

### Soviet Union delegates at UNL today

Thirteen delegates from the Republic of Tajikistan in the Soviet Union will be on campus today at 3 p.m. to meet with University of Nebraska-Lincoln students.

The group, sponsored by the Friendship Force of Lincoln, is having an open forum in the Centennial Ballroom of the Nebraska Union.

### Griesen defends student fees for Campus Rec under non-refundable Fund B fee user scheme

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proposed \$7 increase will be used to supplement the existing operating budget, he said.

The increase for existing programs will include an additional \$2,000 for Club Sports, said Linda Kapusta, Club Sports coordinator.

Kapusta said the increase is necessary to keep the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Club Sports program competitive with those at other universities. Big Eight schools which use student fees to subsidize Club Sports allocate an average of \$20,675, compared with \$8,000 at UNL, she said.

Requested increases for funding for most other Campus Rec organizations, including Informal Recreation, reflect the higher cost associated with the Rec Center, said Bill Goa, Informal Rec coordinator.

Anne Steyer, CFA Member, said increases in Informal Rec's budget should be considered carefully, since facility users are only 20 percent women.

Goa said this ratio was influenced by the weightlifting center, which caters mostly to males. In the future, this will be replaced by a fitness room which will be less intimidating to female students, he said.

Although Campus Rec's proposed budget represents a significant increase from this year, Campbell said, all funds are necessary in order to continue present programs and finance the Rec Center.

"We've sharpened our pencils, and we've whittled it down to the point where we feel it is at a level which students receive the most services for their money," Campbell said.

CFA will vote on Campus Rec's student fee request Feb. 9. Since Campus Rec is a Fund B organization, the budget must also be approved by Chancellor Martin Masengale and the NU Board of Regents.

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Chambers was the sponsor of another bill concerning NCAA actions that was not advanced out of the Judiciary Committee Thursday.

LB708 deals with disallowing an NCAA rule that requires the restriction of Pell Grants to collegiate athletes.

Currently, athletes who have full-ride scholarships to NCAA-member institutions cannot receive additional financial aid of more than \$1,400.

That means athletes who are financially eligible for up to \$2,200 in Pell Grant aid are not given all of the money they deserve, Chambers said.

The remaining \$800 of the Pell Grant, he said, is deferred to the athletic budget of the athlete's school.

The NCAA rule is unfair because other federal aid programs are exempted from the restrictions, he said.

"Consider the players," Chambers said. If they have financial need, they deserve the full amount of Pell Grant money, he said.

Colleges and university compliance with the NCAA rule is discriminatory, Chambers said, because "athletes are the only category of students that have to forgo part of their Pell Grant."

Other students are allowed the full Pell Grant regardless of any other financial assistance they receive, he said.

Al Papik, assistant athletic director for administrative services at UNL, speaking in a neutral position, said the university has been lobbying

### Legislative committee advances bill requiring agents to register

By Jana Pedersen  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee advanced a bill Thursday requiring sports agents to register with the Nebraska secretary of state before attempting to recruit athletes.

LB224 would require prospective sports agents to provide specific background information about their training, a \$250 filing fee and a \$25,000 bond to receive state approval.

Also, all contracts between agents and athletes would require approval from the secretary of state, and athletes would be allowed 48 hours to reconsider the agreement after signing. If the sports agent later failed to meet the requirements of the contract, athletes would be allowed to declare the agreement void.

One of the bill's co-sponsors, Sen. Jim McFarland of Lincoln, said the bill is necessary to prevent agents from taking advantage of athletes who are ignorant about the

hiring of sports agents. The bill would attempt to eliminate unscrupulous behavior by agents, he said.

UNL football coach Tom Osborne spoke in favor of the bill. "Right now to be an agent in Nebraska all you have to do is say you are one," Osborne said.

Registration would be beneficial, Osborne said, because some sports agents resort to threats and extortion to make athletes follow through with contracts they signed prematurely.

Signing contracts with sports agents before the end of the athletic season makes an athlete ineligible for the rest of the season, Osborne said.

Within the past 18 months, the NCAA has declared about 30 athletes ineligible, he said.

Because the bill would prevent agents from approaching athletes before the end of the athletic season, Osborne said, it would help prevent Nebraska's athletes from making the mistake of hiring an agent prematurely.

the NCAA to lift the Pell Grant restrictions.

Papik said he supports the principle behind the bill, but a better way to address the issue would be through the NCAA or Big Eight, not through

### Alternative financing sought for lab equipment

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ment rather than a surcharge."

Ferguson said Orr's overall budget recommendations are "very supportive" of the university. "Apparently, she felt the students' needs in the business college ranked higher than engineering," he said, referring to the \$168,000 Orr recommended for the College of Business Administration renovation and additional faculty.

Dave Wagaman, senior budget analyst for the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services Budget Division, said the governor was aware of the "trade-off" between engineering and CBA.

But it is easier to find money within the university budget for engineering lab equipment than for the three additional faculty positions for the business college, Wagaman said. "The university system has excess utility funds of approximately \$2

to 2.5 million, \$1.5 to 2 million of which is at UNL, that could be reallocated," by the university, Wagaman said. Such reallocation has been done in the past, he said.

Wagaman said he thought top priority for such reallocation should go to the engineering college instructional equipment.

"There is flexibility within the base budget," and knowing that something could be done internally at UNL was taken into consideration when the governor made her recommendations, he said.

John Rochman, state budget director, said the governor feels she has funded the university's top priorities, and the regents have "had ample opportunity to address the issue" of funding replacement lab equipment.

"They can't wait until the 11th hour to cry 'wolf,'" he said. Regent Don Blank of McCook

declined to comment on Rochman's statement until the February regents meeting where the budget will be discussed.

Ferguson said Orr's recommended budget now goes to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee for consideration. The university "has to sit back and see if the committee will include the funding back in. It is really too early in the game to determine how receptive the committee will be."

Lee Rupp, vice president for university relations, said NU is scheduled to appear before the Appropriations Committee March 14 to lobby for the official NU budget request.

Rupp said "the university has been listened to in the past, and with the economy better . . . and revenues exceeding projections . . . it is a favorable climate" for the university.

"We're about three months and 300 arguments away from a final budget," Rupp said.

Liberty said he has no idea how the accreditation team will respond if the college doesn't get the equipment.

However, he said, "you don't want to go into the accreditation playing Russian roulette with bullets in the gun."

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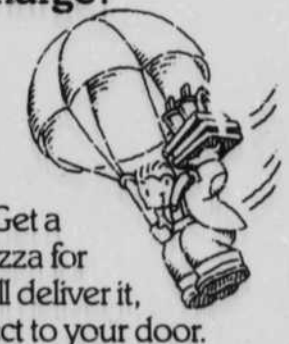
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