

## Regents give College of Nursing booster shot

By D. Eric Kircher

Although the NU Board of Regents Saturday decided not to close the UNL College of Nursing, NU President Ronald Roskens cautioned against over optimism.

"I don't think anyone should leave this room with a false sense of security when we are facing, as we have been, very real prospects of funding deficiencies," he said. "We need your support of the university's budget."

NU Medical Center Chancellor Neal Vanselow told the regents that Nebraska has a shortage of nurses and he couldn't recommend a reduction in NU nursing programs.

Jane Ford, Southeast Nebraska Health Systems Agency director, testified that dropping the Lincoln school would harm medical care in southeast and out-state Nebraska.

Lee Adams, vice president of Bryan Memorial Hospital's nursing school, said nurses' roles in medicine are expanding and the NU nursing school should be expanded, not cut.

Gov. Charles Thone's proposed 12.8 percent increase in the university budget won't require major reductions in the nursing program, Vanselow said.

If a cut in the budget is needed, the regents should consider dropping Lincoln's expensive two-year nursing program, Vanselow said.

Cuts in state and federal aid to schools and resistance to future tuition increases will determine cuts to be made, Vanselow said.

"Thank goodness that it looks like we will receive a reasonable budget," Roskens said, referring to Gov. Thone's proposed 12.8 percent increase in university funding.

Regent Kermit Hansen of Omaha proposed raising tuition for students attending crowded colleges, such as nursing, engineering, business administration and others.

The increase in tuition would return to the college, he said, and help pay for expansion. However, differential tuition would cause problems, Hansen admitted.

## Peaceful march commemorates 1960s leader

By Ward Wright Triplett III

A scene from the 1960s was revisited Saturday morning when more than 50 persons took part in a march to commemorate the birth of Martin Luther King Jr.

The march began at the Malone Community Center at 2030 T St., and followed a route down O Street to the state capitol. It was the second of two Lincoln events honoring King, the civil rights leader of the 1960s who was assassinated in 1968. The first was a program at Lincoln High Thursday night.

"We have wanted to present programs like these in the past, but this is the first year we've been organized enough to do it," said Fannie Thompson, adult service director for the Malone Center.

"The reason for the march is that, if you look back on Dr. King, the most significant thing he did was with peaceful demonstrations. By doing this, we can keep what we wanted going, and not forget the things he said."

The march ended in the Capitol Rotunda where music was played by the Newman United Methodist and Mount Zion Baptist church choirs. Also two speeches were presented. The first was a rendition of King's "I Have a Dream" speech, given by Harry Peterson, director of State Department of Motor Vehicles.

The second speech was by the Rev. Daniel C. Raines, who acknowledged the proclamation by the city of Lincoln, the state of Nebraska, the Lincoln Board of Education, and the Legislature that the Lincoln Board of King's birthday a national holiday, similar to other American

heroes like George Washington and Abe Lincoln.

Raines said that while much of what King worked for seems to have come about, there is still work to be done.

"In a city like Lincoln, it is difficult to see where the racism is," said Raines. "We celebrate him in his opening of the public transit and the restaurants. We celebrate him because we are no longer segregated by race."

"That may be commendable or lamentable. For although the symbol has been erased, the fact remains. We now stand in the still unfortunate position of having an invisible enemy, but still stigmatic, and enemic as ever."

Describing racism as a cancer, Raines said that people will suffer under it until they stop pretending it doesn't exist.

"A disproportionate number of blacks nationwide still is the last hired and the first fired. They still are held out of prestigious positions because of their color," Raines said.

"So it becomes the charge of us all to identify that invisible monster that is eating away at our innards, before it destroys us."

Raines said he felt that King's past work stands as a recognition of what can be done and that there is still much to do.

"He had a dream, and we are the reason that dream will come true."

The 20-degree weather held down attendance, Thompson said. The lack of students attending the program seemed to be a disappointment to the organizers.

Only three UNL students, Domingo Colon Jr., Ron Hoagland and Warren Bell, all members of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, were present at the Saturday ceremonies.

UNL Multi-Cultural Affairs Director Jimmi Smith, said he thought the low attendance by students was a sign of the difference between UNL's black population and Lincoln's black community.

"What this begins to communicate to the black community is that the students seem to not be in touch with what it (the community) is doing," Smith said.

Bell said there needed to be more advertising for the event.

"I don't think you can really blame the students. It seems to me there was a breakdown in the communications to the campus," Bell said.

"I felt there was a need to come out to continue an effort that King began, and I think there is a need for all people to come out."

The proclamations for a King National Holiday, a movement which has been spearheaded nationwide most notably by black singer Stevie Wonder, will be displayed at the Malone Center.

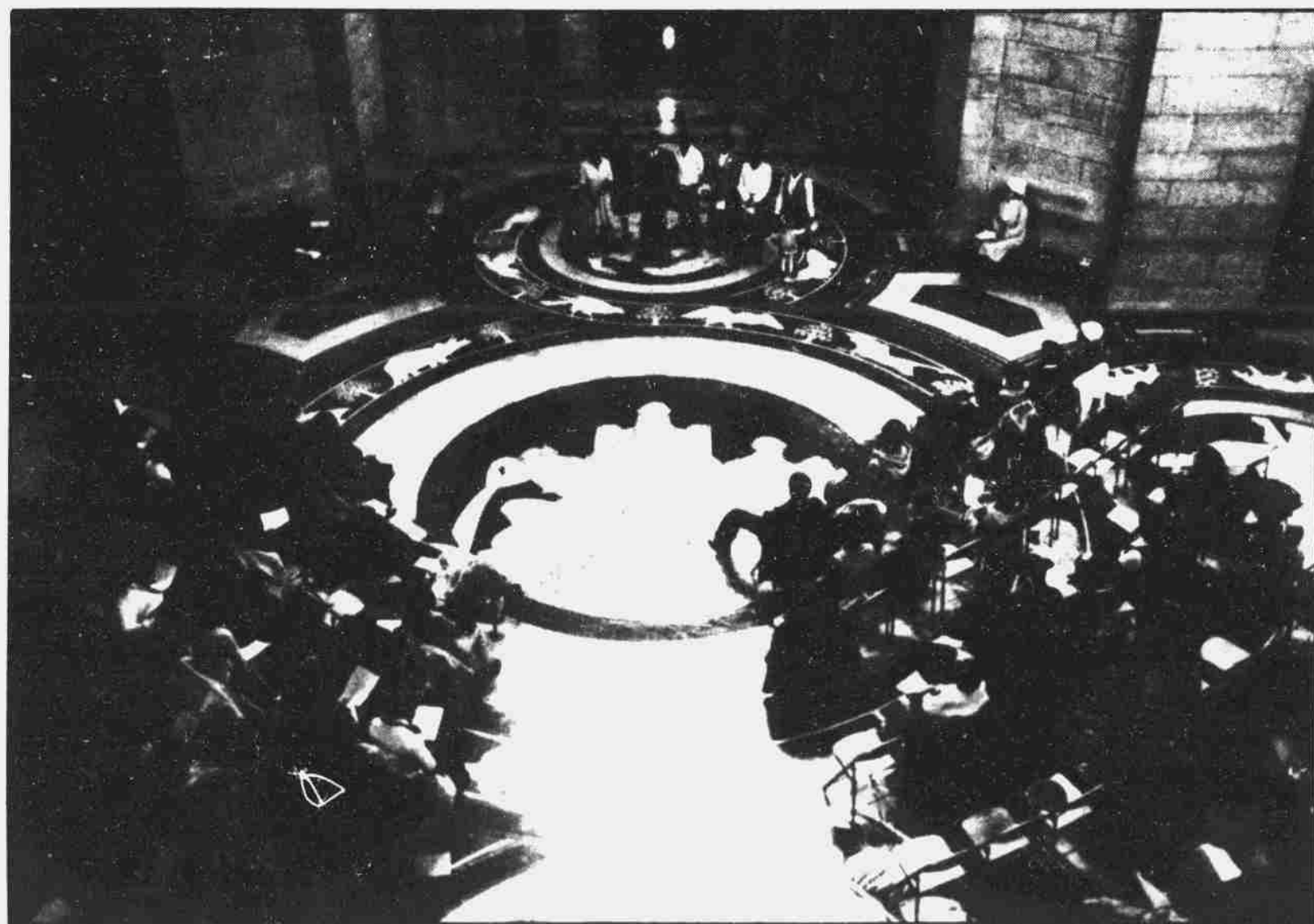


Photo by Mitch Hrdlicka

A Saturday morning ceremony honoring Martin Luther King Jr. was celebrated in the rotunda of the Nebraska Capitol. About 50 participants walked from the Malone Community Center to the Capitol, where they joined others in singing and prayer to honor the memory of the civil rights leader who was assassinated in 1968.

## Board questions legality of student regents' pay

By D. Eric Kricher

Future ASUN presidents will serve without pay if the NU Board of Regents approves a proposal by Regent Kermit Hansen of Omaha.

The proposal will be voted on next month.

Hansen told the board he was concerned that the salary might be illegal because, according to Nebraska's constitution, regents receive only reimbursement for expenses. Each campus' elected student president is a non-voting student regent.

ASUN President Renee Wessels told the board the two positions are separate and the student president and student regent have different duties.

Wessels said Nebraska Secretary of State Allen J. Beermann told the ASUN senate that students voted in the spring elections for a student president, not a regent.

Wessels said that unless the regents seek a ruling on the legality of the salary, they

would be deciding a political question and interfering in the internal affairs of student government.

She suggested the board ask State Attorney General Paul Douglas to rule on the legality of student regents' salaries.

NU attorney Richard Wood said he thought the payment is legal.

"I think the board needs to make a policy decision, whether the student regent is going to be paid as student regent," Wood said.

The regents can stop student president salaries without a ruling on the legality of the payments.

Wessel later said ASUN would look into the legality and constitutionality of the salaries before the Feb. 2 meeting.

The UNL student president receives \$160 a month for eight months, plus part of a general fund during summer months. Wessels said she received \$75 a month last summer.

In their student election, UNO students voted to continue paying their officers. About 650 of nearly 1,000 voters favored the salary. UNO Student President Florene Langford said.

If the board over rules the Omaha referendum, it would lower future voting totals, Langford told the regents.

After the meeting, Wessels said "a significant number" — nearly 44 percent — of UNL students in a December survey opposed salaries of ASUN executives. The ASUN Commission on Student Fees conducted the telephone survey of 293 UNL students.

Wessels predicted voters would approve the salary referendum. Students contacted in the survey didn't realize the officers work hard and have many responsibilities, she said.

Student voters in the 1981 spring election will decide a referendum on payment to the three ASUN executives who now receive a salary from student fees.

Wessels listed the duties of student presidents for the regents, prompting several regents to suggest splitting up the student president and student regent positions. But the Nebraska constitution requires the student president to act as student regent for his or her campus.

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