

ASUN Senate juggles ticket shortage solutions

By Melinda Norris

Standing room or bleacher seats on the field were suggestions made at the ASUN meeting Wednesday as consolation to the 547 students turned away Friday when the football ticket office ran out of season passes.

ASUN President Rick Mockler said he feels confident that the administration will solve the problem created by the ticket shortage.

"Somewhere, somehow the administration is going to get seats," Mockler said, "but I don't know how they are going to do it."

Mockler added that the university has been threatened with possible lawsuits, suggesting discriminatory practices in the distribution of the tickets.

Although not familiar with the nature of the threatened suits, Mockler said possible grounds could be discrimination of unmarried students.

A married student can receive an extra football pass for a spouse who is not a university student if a marriage license is presented at the ticket window.

"Affirmative Action states 'no one will have benefits conferred upon them based on marital status,'" Mockler said.

ASUN addressed the problem of the

football ticket shortage after Frances Aube, a freshman in political science addressed the meeting.

Aube said she has been discriminated against as a freshman. Upperclassmen are able to purchase their tickets in the spring semester, Aube explained, while the freshmen cannot.

"As a student of the university," Aube said, "I pay and I support the football team, and I should be allowed to see the game whether or not they underestimated my need for a ticket in July."

Aube said she is presenting her grievances to ASUN, not as a means of creating a riot, but to see if a solution can be found

so the same thing won't happen next year.

Sen. Fran Grabowski said he will present a proposal at Wednesday's ASUN meeting to form an ad hoc committee to research solutions.

Applications for membership on the committee will be accepted at the ASUN office this week, Grabowski said. Fifteen positions will be available for the committee.

Grabowski said the committee would look at other schools and how they distribute their tickets.

Aube said the ticket office should check off a person by social security number when a ticket is purchased.

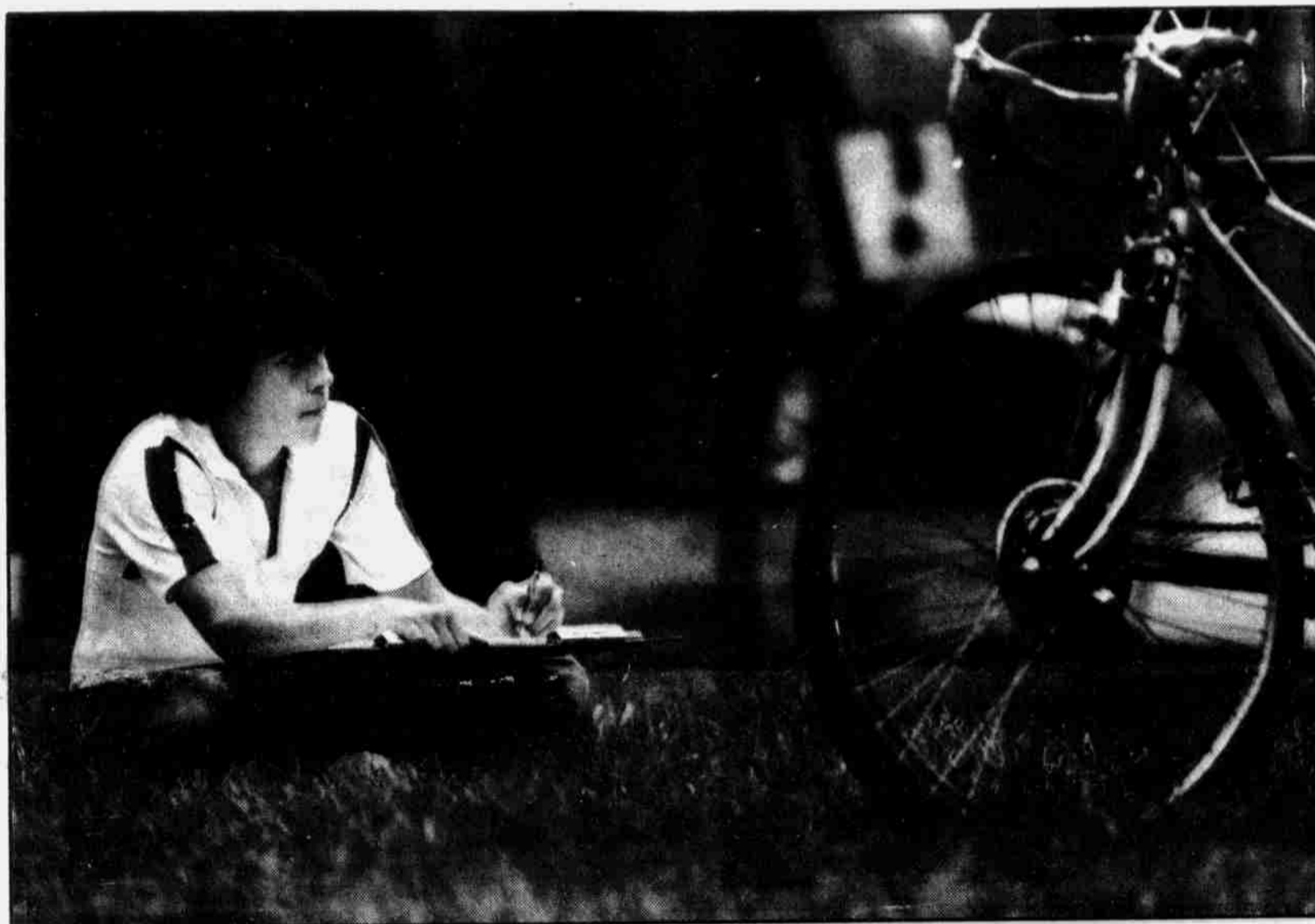


Photo by Kent Morgan Olsen

Rich Loos, a freshman art major from Scottsbluff, concentrates on drawing the bicycle in front of him.

Senator: Tax cut helps Nebraskans

By Tricia Waters

U.S. Sen. Edward Zorinsky said he's convinced President Reagan's tax cut package will help businesses and farmers fight inflation.

The Democrat spoke to about 80 men at the Downtown Lincoln Sertoma Club's luncheon Wednesday.

Zorinsky said if the government didn't do something soon to fight inflation, no farmers or businesses would be left to borrow money.

"This tax cut package will help us address the situation as far as inflation," he said. "There are so many uncontrollable costs, energy is one of them. People don't have the operating capital left to succeed in business."

He said the problem doesn't lie in taking several years to balance the budget, but in not doing it at all.

"The catastrophe would have been to allow us to continue in the direction we were going," Zorinsky said.

Nebraska farmers, crumbling under the load of inflating business costs and crops they can't sell, constantly ask him what can be done, Zorinsky said.

Zorinsky, who worked to remove grain embargoes to the Soviet Union, said it's wrong for the government to restrict grain sales to certain countries when it doesn't tell corporations who they call sell products to.

He said the Department of Agriculture and government officials don't understand how their actions affect farmers.

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Recreation center committee develops statement

By Hollie Wieland

Provided the NU Board of Regents grant approval and money can be found, UNL could have a new student recreation center in as little as four years.

Last spring UNL's Central Planning Committee, comprised of faculty, staff and students, approved the new recreation center proposal as a "concept," but said more details were necessary. In June another committee met to set up a task force to write a program statement detailing the proposed recreation center.

"We are supposed to develop a program statement and preliminary planning which involves a descriptive statement of the kinds of space needed and the cost element of such a space," said recreation center committee member Jim Brockman, a senior agriculture major.

At the June meeting, two subcommittees were set up, Brockman said. One will be responsible for the program statement, he said.

Dan Steller, recreation center director, said a third group of people will be organized to speak with UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale.

According to Steller, the program statement will include such things as why such a facility is wanted, how present facilities are meeting students' needs, what is desired by students, and how it might be financed.

Harry Allen, director of institutional research and planning, is doing much to help put the program statement together, Steller said.

Information gathered

Allen has much of the information the committee has gathered for the program statement and will suggest what other information is needed and what information can be left out, Steller said.

After a detailed program statement is put together it will be submitted to the Central Planning Committee for approval, Steller said. If approval is received the proposal will go to the regents for permission to go ahead with plans.

If the regents' approve it, bids will be let for architectural planning.

Steller said if all goes smoothly it will take approximately one year to get the program statement completed and passed by the Central Planning Committee and the regents, another year for plans to be drawn and probably two years construction time.

According to Steller, one of the biggest problems that could hold up the project is money.

The estimated project cost is \$8 million to \$12 million but can be expected to

increase by 10 percent to 12 percent a year along with rising construction costs, said Steller.

The project cannot use state funds and will rely on student fees for some of the funding, Steller said. The committee will also go to various foundations for funding and if necessary to individuals.

Steller said the subcommittee suggested hiring an architect to make the program statement, but that would require more funds, which they are not even sure they have.

Willing to pay

Last year a student referendum showed 75.7 percent of UNL students voting wanted a recreation center, Steller said, and 61.7 percent would be willing to pay increased student fees to fund the center.

Also on the referendum were various facilities students would want in the center. Court space for volleyball, badminton and tennis received most votes with a jogging track following second, racquetball/handball courts third, followed by a weight room, swimming/diving pool, sauna, ice arena, training room and gymnastics area.

Steller said racquetball/handball space, basketball courts, weight/exercise rooms and saunas were all considered fairly definite facilities to be expected.

"What we would like to create is a place where students could go work out, take a swim, hit the sauna and whirlpool said. then head for their class," Steller said.

"Money factor is the big thing, we're going to have to look at things very carefully to be sure of their value to us."

He said the advantage to such a center would be that it would be available to

students all day, not just during certain hours when classes are not being held, like at Mabel Lee Hall and the Coliseum.

No competition meets or classes would be held in the new center and hours would most likely be 7:30 a.m. to midnight, Steller said.

He said similar facilities at the University of Colorado and Texas Tech had an average of five to six thousand students going through the center daily.



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