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Union Board discusses proposed commuter center

By Milli King Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Union Board discussed a proposed commuter center which would provide informational services to off-campus students.

ASUN President Gerard Keating and Sen. Todd Duffack presented the proposal to board members.

We are the only university in the Big Eight that doesn't have one of these commuter centers," said Duffack, who recently visited the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

"My mission was to look at what their (Oklahoma's) commuter center had to offer," he said. Duffack said services at the Norman commuter center included apartment and roommate listings, legal referrals, intramurals, parking and transportation information, student organizations and activities information as well as academic programs.

'We want to serve the students — that silent majority of 15,000 students — who are commuters.' he is concerned about the continuity of information ASUN could achieve.

"When you hang out your shingle (as an information center) you've got to have all the answers," he said.

Board members agreed that a commuter service center is needed.

Keating suggested the pinball area of the main floor as a good location for the commuter center.

Swanson said the pinball machines now generate \$121 a day in income for the union.

Board member Jeff Fishback said he thinks it is hard to justify the (pinball) area financially.

"But, I feel an area that provides informational services to students is very important," Fishback said. "If it's going to have a lot of student use, it has to be visually accessible."

Board member Jeff Hansen said the center "would take a year or so to get going."

"Let's put it somewhere else, while it's collecting information," he said.

After it has been operating, the Union Board can evaluate the center's importance and put it in a high-traffic spot, Hansen said.

Keating said he hoped the commuter center could be open by spring. The board decided to delegate the project to



ASUN Sen. Todd Duffack

The UNL commuter center would be patterned after the center in Norman, he said.

"We want to serve the students — that silent majority of 15,000 students — who are commuters," Duffack said.

Keating said the first floor of the Nebraska Union would be excellent for the center.

"We want to centralize the location for the students," Keating said.

While the center is targeted for off-campus students, he said, the information would be useful for all students.

"We want a general information booth for all students," he said.

Keating said \$20,000 of the ASUN budget would be designated for the center if the proposal is acted upon. This would mean a 40-cent increase in student fees each semester, he said.

Duffack said Oklahoma students pay \$900 a month in student fees for the information space in their union, which is owned by a corporation. Daryl Swanson, Nebraska Union director, said

the Operations Committee for further examination.

In other business, Swanson reported that the computer center in the union is "not getting much traffic."

Swanson talked with Doug Gale, UNL director of the Computing Resource Center, about the reason for little traffic. There are more rooms and terminals available, and faculty members "aren't cranking out lots of computer homework," Gale told Swanson.

"Right now, computer accessibility outweighs the demands," Swanson said.

Food service committee Chairman David Cox asked for feedback on the union bakery expansion. He showed the board a list of considerations including a high tech appearance, more bakery items, pizza by the slice and a flower stand, as possible additions to the bakery.

The food service committee also proposed a Sunday evening meal service for students in the union. Cox said the service would operate from 5 to 7 p.m. He said fraternities, sororities and residence hall floor members could serve food and clean up. Food service topics will be discussed more at the board's next meeting Tuesday in the East Union.

Modern-day nannies Students discover new job experiences

By Jane Campbell Staff Reporter

Working as a nanny on the East Coast isn't all it's cracked up to be, according to two UNL students.

Mary Livingston and Peggy Keller said the experience was not what they had expected.

"People don't realize the adjustment it is to move in with another family," said Livingston, a UNLjunior who worked as a nanny last summer in Allentown, Pa.

Livingston and Keller are among more than 250 Midwestern women who have become nannies and mothers' helpers in the Northeast through Helping Hands, Inc., and other helper referral services.

According to Helping Hands, Inc., nannies

are hired to provide live-in childcare services five days a week in exchange for room, board and weekly salaries. Helping Hands requires applicants to be at least 18, have a high school diploma and driver's license and be willing to make a nine- to 12-month commitment.

Helping Hands asks for seven references, including character and employment references, she said. The agency tries to match the employee's lifestyle with the family's lifestyle.

Livingston said no formal contract was drawn up when she accepted the job. She said she later regretted that. Livingston said the husband and wife didn't get along and her job included more duties than she expected.

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Legislators cut NU budget by \$3.4 million

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska Legislature passed a bill Wednesday that would cut about \$17 million from Nebraska's 1985-86 budget and \$3.4 million in state support for NU.

Senators approved a motion by Neligh Sen. John DeCamp to suspend legislative rules and vote on the bill by a 37-6 vote — seven more than the 30 votes needed to pass the motion. The bill passed 43-4. Senators Chris Abboud of Ralston, Ernie Chambers of Omaha, Jim Pappas of North Platte and Loran Schmit of Bellwood voted against the bill.

Brian Rockey, Gov. Bob Kerrey's staff assistant, said he didn't know when the governor would make a decision on the bill.

The Legislature also advanced LB25, one of two bills that would raise the state's 1985 income tax rate from 19 percent o 20 percent of federal liability.

Papik considering accepting assistant athletic post

By Jody Beem Staff Reporter

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Al Papik and Alan Cerveny are filling temporary administrative positions while the UNL athletic office looks for a permanent assistant athletic director to replace Ursula Walsh.

Papik took leave from his position as UNL director of admissions and advising to be interim assistant athletic director.

Walsh, former assistant athletic director, resigned her position to be a NCAA research director in Kansas City.

"It was a step up for Walsh," said Bob Devaney, UNL athletic director.

Cerveny will take Papik's position as director of admissions and advising while Papik is on leave.

Cerveny said he does not expect a wage increase during his interim term. He said UNL will advertise for a permanent replacement if Papik decides to become the permanent assistant athletic director. UNL is required to keep the position open for 30 days to allow people nationwide to apply. The athletic department and a search team will the select someone to fill the position.

Devaney said Papik could be a strong candidate for the position. Although, Papik said he has not applied for the job, he said he is considering it. Papik said the athletic department is encouraging him to apply.

Papik was selected as a temporary replacement because of his knowledge of admissions and his experience with academics, Devaney said. Papik also was athletic director at Doane College in Crete in the 1960s.

Papik said his new job includes unifying the administration areas of athletic academic counseling into one unit.

NCAA and Big Eight regulations state that all athletes must be certified when entering the university in order to participate in athletics. Athletes' high school grades and test scores must meet certain standards, Papik said. Athletes also must meet academic criteria to remain certified. Previously, coaches handled athlete certification, Papik said.

Now certification will be centralized through the assistant athletic director's office.

Papik also will work on the continuous rule changes in recruitment and certification, he said. The athletic department needs one person who is informed about the rules, can interpret 'nem for the coaches and can work with the Big Eight and NCAA on rule clarifications.

Devaney said Papik will be paid about the same during his interim position as he was paid as director of admissions and advising. Papik said he earns about \$41,600 a year.

"After so many years I decided that coaching was a young man's job and I wanted to go into uCministration and admissions," Papik said. "I had no intention of going into athletic administration."

Papik said both jobs offer unique opportuni-'es and after 12 years in the admissions department it would be a tough decision about applying for the athletic department position.