is "ironic" that ASUN has been fighting the administration. Usually it's the other way around, he said.

Cuca said the stadium expansion proposal that was killed by a non-majority regent vote in June, was a student victory. Many ASUN senators were influential in the decision he said.

And, he said, while not a total student victory, the Alumni Association Center is proposed for a parking lot Cuca called "the lesser of two evils."

Tuition hike

Now, he said the battle lies with the proposed 10 percent tuition hike.

"It's been a good summer for students," Cuca said. "Now we have to concentrate on this fall," he added.

Cuca said he would like to see ASUN form a standing committee to deal with minority enrollment.

A similar committee was formed last year under President Ken Marienau, however, it was not a standing committee, he said.

He also said a committee formed to investigate student fees will be used to justify each student fee dollar spent.

Student desires

"We want to find out students needs and work accordingly," he said. Cuca added that a program will be developed during first semester and implemented during the second semester.

Cuca said also ASUN plans to look into problems with the current speakers program.

Cuca said some constitutional questions in relation with the first amendment have been raised concerning the regents rule disallowing any political or ideological speakers on campus to be paid by student fees.

He said ASUN members are investigating possible violations and looking at different speakers programs options.

Ambiguity defined

If nothing else, Cuca said, he would like the ambiguity in the regental rule defined.

"What is a speaker? What is political? What is ideological? These questions need to be defined," he said.

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251 which stated the states concern over the quality of post-secondary education in the state of Nebraska. An acceptable quality of education can only be attained if funds are made available to attract top faculty and programs. Whether or not a 15 percent increase in state-funding is necessary is open to debate, but it is definitely clear that the university must get over a 10 percent increase in state funding to operate a first-rate institution.

Students too, must participate in solving NU's fiscal dilemma. We realize that the university must defray inflationary costs in some manner. We do not, however, feel that students and their families should be burdened more than is necessary. A tuition increases of half of the proposed 10 percent increase would be a compromise that students would have qualms about, but could probably live with.

Bud Cuca
ASUN President
Hubert Brown
ASUN 1st Vice-President

Johnson scholarships awarded to 55

Fifty-five University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been named recipients of F.E. and Orinda Johnson Scholarships for use during the 1979-80 academic year.

Jane Matzke of Sidney received an \$800 stipend.

Recipients of \$300 scholarships were:

Chadron-Carolyn Reid.

Columbus-Marilyn L. Fernt, Karent E. Koppel and Curt Robak.

Fairbury-Darrell J. Ebke.

Falls City-Rodney Joy and Greg Kratz.

Ft. Calhoun-Lynne M. Dugan.

Grand Island-Kurt Brown.

Kearney-Ann C. Weber.

Lincoln-Scott S. Ahlstrand, Janalee Barnell, Debbie Blohm, Paul J. Dietze, Jill Gossin, Ronald Haehiya, Paul B. Johnson, Benjamin Knoll, Jeanne Matzke and Michelle Wiruth.

North Bend-Ann Emanuel.

North Platte-Diane O. Miller.

Omaha-Kerry Gott, Cyn-

thia Hamblen, Staci Hessig, Kirk Higbee, Jean Jirka, Steven Kaspar, Kathleen Lorenz, Elinor Lynch, Andrea Marcue, David Pritza, Bertie Roberts, Stan Rosinski, Brenda Saunders, David Smisek, Timothy Myron Smith, Jeanne Stern, Karen Veverka, and Thomas M. Withers.

Papillion-Joni Lynn Kramer.

Sidney-Kevin Hammond.

Springfield-Christie R. Leigh.

Superior-Monica Schleuter.

Illinois-Catherine Walker of Harrisburg.

Iowa-James J. Coonce of Council Bluffs, Christine Stewart of Delwein, Susan Long of Emerson, Amy Erdenberg of Mason City, Joel Schnoop of Onawa.

New Hampshire-Nannette Lewis of Nahsua.

Rhode Island-William Oliver of Pawtauket.

Virginia-Susan Glover of Fredericksburg.

Wisconsin-Carol Brownlee of Kenosha.

Thone to consider NU finance study

Governor Charles Thone, Tuesday, announced that he would consider NU President Ronald Roskens' proposal to appoint a commission to study NU's financial picture.

However, Thone said he would not set up the committee but suggested that the NU Board of Regents might be the proper body to conduct such a study.

Roskens first suggested that Thone name a committee at the June regents meeting. He voiced a

strong concern that the university's reputation is being hurt because of funding reductions and recommended a 15 percent

budget hike.

Last Friday, Thone said he felt Roskens was 'overreaching' by asking for the increase saying that big budgetary increases of the early 1970's are as 'rare as 39-cent-a-gallon gasoline.'

Roskens' study would result in a 'lifting up of the university for a sort of airing to the general public.' He explained he believed that NU is at a 'fiscal crossroads' and said he was concerned with NU's educational quality.

The 1979-80 NU budget totals \$414.5 million, of which \$115.9 million comes from the state. This year's legislative session increased the budget by \$9 million.



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