

## GLC plans to lobby senators

By Eric Peterson

Lobbying senators and getting the word out for education will be the focus of ASUN's Government Liaison Committee this semester, said GLC chairperson Nette Nelson.

GLC members took lobbying information out to their home communities over semester break, Nelson said, emphasizing financial issues like capital construction, high tuition and low faculty salaries.

Bessey Hall and Architectural Hall on UNL's city campus and the Animal Research Facility on east campus are in special need of renovation or completion, Nelson said. Lincoln Sen. Steve Fowler recently introduced a bill into the Nebraska Legislature to raise the state cigarette tax by 4 cents, earmarking the funds for capital construction on campuses across the state.

Nelson said a similar pro-

posal by Gov. Charles Thone to raise the cigarette tax 4 cents and use the money as general revenue was more likely to be passed.

"Maybe Fowler's proposal can be added as an amendment," Nelson said.

### Equal requirements

Another GLC concern is equalizing the grade requirements among UNL colleges. Nelson said many students are squeezed out of crowded classes in the College of Business Administration and College of Engineering and Technology because of higher GPA standards.

"Such restrictions on upper level courses are due to overcrowding and lack of adequate faculty, caused by lack of funding."

A GLC fact sheet said the 9 percent salary increase that UNL instructors received this year only places their pay further behind the norm of comparable

schools.

"The biggest concern of UNL's faculty is not that they keep pace with their academic counterparts at other schools, but rather that they keep up with the high cost of living — neither of which is possible at the current pay rate."

At the same time, UNL's tuition rate of \$29.50 per credit hour is the highest in the group of Big Eight schools for a student taking 18 hours, according to GLC material.

### Informational breakfasts

Nelson said the GLC will be taking these issues to state senators through both personal one-to-one lobbying at the capitol and informational breakfasts co-sponsored by the business college senators at the Nebraska Union.

The first such breakfast will be Jan. 19 with Sen. Don Dworak of Columbus; Jan. 21 with Sen. Myron Rumery of North Platte; Feb. 2 with Sen. Ron Cope of Kearney; and Feb. 9 with Lincoln Sen. Fowler.

All breakfasts are at 7:30 a.m. in posted rooms in the union. Nelson said all interested persons are welcome to attend, and asked they make reservations with the GLC by the day before the breakfast.

She said Sen. Larry Stonoy of Omaha will meet with the GLC Jan. 26 at noon.

Nelson said the GLC will announce specific legislative priorities for the next session at a press conference Jan. 18, but that the main emphasis will continue to be "promoting equal access to low cost, high quality education."

Nelson said a special GLC project will be a voter registration drive to start in mid-January.

"The drive will be well underway before the ASUN elections. We're trying to encourage students to vote in general, both in campus and state elections."

Nelson said the GLC will unite its efforts with the newly-formed State Student Association for the voter registration drive.

## Class changes begin Tuesday

Students who need to add or drop a class may do so beginning Tuesday.

Schedule changes will be made in the Centennial Room in the Nebraska Union between 8 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m. There is a \$5 handling fee and time appointment cards are required to enter the room. Cards will be issued beginning Tuesday at 8 a.m. at Window 5 in the Administration Building. Friday is the last day students can add a class without the permission of the college dean.



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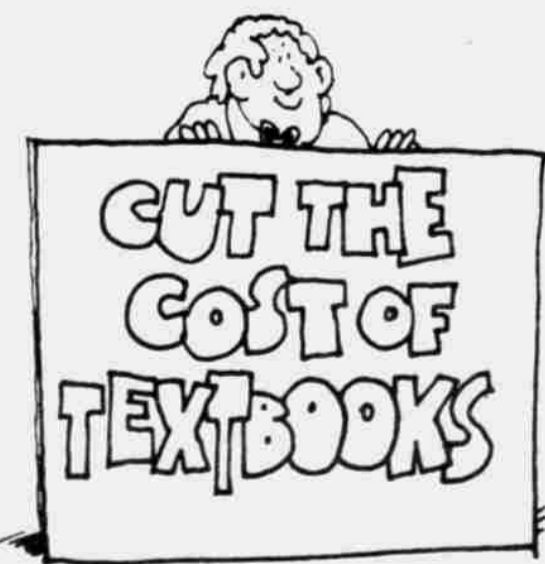
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