

ASUN asks for 5% more in 1987-88

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ASUN requested \$102,251 for its 1987-88 budget at a Committee for Fees Allocation hearing Tuesday.

The proposed budget, which was presented by ASUN President Chris Scudder, calls for a 5 percent increase over the 1986-87 projected annual budget of \$95,805.

"I believe this is a reasonable budget," Scudder told the committee. "I believe this is what we need, and I think the chancellor will approve it."

The proposed budget includes:

- \$11,958 for operating expenses;

- \$24,382 for ASUN support staff;

- \$5,490 for the electoral commission;

- \$1,164 for the Government Liaison Committee;

- \$50,358 for Student Legal Services;

- \$8,899 for the UNL Information Center.

Most of the proposed increase, \$2,980 above the 1986-87 projected budget, would go toward salaries in Student Legal Services, according to the budget report. The director and secretary's salaries would be a combined \$1,659 higher. ASUN wants the service's part-time attorney to work two extra weeks a year — and earn \$1,063 more.

The increase is needed partly to handle the increase in use of the legal services, Scudder said.

"Student use has gone up 34 percent and that's phenomenal," Scudder said.

Some portions of the budget will decrease, according to the budget report. The UNL Information Center's budget has a proposed cut of \$600.

Rec effort continues

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center was tacked onto the practice field to pacify the students more than anything else, he said.

According to DN clips one Campus Recreation Advisory Council member said in 1981 that student apathy would kill the rec center.

But somehow, despite a lack of widespread active support, the spirit of the rec center survived.

But today, as in the past, financial

support for the center is uncertain.

Last spring, ASUN Sen. Pete Castellano sponsored a bill to collect money for the rec center from a 50-cent surcharge on all home athletic events.

Officials now are considering a \$5 surcharge on non-student and non-faculty football tickets and a \$35-a-year increase in student fees for center maintenance.

The NU Foundation is continuing its search for donations, and a donation to the recreation center is among suggestions for the senior gift.

The Center's running saga

1980-81

Campus Recreation Advisory Council promotes idea of center and student survey conducted, resulting in appointment of a task force by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Richard Armstrong.

1982

Program statement for rec center completed.

August 1983

Program statement approved by Central Planning Committee.

1983-84

Dormant period during search for financing.

1984-85

Campus Recreation Advisory Council rebuilds interest in project.

1985

Student survey conducted; Central Planning and Academic Committees pass joint resolution to recommend placing the rec center as the top priority for capital construction.

1986

Central Planning Committee presented with the idea of combining an indoor-practice football field with the student-recreation center.

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State senators say students can have impact on politics

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But Pollock said too few students are educated about what's going on in the State Capitol, so GLC tries to inform them on the issues affecting them, he said.

Tim Geisert, ASUN second vice president, said that when it comes to lobbying senators, having many students is not as important as having educated students who can give details on the impact of senators' decisions.

Geisert's view echoes the words of two state senators. Lincoln Sens. Jim McFarland and Bill Harris said during a hearing last week that they would prefer that students inform their senators through letters, phone calls or personal appearances, rather than with rallies.

"If 10 people from each district approach their senators, they would have an impact," Harris said.

Students need to follow legislation, not just the university's budget problems, but other bills as well, said Stromsburg Sen. Scott Moore. He said even bills like LB151, which would allow landowners to sell their groundwater, may have an impact on their lives down the road.

"Will there be water left for them 50 years from now?" said Moore, 26. "These young people have to live with the bills."

Student involvement in government can broaden their horizons, former interns, pages and others said.

"The amount of things I learned from the floor debate (in the Unicameral) are immense," Tim Erickson said of his year's work as a page in the Legislature in 1983. Erickson, a 1985 UNL graduate in speech communications, is now Moore's aide.

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