

Student government means ASUN

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ASUN — Associated Students of the University of Nebraska — is UNL's student government.

Logistics of ASUN:

ASUN has three executive officers and 35 senators. They are elected in March by a popular vote of the student body.

Senators represent student concerns to the administration of individual colleges and work with college advisory boards. The number of senators for each college is determined by the number of students in the college.

Senators organize committees and commissions and appoint student representatives to serve on them.

The committees developed by ASUN are:

- special topics — deals with the constitutions and publicity of various student organizations
- budgets — covers ASUN finance and the university budget
- academic — responsible for

career planning/placement and PACE

- committee for fees allocation — deals with the university program and facilities fees, including allocation of Fund A and Fund B money

- campus life committee — deals with issues such as the "Keep Campus Clean" program and campus safety.

How ASUN gets things done:

Marlene Beyke, ASUN director of development, said ASUN addresses issues that are timely on campus and affect students.

After an issue is identified, ASUN gathers all available data. ASUN President Mark Scudder, said senators then use the information to try and influence the administration's decision in the best interest of students.

ASUN does not "fight" the administration, Scudder said. The group tries to ensure that the students' interests come first in administrators' decisions, he said.

Generally, the administration is receptive to what ASUN has

to say, Scudder said.

ASUN Services:

Each year, ASUN sponsors a book exchange. Students can sell books on a consignment basis. Students set their own prices at the end of the book exchange, students receive money if the book is sold. If not, ASUN returns the book to the student.

ASUN also distributes paper money booklets that contain coupons redeemable at various downtown businesses. A student legal services handbook also is distributed.

Student legal services offered by ASUN include free legal aid to all registered students. This year, besides advice and counseling, lawyers will be provided to represent students in misdemeanors, consumer problems, landlord-tenant laws and some uncontested divorce cases.

ASUN Projects:

Last year, ASUN developed a "Keep Campus Clean" program that cleaned the stadium and other campus areas. ASUN also

began a recycling program and has already set receptacles in buildings to recycle paper.

When fall classes begin, ASUN will examine new student orientation and registration, Scudder said. An administrative proposal would have incoming freshman complete their schedules at orientation, thus making orientation mandatory, he said. ASUN will review the proposal.

Where to go if you have questions:

Students who have questions or concerns are welcome to call or walk into the ASUN office, Nebraska Union 115, Scudder said. Printed information is available to students at the ASUN office.

ASUN meetings are open to the public, Beyke said. ASUN meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The second meeting of each month is at the Culture Center, 1012 N. 16th St. The last meeting each month is at the East Union. All others are in the Nebraska Union. Each meeting has an open

forum where students can voice their concerns. During this time, people can speak without being on the agenda. However, students should approach the chair before the meeting to ensure recognition.

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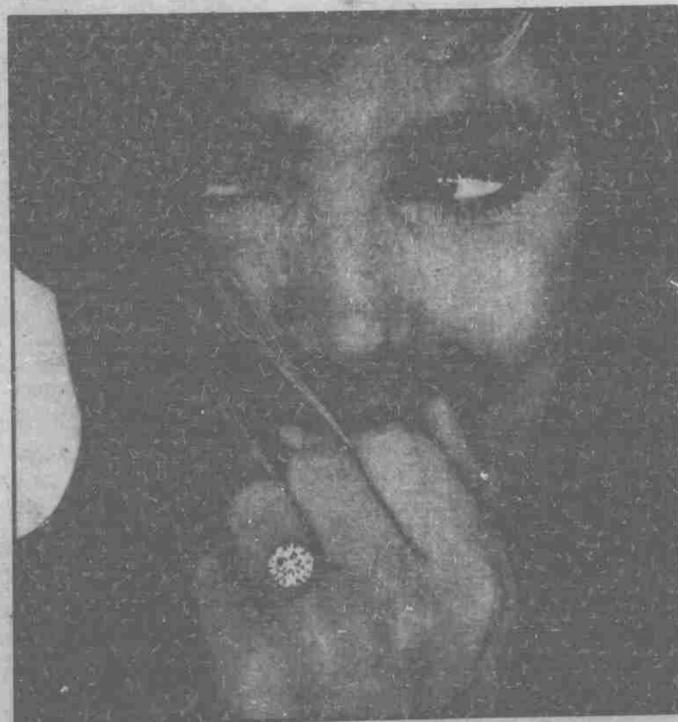
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