

ASUN supports DeCamp in drive to save gas

By Melinda Norris

The Asun Senate unanimously approved legislation Wednesday supporting a state senator's effort to make Nebraska independent of petroleum imports.

Sen John DeCamp of Neligh told the senate in a 25-minute presentation that if Nebraska does not become energy-efficient

and develop alternative energy sources, the state will pay increased rates for natural gas when its price is deregulated.

The senate voted to send a representative Nov. 13 to a public hearing on energy at the state capitol, encourage people to attend the hearing and work with state senators to get energy legislation passed, in the

1982 legislative session.

In action on the city wheel tax, the senate appointed Nette Nelson, chairperson of the Government Liaison Committee to testify Nov. 9 at the Lincoln City Council meeting on behalf of the senate.

The proposed wheel tax ordinance would force working students who drive to work a vehicle registered outside Lincoln to help pay for street construction and maintenance.

The senate approved criteria used by the Committee for Fee Allocation to budget funds. The CFA is an extension of the senate and makes recommendations to the chancellor on fee allocation.

The committee will meet publicly at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 to seek student opinion on fee usage of Funds A and B. Fund A supports the State Student Association, the senate, the Daily Nebraskan and the University Program Council. Fund B supports the Debt Service, University Health Center,

Nebraska unions and recreation programs and facilities.

The senate recognized the UNL Art League as a university organization. People within the Art Department sponsor the league to expand art appreciation.

The senate also approved one appointment to the Union Board and two appointments to the senate.

Appointed to the Union Board was Brian Wacker, a junior studying business administration and management. Wacker, from Plainview, is a member of Farmhouse Fraternity.

Michelle Magruder from Lincoln and Francis Aube from Bellevue were appointed to the senate. Magruder, a junior studying political science, is a College of Arts and Sciences senator, and Aube, a freshman studying social sciences, is a Teachers College senator.

The next meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Culture Center.

Health center board accepts proposed budget increases

By Tricia Waters

The University Health Center Board approved the health center's proposed budget increases and considered support of a "wellness program" at its weekly meeting Thursday, said chairman Roy Miller.

The board is comprised of 10 students appointed by the ASUN Senate. One position is open on the board.

The board approved the health center's suggestion of a tentative \$3 to \$5 increase per student in student fees for the center, Miller said.

The health center receives about \$1.5 million, or about \$70 a year from each full-time student, said Steve Blom, health center administrator. It generates about \$470,000 from direct charges, Blom said.

The increase in fees would go for additional staff in the physical therapy and mental health departments and would increase health aide salaries.

The board approved the suggestion that about \$15,000 be channeled into the health aide program, to raise weekly salaries from \$5 to \$7.50, Miller said. The \$5 the 150 health aides receive is the same pay they received when the program began over 20 years ago, Miller said.

Blom said the health aides end up paying their salaries back into the program to get supplies.

"Five dollars doesn't go very far anymore," Blom said.

The physical therapy department would receive \$5,000 to hire a part-time therapist, Miller said.

The mental health department would get \$6,500 for a part-time worker to assist the four mental health therapists, Blom said. The worker would be a clinical psychology student who needs a year of experience in practicing.

Over the last year, those departments have seen a significant increase in people using the services, Miller said.

Miller said the board also decided to support the wellness concept that is sweeping campuses across the nation.

At upcoming meetings, the board will decide how much the health center should concentrate on this area — how much money to commit and to what kinds of activities, Miller said.

"The wellness concept is a phenomenal explosion on college campuses," Miller said. He said the concept is an approach to health, considering physical and mental health, exercise and diet.

Some colleges have sponsored wellness summer camps and retreats. One college cancelled classes for one day for students to attend a wellness program, Miller said.

He said physical contests are also a possible wellness activity.

Students surveyed by board for insurance policy needs

By Tom Shelton

The University Health Center Board is investigating whether the university's student health insurance policy is adequate, the board president said.

Roy Miller said he became suspicious of the university's policy after attending two conferences in April.

At the first — the Central College Health Association Conference at Kansas University — Miller said KU officials told him 35 percent of the students there have university insurance policies. And Miller said he discovered the KU insurance policy costs about twice as much as UNL's policy.

"Whether the Kansas University insurance program is better, I don't know," Miller said. "And yet, it costs twice what ours does and still 35 percent of the students have it. You can see why we (the health board) are wondering."

In late April, Miller attended a national conference in Boston and said he found it is common for students to have considerable voice in establishing insurance policies at their universities. He said UNL students don't have as much control over the type of insurance offered by the university.

"We should have a voice," Miller said.

"Nobody's approached us for input." The "nobody" Miller refers to is the university administration, which he said has been "passive" in its evaluation of whether the university's insurance policy is adequate.

Miller said administration officials told him the UNL insurance policy is acceptable. But his findings at the two conferences made him doubtful, he said.

"We're not going to war with the university," he said. But the board is gathering its own information to evaluate the policies, he said.

To determine whether the policy is acceptable, the board sent 1,800 students a survey designed to collect statistical data about the policy, he said.

The survey was distributed from fraternities, sororities, residence halls and the Nebraska Union — "to catch the off-campus crowd."

If the survey results indicate the present policy is acceptable, the board will accept that. But if the data indicates changes are necessary, the board will try to change it, he said.

If the administration rejects the board's findings, it will take "other action," he said.

"But I don't see that happening."

Car damaged in campus parking

Someone apparently kicked in the left rear-side panel of a car parked on a university lot Tuesday night.

The yellow 1979 Plymouth, owned by

Mark Valkenhorst of Harper Hall, received about \$200 worth of damage, police said.






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