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Photo by Jerry McBride

Alvin Goochey, a farmer near Johnstown, Neb., said he favors construction of the Norden Dam Project because irrigation water from the project will recharge lost ground water near Johnstown.

The Norden Dam . . . benefit or detriment?

The Norden Dam Project on the Niobrara River in northcentral Nebraska was authorized by Congress in 1972, but only 2 percent of the project is complete due to a 1975 law suit.

Next month a Bureau of Reclamation study of alternatives to the project should be complete, which may cause Federal Judge Warren Urbom to lift his injunction on the project.

Supporters of the project say the irrigation water trapped by the dam will increase grain production and boost state and local economies.

Opponents of the project say the economic and environmental costs of the project are too great to justify its completion.

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Wesely pushes Morrill Hall bill

By Melinda Norris

Finding the highest quality heating and cooling unit for Morrill Hall at the lowest possible price is the quest of state Sen. Don Wesely. He addressed the ASUN Senate Wednesday urging support for a \$1.5 million legislative bill to purchase and finance the installation.

Wesely and Museum Director James Gunnerson told the senate about the types of heating and cooling systems available, the range of costs and the need for the unit. Wesely proposed a system using the UNL Central Physical Plant or a self-contained unit.

Using the UNL physical plant would require the installation of a fan coil system using steam and chilled water from the plant at an estimated cost of \$250,000. However, temperature control would not be provided when the plant is not operating in late spring and early fall.

The self-contained unit would provide a separate heating and cooling system, allowing flexibility in controlling the building's temperature and humidity throughout the year. The estimated costs for this system range from \$500,000 to \$750,000.

In addition to the new system, insulation must be installed at a cost of about \$125,000 and windows replaced at an approximate cost of \$125,000.

The \$1.5 million figure is based on 6-year-old estimates adjusted for a 10 percent inflation rate, Gunnerson said. Current estimates are being composed by the UNL Physical Plant and the Legislative fiscal office, Wesely said.

The upstairs offices in Morrill Hall are air conditioned on the fan coil approach, Gunnerson said. The proposed units would serve the bottom three floors where exhibits are located.

Gunnerson said the unit is needed to maintain constant temperature and humidity. Changes in temperature and humidity cause expansion and contraction of bone and wood, he said. The stress over the years has created irreparable damage.

Calling the deterioration "awesome," Gunnerson said the museum has mounted skeletons that have deteriorated faster in the 50 years than in the previous 100,000 years.

Public library welcomes students, too

By Elizabeth Burden

The Lincoln Public Libraries are for many different types of people, including students, according to its coordinator for adult services.

"Public libraries are community oriented," said John Fenton. "We treat students as part of the community. Therefore, all our services are available to students."

Public libraries are geared primarily toward popular works, more so than university libraries, Fenton said. But the city libraries still have many services to offer the student, provided they have a library card, he said.

At Bennett Martin Library, 14th and N streets, card holders can check out art work, records and tapes from the fine arts department, and films and projectors from the audio-visual department.

There is a \$4 rental fee for equipment checked out. Listening and viewing carrels are available at the library.

"We have a good selection of magazines," Fenton said. "We also have a very good selection of business materials."

Fenton said every daily newspaper in the state can be found "for those who'd like to keep up on hometown events" along with major national dailies such as the *New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*.

There is a reference department at the main library, smaller than the one at UNL's Love Library, Fenton said. It includes a call-in reference service.

"We don't do anyone's homework," Fenton said, "but we'll try to help if we can."

Meeting rooms are available at the main library. Groups should contact the administration office for more details.

"I would never want to discourage students from using public libraries," Fenton said. "They should come down and get a library card."

Student presidents to present opinion on payment issue

By Laure Perlinger

In a battle to convince the NU Board of Regents that the student regent and student body president are two separate entities, UNL and UNO student presidents Friday will deliver a legal opinion concerning student regent compensation.

ASUN President Rick Mockler said he and UNO student body president Florene Langford will present the opinion prepared by Omaha attorney Jarv Garrett, in an attempt to salvage pay for NU campus presidents.

Salary approval will require changing the minds of at least three regents, Mockler said. Regents Robert Koefoot of Grand Island, and John Payne of Kearney, voted at the July meeting to maintain the salary. But Mockler said Regent Kermit Hansen of Omaha has previously claimed the positions are one in the same, which creates a legal question.

Mockler said the student president deserves a wage because it is much more time consuming than being a student regent. He emphasized that although one person serves both, the positions are separate.

Same person

But, he added, both should be filled by the same person. "The student body president has more contact with students, has access to information and has already been elected by the students as their spokesperson," Mockler said.

"The issue isn't at the lawsuit stage," Mockler said, despite earlier reports.

"There aren't grounds to sue the Board of Regents," he said, but added that if necessary, he'll ask for a declaratory statement from the courts.

Mockler explained that in 1967 when the student body president began receiving a salary, there was no such position as student regent.

In 1974 the student regent position was created through a constitutional amendment, but there was no salary increase for the student president. Then in 1981 the regents decided to eliminate the salary entirely.

Other items coming before the Board of Regents on Friday for consideration will be:

-discussion of the proposed bachelor of journalism degree in the School of Journalism.

-discussion of the proposed allocation of regents scholarships (with students having the option of which NU campus to attend.)

-discussion of the proposed major/minor in meteorology-climatology in the Department of Geography.

-Regent Hansen's proposal for more vigorous NU recruitment of out-of-state students.

-1981-82 general operating budget request and tentative 1983-84 general operating budget request guidelines.

Construction budget

In addition, a report will be given on the capital construction budget request for fiscal year 1982-83, concerning completion of the proposed animal science project.

Mockler said he also expects a report on the football ticket situation from either UNL Chancellor Martin Masengale or UNL Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Richard Armstrong.

The ticket shortage problem was remedied after the Athletic Ticket Office came up with 547 tickets, Mockler said. However, the issue of raising student ticket prices to equal those of general admission, and then allow them to sell them if they wish probably will arise.

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