

## Regents' conduct of meeting prompts request

By Mary Louise Knapp

The tabling of a resolution by ASUN President Renee Wessels at the last NU Board of Regents' meeting which asked the board to reaffirm its request for an 18 percent budget increase has prompted ASUN to ask the regents to conduct their meetings according to rules of order, Wessels said.

Wessels explained her resolution was not a new policy, but merely a request for a reaffirmation of the Regents' request for the budget increase.

Wessels said she was concerned the Regents might have changed their position on the budget increase, and therefore felt the need for a reaffirmation of the Regents' position.

Wessels said she presented the resolution at the last Regents' meeting, and it was seconded by student regent Flo Langford of UNO. She had raised her hand to speak to the motion, at which point Regent Robert Koefoot of Grand Island moved to table the motion, she said.

Wessels said under Robert's rules of order, she should have had the right to speak to the motion before the move was made to table it.

Regent Robert Prokop of Wilber, who is the chairman of the Board of Regents, said the Board has no formal rules of order, and therefore, as chairman, he has the right to conduct the meetings as he sees fit.

The motion to table passed by a vote of 6-1-1, with Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff voting against it and Regent Kermit Hansen of Omaha abstaining.

Simmons said he voted against tabling the motion because he felt the issue should be discussed, but added he is opposed to the request for an 18 percent budget increase.

Hansen refused to comment on his abstention. Wessels said that Regents John Payne of Kearney and James Moylan of Omaha advised her before the meeting not to introduce the resolution.

Payne said he discouraged Wessels from bringing up the resolution because "I did not think it had a ghost of a chance of passing."

Payne declined to comment on Thone's 12.5 percent budget increase recommendation.

Wessels said UNL President Ronald Roskens had said he was "pleased" with Gov. Charles Thone's recommendation for a 12.5 percent budget increase, and was concerned the Regents had adopted this position.

UNL President Ronald Roskens said in a statement that "Although his budgetary recommendations do not fully fund the request of the Board of Regents we appreciate the positive attitude of Governor Thone toward the University's needs. It is obvious that the Governor shares our concern for the future of Nebraska's only public university. His budget message relating to the University is evidence of such support within present economic conditions and anticipated available revenues.

We will, however, during public hearings before the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, present our total needs on the basis of the previously submitted university budget request."

State Sen. Steve Fowler of Lincoln, a member of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, said he was "a little puzzled" upon hearing the motion to table the resolution.

In a letter to Prokop he asked whether or not the Regents intended to support their original request. Prokop replied that the Regents intended to continue their support for the request, but it was not necessary to bring the

request up again in the form of a resolution.

"It would not have hurt for them (the Regents) to have taken that action," (to support the resolution) Fowler said.

Fowler said he was satisfied with Prokop's reply. Wessels said she was disappointed with the Regents' decision to table her resolution, saying it was due to a lack of leadership and willingness to stand by their decision on the budget request.

"We need a spokesperson who will explain the need for an 18 percent budget request," Wessels said. "We expect that type of leadership from the administration and the Regents. Sadly enough, that leadership is indeed lacking."



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Kevin McGaslin had the right idea Tuesday afternoon when he decided to get outdoors, where the temperatures topped 70.

## Instructors leaving university system before reaching retirement age of 70

By Tricia Waters

More instructors are retiring or leaving the NU system at age 65 than a university analyst predicted last year.

In 1979, analyst Lauren Drees estimated how much it would cost the university after the Legislature raised the retirement age for instructors from 65 to 70.

Drees determined that 92 instructors would reach age 65 by 1982. Using a figure from a 1978 Iowa study, Drees estimated that 62 percent of the 92 would continue working until age 70, costing the university about \$3 million more.

Of the original 92 instructors studied, 11 of 14 who reached 65 in 1979 left the university. In 1980, 9 of 20 left.

In the entire university system, Drees said, only five instructors are in their late 60s.

By the time they reach 65, most instructors are full professors, averaging about \$25,000 a year, Drees said. When they retire, they are replaced by associate pro-

fessors who may average about \$16,000 a year, he said.

The difference between the two salary levels would cost the university about \$3 million, Drees estimated. Professors working a few years longer before retirement would delay the university from replacing them with instructors at a lower salary, he said.

Last October, the university started a part-time teaching program, Drees said. At the age of 55, teachers could begin working part time. However, the university isn't pushing it, he said.

Some state colleges are pushing early retirement to "get new blood," Drees said.

At other colleges, older teachers are preferred because they're wiser and more experienced, he said.

Lloyd Teale, associate professor emeritus of modern languages, said he taught for more than 37 years before retiring in 1974. He said he stayed at UNL because he liked the students and his colleagues.

At 75, Teale is the chief academic counselor for the School of Journalism.

## New ASUN party to wage administrative fight

Mary Louise Knapp

Students and employees of UNL must band together to fight the "sexist, racist, and classist" administration, said candidates for a new party running in the ASUN elections.

The Feminist-Socialist party, which an-

nounced its platform Tuesday, believes that it is necessary to form a state and national student union to resist the administration, said the party's presidential candidate Eric Johnson.

Johnson, 23, is a graduate student in mathematics and an ASUN senator from Lincoln.

He said that a Nebraska State Student Association, working in conjunction with the United States Student Association, would be a preliminary step in achieving that goal.

Johnson said that a Nebraska SSA would be better able to fight the Reagan administration's proposed cuts in financial assistance for students if it joined the USSA.

A State Student Association focused on legislative lobbying would be unable to resist the power of UNL's Central Administration, Johnson said.

The Feminist-Socialist party proposed abolishing the UNL's Central Administration, which it views as an "inherently autocratic, corrupt, and self-serving governing body."

ASUN is now constitutionally unable to act against the central administration, Johnson said.

All ASUN can do now, under the present constitution, is "plan football rallies and pick which games students can go to," he said.

"Many corporations and industries use the university for the purpose of higher profits," Johnson said. He said that the party opposes the proposed new veterinary college because "it will not help Nebraska farmers."

Instead, he said, it will make the beef industry more costly and inefficient.

Jan Deeds, a graduate student in educational psychology and a senatorial candidate, said that the party will use student fee money to publicize every reported incident of sexual harassment and sexual assault at UNL.

The party will fight for a "meaningful" affirmative action program, including funding for day care services, recruitment of women students and employees and on-the-job training for managerial positions, the platform stated.

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The ASUN Feminist-Socialist party, left to right: Eric Johnson, presidential candidate; Tim Rinne and Jan Deeds, both senatorial candidates.

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