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Lack of funds and interest close doors at NUPIRG

By Gordon Johnson

The Nebraska University Public Interest Research Group (NUPRIG) has folded, according to NUPRIG treasurer Tim Mommaerts.

The organization has had problems paying its bills and keeping enough members involved to do the job, he said.

NUPRIG is a student consumer advocacy group that acts as a referral and research agency. It deals with consumer questions and complaints. One of the last activities NUPRIG participated in was the Nestles' boycott last spring.

NUPRIG began campus operations in 1971, according to Mommaerts, and lost interest in 1974-75. Interest in the organization picked up the next year, as membership went up and the group's activities increased.

Mommaerts said NUPRIG was closed because it could not pay \$114 in debts and because it ran into problems with a new constitution.

"When I finally realized that we were through, I filed the inactivity forms," he said.

The forms were filed with the Student Activities and Financial Services office Tuesday.

The organization has been operating illegally, Mommaerts said, because they were operating under a constitution which had not been approved by the ASUN senate.

Some of NUPRIG's members discussed declaring bankruptcy, to get rid of the debts, Mommaerts said. However, that idea was rejected when Mommaerts found out it cost \$50 to file bankruptcy.

According to NUPRIG executive director Leonard Pavelka, the organization got off to a bad start last spring when it waited two weeks before finals to start the Nestles' campaign.

After the campaign and finals were over, Pavelka said the "organization sort of disintegrated."

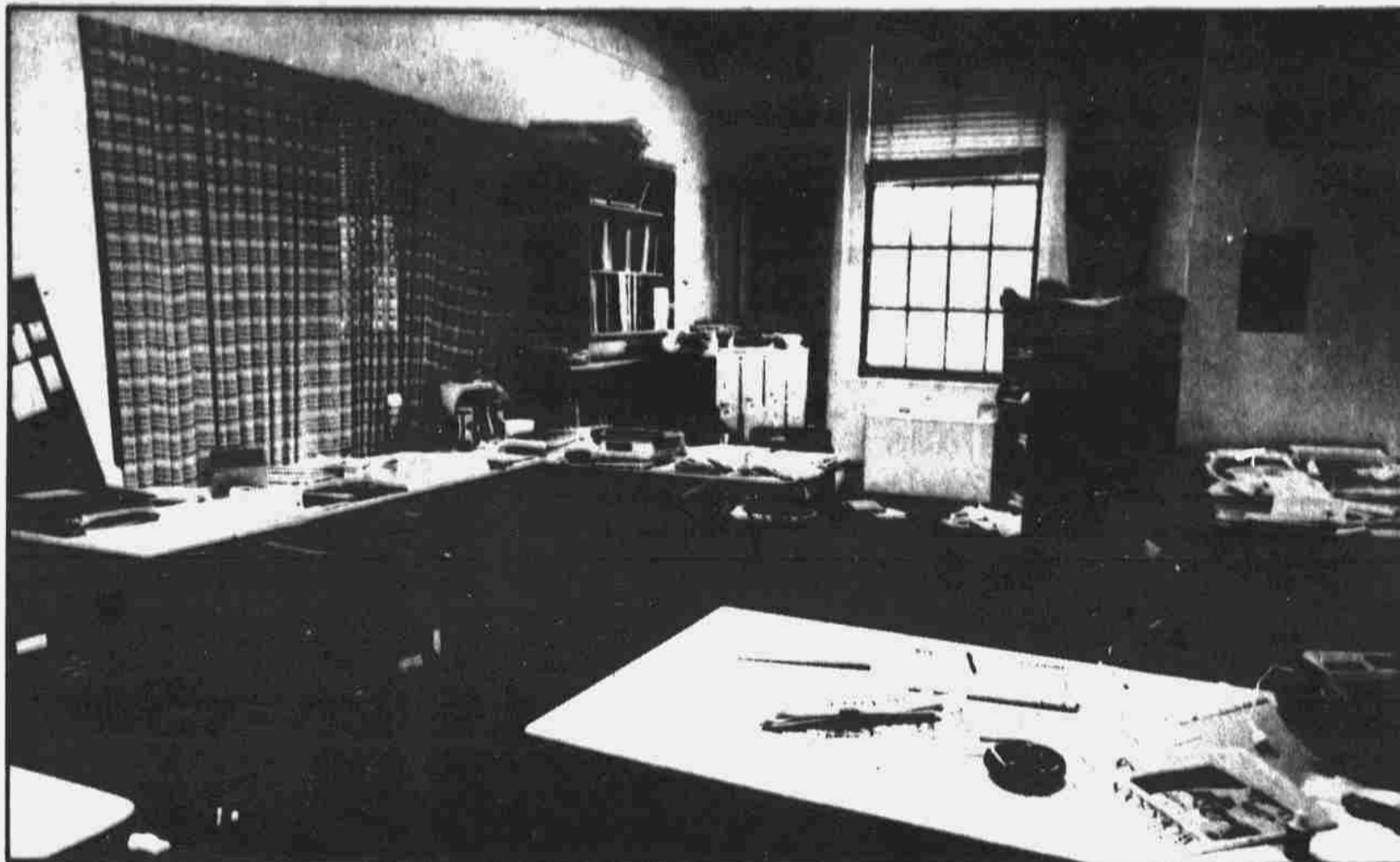


Photo by MaryAnne Golon

The activity has stopped, but the clutter remains at the NUPRIG office, which has been closed due to lack of funding and interest.

"No one in the group is happy it has to fold," Mommaerts said.

If another group of people were to get NUPRIG started they would have to pay NUPRIG's debts, he said.

Statue requested for Alumni House

By Michelle Carr

The donor of \$500,000 for a new Alumni Center has asked that the building be named after him and that a statue of the donor be placed somewhere on the building grounds, according to the executive vice president of the Alumni Association.

Jack Miller said the donor, Milton Wick, has made several construction specifications. Millers also said that in a discussion with the donor, Wick recognized student concern about the proposed site, which is the metered parking lot north of the Nebraska Union and east of Andrews Hall.

Miller said Wick, an alumnist and Arizona publisher, was especially aware of student concerns about the lost parking spaces.

But when asked if Wick had any recommendations or comments about student concern, Miller asked "What would he recommend?"

Miller explained that the parking problem has "no easy solution." He said that nearly every available on-campus

site will eliminate some parking.

"I think he (Wick) wants to do what the Central Planning Committee has said—look at other sites," Miller said.

"I think he wants, along with the students, the administration, and the alumni, the best possible site—with all things considered," Miller added.

Concerning construction criteria, Miller said that Wick requested that the building be named "Wick Alumni Center" and a sculpture of Wick be placed somewhere on the grounds.

"It will not be a bronze bust-type of statue, but it will signify his interests and philosophies," he said.

The sculpture will not use student money and the time to work on the sculpture will be donated by Wick's son, who is a sculptor.

According to Miller, a state regulation exists that requires all state buildings to have some form of art display on the building's grounds. Supporters of the building reportedly will not seek state funds for construction.

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Public hearings set for Regents' meeting

Three public hearings and presentation of the 1980-81 capital construction budget are scheduled for discussion at the NU Board of Regent's September meeting Friday.

Hearings on a proposed amended constitution and by-laws of the College of Education at UNO, fee schedules for services at the Veterinary Science Diagnostic Laboratory and proposed bylaws of the Board of Governors of the University Hospital and Clinic and the Nebraska Psychiatric Center at the Medical Center are scheduled for the 1 p.m. meeting at Regents Hall on East Campus.

The Board also is expected to set priorities for capital construction projects. If the board approves a budget completed by the NU Administration, the university will be requesting \$18,486,055 in state aid for capital construction projects.

The first five year projects suggested by the administration are university-wide energy conservation, UNL Agriculture Engineering Building remodeling, UNMC Hospital renovation for dentistry, UNO land acquisition and remodeling and addition to Architecture Hall and Former Law College.

There are 13 capital construction projects on the administration's priority list.

The regents are also expected to act on a resolution that would dissolve the master's program in business administration at Kearney State College and development of a cooperative graduate program in business administration to be offered under NU auspices at Kearney.

Also on the agenda for Friday's meeting are special appearances by Marianne Davidson, 3422 E. Pershing Rd., and Frank C. Sidles, 3400 E. Pershing Rd.

Davidson, who charged that UNL Professor Wayne Dobson has abused faculty consultantships, was denied a special appearance request at a previous Regents' meeting.

Sidles, an attorney, said he is an interested citizen of the State of Nebraska and wants to speak on some items he has been thinking about. Sidles declined to elaborate on what the issues are.

Cooperation Secretary William Swanson said that both Davidson and Sidles are expected to speak on issues pertaining to Dobson, according to the requests received by his office.

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Although he appears at first glance to be cloaked in mystery emerging from the doorway of the First National Bank, Emanuel Wishnow is only making sure that his raincoat is properly buttoned before heading out into Wednesday afternoon's rain.