

ASUN fails to act on video bill

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The ASUN Senate failed to override a presidential veto of a senate bill passed in May that officially condemned the use of videotaped class instruction at UNL.

During the last senate meeting of the spring semester, Doug Weems of the Arts and Sciences College and Ed Miller of the Graduate College introduced the bill, saying that the use of videotaped instruction defied the purposes of higher education.

In May, ASUN President Chris Scudder vetoed the bill because, she said, no one knew whether the program would work during the summer.

But Wednesday night Weems introduced a different version of the bill, which failed to get on the floor. He then moved to override the veto, but that motion was defeated by a vote of 18 to six with one abstention.

During open forum before the final vote Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robert Furgason and Dean Gary Schwendiman of the College of Business Administration spoke against the bill.

Furgason said he wouldn't have to defend using the videotaped accounting classes if state legislators had not cut \$3.8 million from the university budget.

"I'm not sure the legislature really cares whether the classes are videotaped," he said.

Furgason said videotaped classes are not the ideal situation, but if administrators did not introduce them, they would have to raise the grade point average requirements for the upper-level classes.

Miller said he understands Furgason's position, but he said the videotapes were no different than correspondence courses.

Schwendiman said similar video-

tape classes are used at the University of South Carolina and Colorado State University, and students at those schools liked the videotaped accounting classes better.

According to Schwendiman, when more students enroll in CBA, the college receives less money from the university.

Furgason said if ASUN was dead-set against using the videotaped classes before they have seen how they work, then the classes won't work.

Kathy Vitton of the Arts and Sciences College said, "You can't assure that a videotape won't break, but you can assure that a professor won't."

If videotapes were so effective, Howard asked the senate, why didn't Furgason and Schwendiman send a videotape to the meeting? Videotapes may work, Howard said, but they are not as effective as the real thing.

Get moving (and shaking) with Campus Rec

By Lisa Donovan
Staff Reporter

Lifting books and walking or biking to class may not be the most fulfilling form of exercise for some UNL students, but UNL's Campus Recreation Program may be able to remedy that with its 1986-87 calendar of activities.

The first activity for campus intramurals, a cross-country run, is Sept. 3, said Stan Campbell, campus recreation director. The run will be at Oak Lake Park, First and Charleston streets.

Other intramural activities include men's and women's slow-pitch softball leagues and co-recreational football. Both leagues have Sept. 3 sign-up deadlines. Besides league activities, a mud volleyball tournament is planned.

Campbell said the most visible program offered through Campus Recreation is the intramural sports. "... however, the organization offers a great deal more," Campbell said.

Some of the programs and activities include outdoor recreation, open recreation, instructional classes, leisure

activities, Century Club and club sports.

Open recreation has nine areas on city campus. These include: Mabel Lee Field, Mabel Lee Hall, Men's Physical Education Building, the Coliseum, Schulte Fieldhouse, Harper/Schramm Smith Recreation Complex, the Crew Boathouse, 19th and Vine softball fields and Cather/Pound Recreation Complex and fields. East Campus has two open recreation sites: the East Campus Recreation Complex and Intramural Fields.

For outdoor activities, students can rent sporting equipment from the Campus Recreation office. Offering a wide variety of outdoor sports gear, the Campus Recreation office, 1740 Vine St., has rental equipment available from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Campus Recreation Center-East (East Campus) has rental equipment available from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Campus Recreation also has expanded their curriculum by adding to the instructional courses now offered.

"Some of our trips are new this year," Campbell said. "We have a trip

planned to New Zealand at semester break titled "Tramping in New Zealand." According to Campbell, the trip is outdoor-oriented. Most of the activities will include walking and hiking.

"We have a trip that's not absolutely new, but it's one we haven't done in several years," Campbell said. "... It's titled 'Mexican Odyssey.' It's a backpacking trip through the Bronca del Cobre, which is the Mexican version of the Grand Canyon." The trip is at semester break.

The campus recreation program has existed since 1970 and, according to Campbell, is a very successful program.

"We did a survey of about two years, which indicated that about 76 percent of the students got involved in at least one of the Campus Recreation programs per semester," Campbell said.

Students wishing to participate in the activities are encouraged to contact the campus recreation manager on their floor if they're living in residence halls, or their intramural chairperson if they're living in a fraternity or sorority.



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