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Foreign student enrollment up from '82

Non-immigrant foreign student enrollment at UNL has increased steadily and gradually since 1972, said Peter Levitov, director of UNL's International Educational Services.

Levitov estimated current foreign student enrollment is at about 1,000, an increase of about five percent from last fall. He said foreign enrollment has increased about five percent annually since 1972, except for a few major fluctuations.

A significant increase of 14 percent occurred between 1981 and 1982, due to a sharp rise in the number of Malaysian students. Less than 10 Malaysian students were at UNL two and a half years ago compared to the approximately 200 who are at the university now.

Levitov attributed the increase to a newly instituted Malaysian scholarship program initiated by the government to assist citizens of Malay descent, who comprise more than half of the country's population.

Also, Malaysia had traditionally sent its scholarship students to the United Kingdom. Two years ago, the

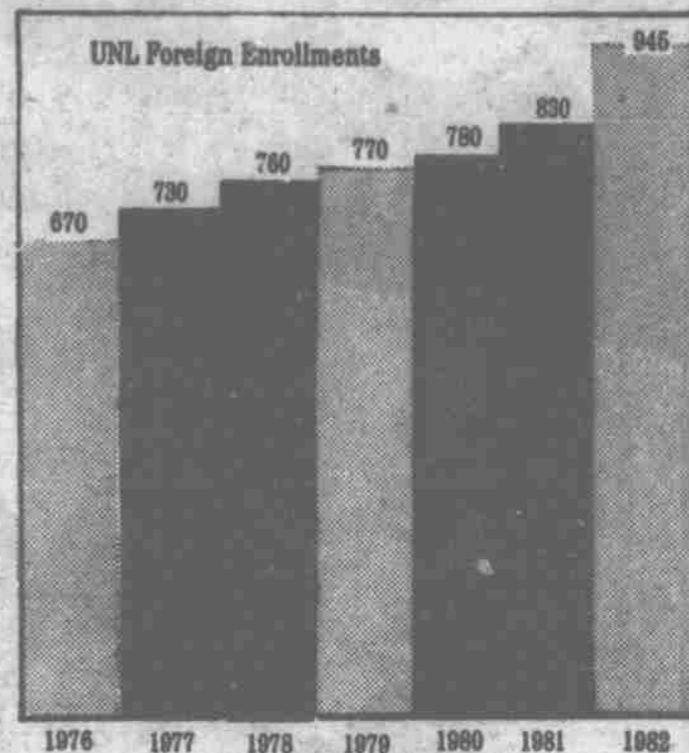
United Kingdom tripled its foreign student tuition fees. Consequently, the Malaysian government decided to offer scholarship programs to the United States instead, Levitov said.

The table at right indicates that the foreign enrollment increase has been steady except for three fluctuations. Levitov said three major, unpredicted factors caused these changes:

- The increased importance of oil in the mid-1970s, coupled with allocation of oil revenues by OPEC countries for overseas education, heightened enrollment.

- In the late 1970s, Iran had the most students in the United States. Strained relations between the United States and the new Khomeini regime virtually has stopped enrollment of new Iranian students in U.S. universities. Four years ago, approximately 200 Iranian students were at UNL; currently, there are less than 100. Only a few of them are newly-enrolled.

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Stadium container collection prompts seven fan phone calls

By Lauri Haggis

Athletic department ticket supervisor Orval Borgiatti said he received seven telephone calls complaining about the collection of about 40 beer cans, pop and other containers at Saturday's football game.

The containers were taken at the gates by ticket-takers who were trying to prevent fans from carrying in alcoholic beverages.

Ticket-takers had been instructed to turn away fans who tried to carry in containers. Because this created a crowd-traffic problem, ticket-takers at some gates began suggesting that fans take their containers to the stadium's lost-and-found office.

Borgiatti said six of the seven callers were cooperative after they were told why the containers were not permitted in the stadium. Only one caller demanded an apology.

One reason callers complained is because the lost-and-found office was closed after the game. Containers had been taken to the university police station. This posed problems for out-of-town fans who were not able to pick up their property after the game because police business offices also were closed.

Others complained because all containers were confiscated, not just those holding alcoholic beverages.

Police Chief Gail Gade said in a random check of "seven or eight" containers at the police station,

he found only one with alcohol in it. The rest contained food, non-alcoholic drinks.

Gade said he questioned the logic of collecting all containers. He said he would like to see a sign suggesting fans take containers to the lost-and-found office. However, police officers are prohibited on game property.

"Maybe we over-reacted, but our guys were just trying to get a job done," Borgiatti said. "The first thing we're trying to do is discourage people from bringing large containers. Once you get into the stadium there's not room for them anyway."

Borgiatti said he has no objection to fans bringing small containers.

"The basic idea wasn't all bad," Gade said. He said that one improvement might be to have ticket-takers ask drink-toting fans what is in their containers, and to check the contents. If a fan seems reluctant to show the contents or if alcohol is found, ticket-takers should be instructed to turn the fan away.

Gade discussed the idea with Borgiatti and Vice Chancellor John Gosholt in a 10 a.m. meeting Wednesday. The meeting was called to discuss what happened Saturday and what plans should be made for future games.

Both Gade and Borgiatti declined to comment on results of the meeting. They said a policy statement will be released early next week through the sports information office.

Revitalization of PACE is top on ASUN roster

By Jann Nyffeler

Revitalization of the Program for Active Commitment to Education, bicyclists and budget cuts were discussed at the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska meeting Wednesday evening at the Culture Center.

Senator John Valdrighi discussed the need to promote PACE. Valdrighi said he met with Don Aripoli, director of Financial Aids, to discuss ways ASUN might promote PACE to bring in more money. PACE was a "big student issue back in the early 70's," Valdrighi said. Student contributions to the voluntary program have dwindled from over \$52,000 in 1971-72 to approximately \$12,000 last year.

PACE was designed in 1971 as a way to give grants to economically disadvantaged students who did not receive federal aid.

"If college students can't relate to getting another student through school, who can we look to for money?" Valdrighi asked.

Senators discussed problems with the program, finding fault with the way PACE is set up as a "negative donation." It was recommended that the statement which asks students to make the \$3.50 donation be reworded to better inform students of PACE benefits.

According to figures from Aripoli, those benefits ranged from \$27,701 in 1972 to \$5,218 in 1982 in the form of grants of \$100 to \$300 per student.

"All of us can benefit directly from giving to PACE," said one senator. Enlarging PACE funds frees funds in other programs for distribution, she said.

In other open forum discussion, Lori Kayton, ASUN representative on the Campus Safety committee, raised questions about complaints of bicyclists posing a hazard to pedestrians.

"Is the university held liable if there's a bike accident and someone's hurt? Does the university have insurance for this?" she asked.

Senator Kayton said the committee has discussed the possibility of creating a main route for bikes, with a bike path or a central bike parking area named as other alternatives. It was pointed out that there are no rules against bicycles on campus.

"A lot of people in the university are concerned with it (the situation)," she said.

Senator Valdrighi recommended encouraging bicyclists to voluntarily walk their bikes on campus.

Dolores Simpson-Kirkland, ASUN faculty adviser, encouraged senators to remain informed about the current budgetary reallocation process, stressing that they should get input from people in their colleges. The timetable for the process is being moved up rapidly, she said, with public hearings beginning in six weeks. "It's important for everyone to become involved," she said.

The senate passed a bill defining the process by which the Academic Planning Committee will conduct the upcoming public hearings. The bill, introduced by ASUN president Matt Wallace, stipulates that the procedures will include giving interested persons "access to relevant information" as well as the opportunity for such persons to present date for the committee to consider.



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