

Lobbying meeting . . .

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Congress is currently in recess, but is expected to begin deliberation on budget bills next week.

The students attending the conference were Rick Mockler, ASUN president; Doran Matzke, second vice president; Renee Wessels, past ASUN president; Nette Nelson, chair of the government Liaison Committee; Nancee Shannon, Dan Renn and Cheryl Hoelting, all ASUN senators; Doug Peterson and Meri Blaylock, GLC members, and UNL student Deresa Oliver.

The conference was sponsored by the United States Student Association.

Knowledge of specific cuts proposed in federal aid to education was the most valuable aspect of the conference, according to students interviewed Wednesday.

With that knowledge came a realization that students need to be active on the federal level, according to Wessels. One form of action will be a letter-writing campaign included in the Student Day Activities.

"Unless they (congressmen) hear from us, they are under obligation to go with public sentiment and the public wants budget cuts," Wessels said.

The students said the U.S. House of Representatives' budget proposal for higher education includes a 10 percent cut.

But an amendment to the House proposal is in line with Reagan's proposed education cuts.

According to Nelson, that amendment would represent a 56 percent cut for higher education in Nebraska.

Nelson said they learned that proposed federal cuts could hurt middle-class students as well as those considered needy. Causing needy students to drop out of school could translate into narrower class selections and higher tuition for those remaining, she said.

The conference also taught those attending the importance of getting students to vote, they said.

"If they don't exercise their vote, things just aren't going to change," Renn said.

According to Nelson, the Reagan landslide victory was due in part to low voter turnout in the 18-25 age group.

Wessels said the number of students across the country far outnumbers the number of members in special interest groups. If those students organize and work against educational budget cuts they will be most successful, she said.

ASUN paid \$500 for the trip, \$2,360 was provided by the NU Foundation, and the students each paid about \$200.

The students said they have forwarded some of their information to the UNL administration. A campus representative is expected to go to Washington next week to lobby for federal money for the university.

Professor to speak on economics Friday

A member of Harvard University's department of government faculty, internationally noted for his work on economic factors in the political process, will speak Friday.

Douglas Hibbs will present a colloquium at 3 p.m. in Room 538, Oldfather Hall. His presentation will be free and open to the public.

Hibbs' topic will be "Macroeconomic Performance, President Carter's Defeat, and the Reagan Administration's Economic Policy Options."

In addition to his colloquium, Dr. Hibbs will have a luncheon meeting with faculty and students.

Women's center plans open house

There are misconceptions and a lack of understanding by many people on campus as to what the Women's Resource Center is all about, the coordinator of the center said Tuesday.

Marcee Metzger said the center will have an "open house" today to provide an informal opportunity for anyone to come in and learn about the center.

"People seem afraid to get involved, afraid we'll cram issues down their throats," Metzger said. "This misconception is something we've been working on for a long time."

The center has a library, a referral service, files for research, speakers, talk groups and counseling.

"A lot of people don't understand what we do and all that we have to offer," Metzger said.

There is no one political ideology at the center, she said, explaining that the overall goal is to address issues of sexism and to give support and information on women's issues.

Each individual that comes to the center has his or her own philosophy of what feminism is, she said, and these different ideas all blend into the daily operation of the center.

There have been two open houses in the last several years. They were successful because 75 to 80 people came to each one, she said, and afterward a lot of people began working at the center and using the center's services.

The open house is in Room 116, the Nebraska Union from 1 to 4 p.m.

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