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ASUN Senate supports efforts to override veto

By Eric Peterson

The ASUN Senate passed a resolution supporting efforts to override President Reagan's recent veto of a supplementary spending bill. The bill contains funds for such federal financial aid programs as Pell Grants and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants.

Sen. Steve Grasz questioned the appropriateness of the resolution, saying it was too political. Sen. Kathy Roth responded that each issue before the senate should be considered on its own merits.

Deb Chapelle, interim executive director of the Nebraska State Student Association, a statewide student lobbying group to which UNL belongs, earlier had given background information on the issue.

The financial aid funds were only part of a larger bill that was vetoed last weekend because Reagan said it would break the budget. Chapelle, however, said the bill was \$1.7 billion under what the

president originally asked for.

A sustained veto would kill \$140 million in Pell Grants and \$77 million of SEOG money, she said. In human terms, 1 million Pell Grants would be reduced and 128,000 SEOGs eliminated.

Chapelle said it is still possible to override the veto by Sept. 8. The best way to have impact on the decision is to contact local congressional offices or phone congressional offices in Washington, she said.

The senate also considered Sen. Rhonda Greder's proposal to provide a shuttle bus from the main part of City Campus to the Bob Devaney Sports Center on election day.

The sports center, which is the precinct polling site for the Malone neighborhood as well as the campus, is inconvenient to some students, Greder said. She earlier had suggested changing the polling place to the Nebraska Union, but the electoral commissioner refused because of the lateness of the change and potential parking problems.

ASUN First Vice President Greg Krieser said the organization is looking for ways to distribute an ASUN newsletter. In addition to passing it out in residence halls and Greek houses, the empty drop boxes for the Journalist, the School of Journalism laboratory newspaper, may be used.

Since printing the newsletter costs about 1½ cents per side, Krieser said it

may be necessary to limit circulation and be more efficient in distribution.

ASUN President Dan Wedekind announced that he and Government Liaison Committee Chair Nette Nelson will be going to Omaha today with administration officials to testify about LB946, a legislative resolution on financial aid introduced by state Sen. Gerald Koch of Ralston.

UNL fights litter problem with students' assistance

UNL is fortunate compared to other Big Eight schools with litter and vandalism problems, but damage still occurs, Glen Schumann, the housing office assistant director of maintenance and operations, said at a news conference Wednesday. "We can't stop vandalism, but we can get students involved in its prevention," Schumann said.

The UNL Police Department, grounds department, housing office and Physical Plant Administration sponsored the conference, part of a campaign to fight vandalism and littering on campus.

Physical Plant Director Harley Schrader said vandalism and litter in buildings is not a terrible problem, but it could be reduced.

"If people would have more diligence with their daily habits, a great deal of the problem would be eliminated," Schrader said.

"We need the support of students and staff to make this a better place to live and work," he said.

Wilbur Dasenbrock, director of the grounds department, said his primary concern is keeping UNL from becoming a slum.

Dasenbrock said students are helping out by making anti-litter posters and making trash bins out of old oil drums.

"We want to make the campus look nice and save money at the same time," he said.

According to statistics prepared by UNL police, vandalism has been the highest reported non-index crime on the UNL campus for the past six years.

"In 1981, there were 183 such cases (vandalism) reported," the report stated. "This crime alone cost the members of the university community \$13,937 in personal property damages and \$7,064 in losses to the university itself."

Insanity resolution studied

By Mark Hansen

A recent resolution before the Nebraska Legislative Judicial Committee, studying the possibility of toughening law regarding the insanity defense in murder cases, has not generated much enthusiasm, said John Goc, chief legal counselor for the committee.

Goc said the insanity clause was added to LR344 by Sen. William Nichol of Scottsbluff. Nichol, chairman of the Judicial Committee, added it shortly after a jury found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity of the attempted assassination of President Reagan.

Under present law, once an accused felon pleads insanity, the prosecution must prove that the accused was not insane while allegedly committing the unlawful act. The resolution proposes that the defense, not the prosecution, would have to prove that the accused was insane at the time of the crime.

One reason for perceived lack of enthusiasm from the Judicial Committee is Nebraska's already strict interpretation of the insanity plea as defense, Goc said.

Last year Nebraska laws were changed

to take the power of release away from regional center officials and put it in the hands of the courts. Under the new law, people who successfully plead insanity and are sent to a regional center for psychiatric care must appear before a judge to present their case for release.

Nebraska still uses the traditional interpretation of the "Naughten test, which states that in order to be found not guilty by reason of insanity a person must be unable to tell the difference between right and wrong.

Many states have modified their interpretation of the test to include irresistible impulse as grounds for an insanity defense.

A bill similar to the ideas under consideration by the Judicial Committee was introduced to the U.S. Senate by Nebraska Sen. Edward Zorinsky prior to Hinckley's attempt to assassinate Reagan.

A total of 33 bills, 22 introduced after the Hinckley decision was announced, are pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Danny Fuchs, legislative assistant to Zorinsky, said because of the large number of bills, the Senate probably will not be able to take any action before their dismissal in October.

East Campus supplies space for State Fair 4-H judging

By Carol Harrah

UNL buildings on East Campus will be used for part of the activities of Nebraska 4-H members participating in the State Fair.

Louis Rudman, extension specialist with the state 4-H Office located on

East Campus, said some buildings on East Campus will be used as part of various judging contests within the 4-H program.

Rudman said UNL buildings are being used because the fairgrounds either do not have all the buildings needed or the ones they do have are not as good as the university's classrooms.

Judges for the contests are students ages 12 to 19 who are picked up by their home countries to judge in one of four categories: crops, horticulture, forestry and livestock, Rudman said. There are a few people judging the contest who are freshmen at UNL, he said, but the majority of judges are in high school or junior high.

"The people are here all morning judging," he said, "and then give reasons for their selections in the afternoon. By having the teams here, the East Union food service will benefit from the extra people eating lunch there."

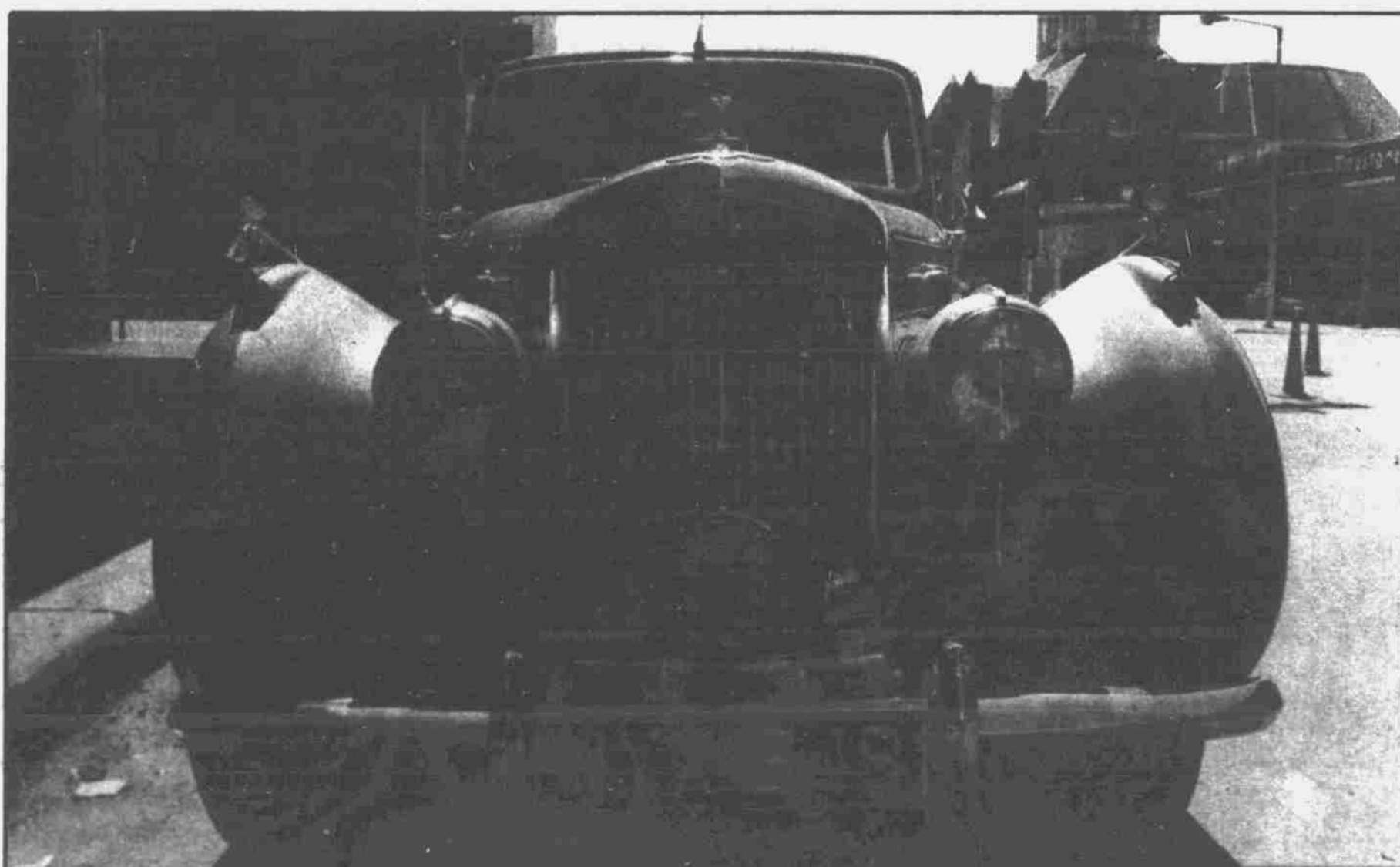
Rudman said the university can provide livestock and plant samples needed for the judging competitions. He said the university has the setting available and examples of items being judged.

Rudman said the Fair Board usually does not have State Fair activities off the fairgrounds.

"The Fair Board prefers for all of the activities to be held on the fairgrounds," Rudman said. "But with the number of people and the length of time that they'll be here, our facilities work better for them (the students judging)."

Rudman said there will be about 430 people involved in the judging. He said those involved provide their own lodging, whether at residence halls or in Lincoln motels.

The Collegiate 4-H members at UNL also will be participating in the State Fair with their annual food booth in the 4-H complex on the fairgrounds.



This Bentley sticks out conspicuously on South 12th Street in Lincoln. The vintage model of English make is owned by Trusdell Distributing of Omaha.