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## GLC schedules forum concerning tuition surcharge

ASUN's Government Liaison Committee will sponsor a hearing Thursday, on a possible \$30 to \$50 tuition surcharge.

"Since no one else is holding any hearings, students will do it themselves," said GLC chairperson Nette Nelson.

The GLC forum on the tuition surcharge will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union.

Nelson said there may be an ASUN press conference on the subject that afternoon.

The purpose of the hearing is to get some student proposals on the state financial crisis and its effect on the university, Nelson said.

After a \$55 million budget shortfall was discovered in the state operations budget, the Legislature met in last week's special budget-cutting session. NU's share of the budget cut is \$3.5 million.

Much of that cut would be made up by the proposed tuition surcharge.

Nelson said the decision on how big a tuition surcharge will be assessed is supposed to be announced today by UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale.

Nelson said each institution is responsible for reworking its own midyear budget. She said that to her knowledge, UNL is the only educational institution considering a one-time tuition increase.

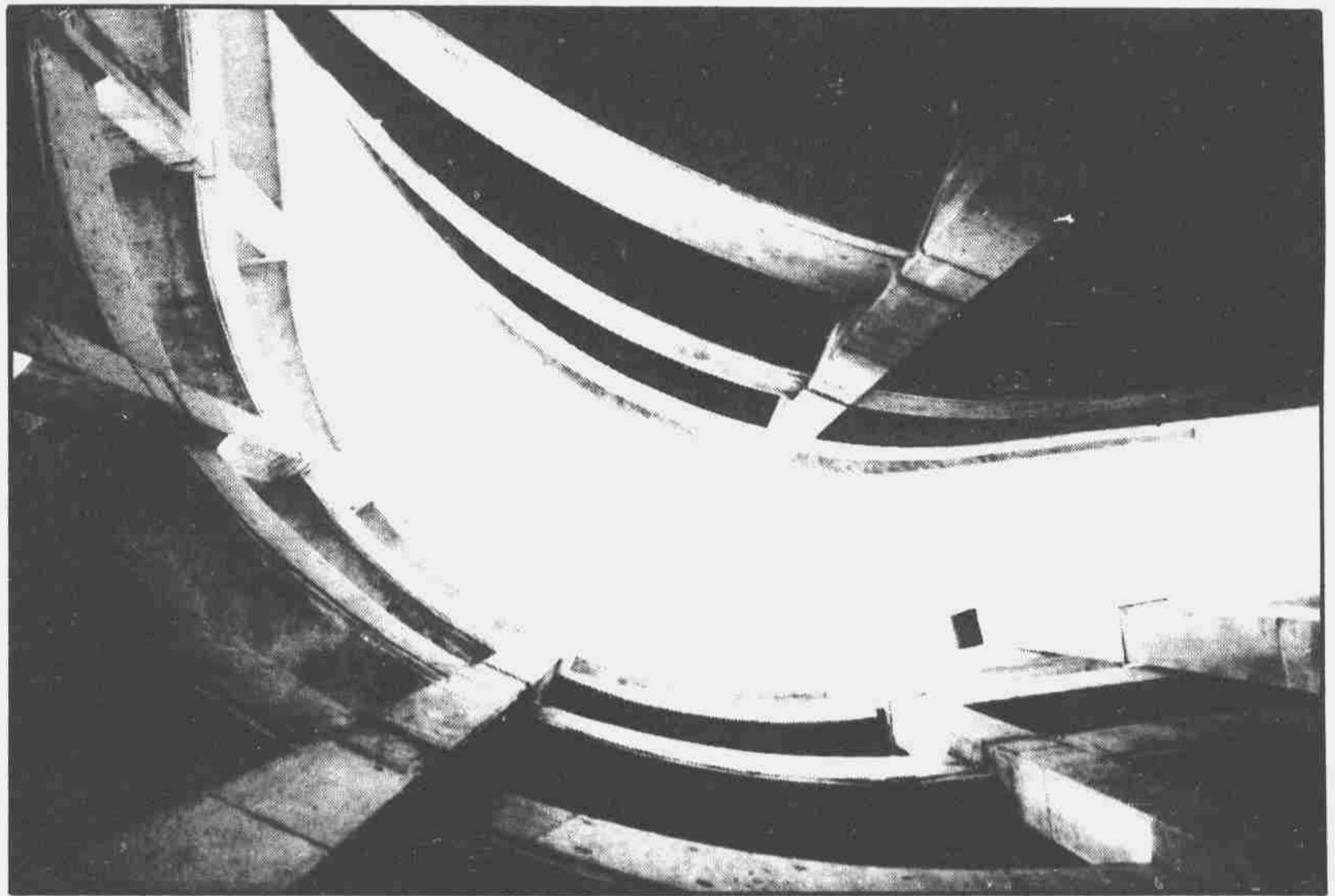
"The deficit at state colleges will be compensated for in other ways," Nelson said.

The tuition that students begin paying at the start of an academic year serves as a kind of contract between the university and the students, she said, and it is hard for some students to face a midyear increase in their tuition.

"We're concerned that many students cannot afford even \$50 more next semester," she said.

Nelson said the financial pinch is not an either-or situation in which tuition must be raised in order to keep faculty salaries at current levels.

"We're anxious to see faculty salaries continue at the present rates," she said. "I don't see the tuition surcharge and the issue of faculty salaries as connected."



Staff Photo by Craig Andresen

The parking ramps of the Gunny's Complex at 13th and P streets appear abstract as the camera lens looks skyward from the alley below.

## Newsletter relates ASUN's activities

ASUN has published its fall newsletter, "The Senate Update."

The newsletter is paid for by ASUN funds, which come from student fees. This is the first one put out this year, because the senate can afford to put out only one a semester, said Greg Krieser, first vice president of ASUN.

Krieser said most of the stories come from senators and committees.

"We want the students to get involved in what we are doing, so we put out this newsletter to tell them what we are working on at this time," he said.

ASUN sent senators to the various organizations within their colleges to find out about the concerns students have. The newsletter is to tell the student body what the

senate is working on, Krieser said.

"Most of the time, the student doesn't hear about what is going in ASUN until after it has been completed," he said. "This newsletter will tell people about what is going on so they may get involved if they want to."

Eight thousand copies were printed by Varsity Print & Copy, Inc. for \$137.

"I'm excited about this and hope that students will read it," Krieser said. "We don't mean to be biased. We just want to tell what the student government is. If there are any concerns, students may contact a senator — the numbers are in the newsletter," he said.

He also said the newsletter should be picked up by today. The newsletter can be found in drop baskets for the Journalist.

## Computer science majors suffer terminal waiting

By Bill Allen

When Jeff Mitchell goes to Ferguson Hall or Nebraska Hall to work on a computer program he usually finds himself waiting.

The junior computer science major said he has waited as long as 45 minutes to get on a terminal, but usually just leaves before waiting that long.

Mike Colligan, a junior computer science major, said a student can wait as long as two hours for a terminal. He said he usually leaves before then, to seek out other terminals if possible or to come back some other time.

The general consensus among computer

science students is the same — more terminals are needed.

According to Roy Keller, chairman of the computer science department, the problem goes deeper than that and basically comes down to a lack of funds.

Keller hopes that current recommendations made by a special university task force appointed by Chancellor Martin Massengale will help solve some of the problems the computer science department is having.

Keller, a member of the task force, said it is made up of faculty members from throughout the university and is acting partly on recommendations made

by NU President Ronald Roskens in 1981.

### Separation sought

Keller said the main concern of the task force at this time is developing a separate computing system for the administration and academic areas.

This separation would be in function only and would not necessarily involve any new computer purchases.

Keller said that the department now has computers tied into computer services at UNL and also rents some computer time from the state.

As it stands now, both administrative and academic computing is done on the same system.

The department, Keller said, doesn't have enough faculty or computer terminals for each student.

Computer science is an increasingly popular area of student interest, Keller said. This semester one out of four student requests for classes were turned down. Already, pre-registration figures for next semester show 10 courses overfilled, he said.

### Comprehensive system sought

In an executive memorandum, Roskens said he envisions a system in which all students eventually are exposed to computers.

Keller, who has been department chairman for a year, believes this is an important long-term goal because computers are becoming an increasingly integral part of instruction. However, he emphasized that this type of plan is definitely a long-term goal.

"From where we are now to get to that point is a lot of dollars and time," he said.

He described the job of the task force as to "move in that direction."

The new computer received by the College of Engineering and Technology last year will not help the computer science program a great deal, Keller said.

Although some of the engineering students taught in computer science would be able to do all their work on the new computer, the number of students it draws away from the computer science

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## Temple completion postponed by deferral

The Temple Building renovation project should be completed by the beginning of the next school year, following a deferral of \$235,000 in capital construction projects at NU. The deferral was confirmed during last week's special session of the Nebraska Legislature.

Renovation of the Temple Building, home of the theatre arts department, began in December 1980 and was basically finished by January 1982. The total cost of the project is \$3.4 million, and \$100,000 of that figure has been deferred until the beginning

of the next fiscal year, July 1, 1983. Most of the money is being spent on the building itself, not on the Howell Theater.

"Most people think that the work was done on the theater, but it was hardly touched. The renovation was done mainly on the classroom area," Pat Overton, theater manager, said.

As part of the budget crunch, UNL decided to defer spending the last \$100,000 until next year. Work will begin during the summer in anticipation of paying the bills after July

1, John Amend of the Physical Plant said.

Among the renovations that need to be finished are a marquee and sound-proofing. A chime system will be installed to tell theater goers when plays are about to begin or resume. Also, the air duct system will be worked on to improve air circulation.

"Basically, what we will be doing is to tie up the loose ends on the project," Amend said, "we should have it done by the beginning of next fall's semester."