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GLC brings government closer to UNL students

By Bill Allen

Efforts to make students more aware of their government at city, state and federal levels is the continuing goal of the Government Liaison Committee, according to Nette Nelson, committee chairman.

This semester, GLC committees will sponsor events in these areas to give students the opportunity to participate in government, said Nelson, a senior speech communications major.

GLC functions include interactions with the Legislature to keep students aware of bills that will affect them directly, she said.

After the 10th legislative day the committee will prepare a list of bills in the Legislature that it will be watching this semester.

"We, of course, will be watching the Kilgarin bill," Nelson said, "and also another bill being considered that would raise the drinking age to 21."

Nelson referred to the legislative resolution, introduced by Sen. Karen Kilgarin of Omaha, which would give the Legislature added control of UNL finances.

Nelson said she has not seen the Kilgarin bill, and because GLC hasn't discussed it yet, they don't have an opinion on it.

She said GLC plans to invite both Kilgarin and an opponent of the idea to a student forum sometime this semester.

Nelson, who has been chairman of the GLC since October 1980, said each of the eight vice chairmen of the GLC is working on projects this semester.

The city liaison also plans to invite

speakers to a student forum on the transfer of nuclear waste through Lincoln.

The committee will also be gathering information on the candidates for city offices and make it available to students.

Next Wednesday Doug Bereuter's district coordinator, Larry Fauss, will speak in the GLC office to the federal liaison and all interested students, Nelson said.

The same committee continues to monitor student funding and federal aid issues, she said.

The internal affairs liaison is mainly a resource committee for GLC, Nelson said, adding that the committee has accessible files containing past work done by GLC.

"We would like to see students consider us an information source," she said.

The legislative liaison is described as the "most active this semester" by Nelson.

She said it will continue its "adopt a senator" project, which students to sign up to meet with their state senator. With the College of Business Administration Advisory Board, the legislative liaison will continue to sponsor a senator breakfast, where senators will be available to speak informally to students.

The committee also will take a position before the Legislature on the UNL budget, which includes the cost of tuition and the funding of classes, she said.

The state liaison will continue to try to increase student voter registration, Nelson said.

Last semester, 1,240 students registered to vote at on-campus booths sponsored by the committee. This semester the on-campus registration booths are scheduled to be open in February.

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The NU Board of Regents will meet Saturday at 11 a.m. in the board room of Regents Hall, 3835 Holdrege St.

The business affairs and academic affairs subcommittees will meet at 8 a.m.

The regents will discuss a proposal to add a doctor of musical arts degree program in the UNL School of Music. Students with such a degree would be qualified to teach music at the college or university level. UNL now offers a master

of music degree.

The proposal is expected to be approved by the board as long as the musical arts degree program does not add extra costs to the UNL budget, ASUN President Dan Wedekind said.

Among other agenda items, the board will discuss leaves of absence for fulltime and part-time professional staff members at UNL, faculty resignations, terminations and salary adjustments at UNL and UNO.

