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CORRECTION: In a story about a writers' symposium April 6 to 9, (DN, March 23), Helmut Pfanner was misquoted. He said "about 2,000" writers fled from the Nazis, who had a "backwards ideology towards the arts."

WEATHER:

Friday, partly sunny and mild, high 60-65 with NE winds at 5-15 mph. Friday night, fair, low 35-40. Saturday, mostly sunny, high in the low to mid 60s.

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Griesen supports COLAGE fund denial

By Eric Pfanner
Staff Reporter

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, announced Thursday that he supports ASUN's decision to deny funding to the Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events.

In a letter to Chancellor Martin Massengale about his final recommendations for Fund A student fees, Griesen gave two reasons why he opposed specific funding for COLAGE.

One reason, Griesen said, is "my firm belief that the student senate is in the best position to reflect students and how student dollars should be spent."

For the third year in a row, Griesen has sent his budget request for Fund A to the chancellor unchanged from the recommendations of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Griesen said this indicates that student government at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is doing a good job.

Griesen said his opposition to funding COLAGE as a University Program Council committee is based on his "personal belief that the decision of the ASUN senate was based not on objections to views regarding user interest of gays and lesbians, but on legitimate concern regarding programming of student fee dollars."

One ASUN senator, Steve Thomlison, did base his argument against funding COLAGE on moral concerns, he said.

However, Griesen said, the majority of ASUN opposition to COLAGE funding was not based on moral concerns.

Following the Committee for Fees Allocation's Feb. 6 recommendation to give COLAGE half of its budget request, ASUN voted Feb. 15 to deny the \$746 in student fee funding.

CFA voted 5-4 in favor of funding, and ASUN voted 18-7 against it.

The "less than overwhelming decisions" by CFA and ASUN make it "hard to see that either CFA or ASUN was either for or against (funding COLAGE)," he said.

Griesen said that a CFA subcommittee, which voted against funding COLAGE with UPC money earlier in the year, studied the issue more closely than either the entire CFA or the ASUN senate.

He said a clear-cut choice for or against funding was difficult to make, since many students, faculty members and parents sent him letters for and against COLAGE funding.

Griesen said he has "learned a great deal" about the COLAGE issue from the controversy it generated.

Griesen said he "knew he would offend people either way," but is "not uncomfortable" with his decision.

Those opposed to funding COLAGE as a UPC committee have "bent over backwards to show they are not against gays and lesbians. They are just against a further subdivision of student dollars," he said.

Therefore, he said, COLAGE still can organize events next year if other UPC committees co-sponsor programming with them.

Griesen said UPC is not organized around special interest groups. Funding for UPC committees goes toward "themes and events" he said, rather than to groups who only represent "one little segment" of a "broad spectrum."

He said minority groups under the UPC-American Minority Council came under close scrutiny last year because of low attendance at events they sponsored.

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Senators pass amendments on burial site protection bill

By Jana Pedersen
Staff Reporter

Although several amendments to the Unmarked Human Burial Sites and Skeletal Remains Protection Act were adopted Thursday, the bill itself was not approved before the Nebraska Legislature recessed for Easter.

The bill, LB340, which is awaiting final confirmation, would prohibit the disturbance of unmarked burial sites and outline procedures for interment of burial remains that are accidentally discovered.

One of the major concerns with the bill was how disputes over the definition of "burial remains" would be settled.

Sen. David Bernard-Stevens of North Platte introduced an amendment that would leave the decision on settling disputes to the Nebraska Public Counsel, or ombudsman.

If either of the disputing parties disagreed with the ombudsman decision, an appeal could be made to the court system.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, sponsor of LB340, said letting the public counsel office settle disputes would be a fair system because it is an independent office.

But Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly said he was concerned that the role of the ombudsman did not include such decision-making powers.

He also said the ombudsman did not have the background needed to understand disputes between the Nebraska State Historical Society

and the Pawnee Indian tribe.

Options of having a three-member committee comprised of one member from the historical society, one member from the Indian Commission and a third party also were discussed.

But Bernard-Stevens said he did not think the two groups could agree on a third-party member.

The historical society should be willing to agree to an ombudsman decision, Bernard-Stevens said, because American Indians already have made many compromises in the formation of LB340 and the historical society "has not given an inch."

The amendment was approved 21-10.

Sen. Dennis Baack of Kimball introduced another amendment to further clarify the definition of burial goods and to prohibit the display of remains that are "reasonably identifiable," and Sen. Gerald Conway of Wayne proposed an amendment to define "reasonably identifiable."

Conway's amendment was approved 28-0 and Baack's amendment was approved without the inclusion of one section.

That section would have made extensions available in the time limits imposed for the return of burial remains if both sides agreed to the extension.

Baack said he thought the voluntary extension section of his amendment was a fair way to deal with problems the historical society is having with the September deadline

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UNL issues to be heard

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

With Nebraska's legislative session more than half over, a number of issues that could affect the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have yet to be addressed.

Debbie Fiddelke, Government Liaison Committee student lobbyist, said the battle over faculty salary increases, financing for the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and money for instructional equipment is just beginning.

Although Gov. Kay Orr has requested a 9 percent increase for UNL faculty salaries in her budget proposal, Fiddelke said that request could change during upcoming meeting of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

Tom Bergquist, deputy director of the Legislature's fiscal office, said the Appropriations Committee finished public hearings March 17 and will begin meeting in executive session Monday afternoon.

During executive session, the

Appropriations Committee will discuss how to appropriate state agency financing and incorporate its findings into a legislative bill.

That bill should be ready for debate on the floor of the Legislature in the middle of April, Bergquist said.

Fiddelke said GLC made the faculty salary increases its top priority this legislative session. GLC members are hoping for approval of the pay raises.

"We're really glad that the governor saw it as a need in her budget proposal," she said.

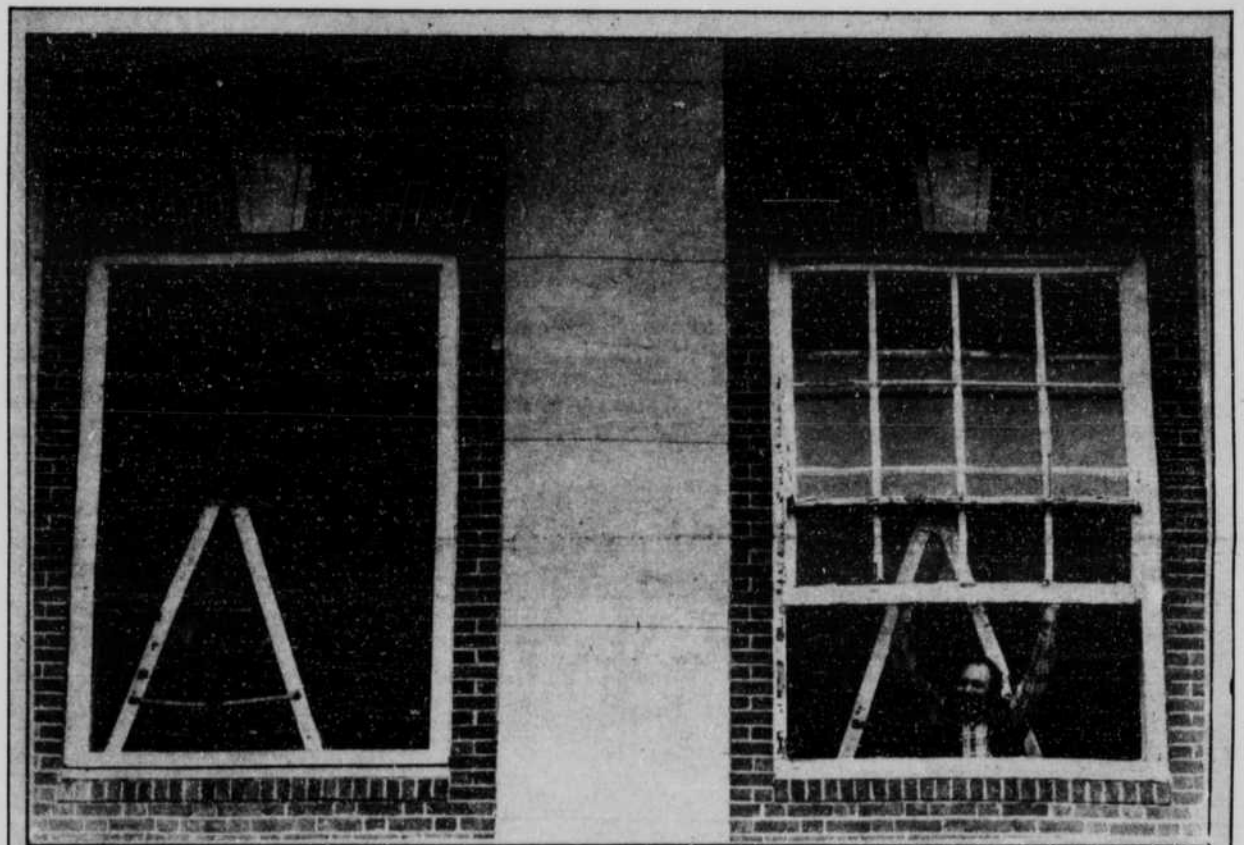
Nancy Hoch, chairman of the NU Board of Regents, has repeatedly stated that the regents' top concern has been to increase faculty salaries.

But, Fiddelke said, it is important to have students give input to state senators in order for the proposal to pass.

Fiddelke said she would like to see the Legislature provide money for improvements in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Gov. Orr didn't include any funds

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Connie Sheehan/Daily Nebraskan

"I don't do windows!"

Workman Ron Hibbert struggles with a stuck window Thursday morning. Workers were replacing window casings on the 3rd floor of Morrill Hall.

CFA says ASUN staff needs benefits

By Ryan Steeves
Staff Reporter

Despite some long days and comparatively low benefits, Shelley Stall and Marlene Beyke said they enjoy working for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

But some ASUN members said Stall, director of ASUN's Student Legal Services, and Beyke, ASUN director of development, who are the only paid, full-time staff in the ASUN office, don't receive sufficient benefits for their work.

As a result, a subcommittee of the Committee for Fees Allocation has recommended that ASUN eventually implement a retirement plan for Stall and Beyke. Currently, ASUN employees have no retirement plan.

Keith Malo, CFA vice chairman, said last year's CFA allocated \$617 to start a retirement fund for Stall and Beyke. ASUN also passed a bill in February allocating an additional \$1,000. Senators appropriated no retirement money for the 1989-90 fiscal year.

Malo said ASUN needs a retirement plan to reward the current staff and to make the full-time jobs more attractive to potential applicants should Stall or Beyke quit.

Beyke said salary and benefits, such as retirement plans, are top concerns among job seekers. She said the retirement plan would help attract

applicants when she and Stall quit.

"I think it's a step in the right direction," she said.

Beyke, who has been with ASUN for more than 10 years, said she has no plans to leave.

Stall said she wants to get benefits for all employees in the legal services office.

"That has always been my goal," Stall said, "to get the benefits of ASUN employees up to that of university employees."

Stall praised past and present ASUN members for supporting additional benefits. Stall said that when she first arrived at UNL in 1981, full-time employees didn't have an insurance plan. Since then, ASUN has established insurance plans for Beyke and Stall.

Kevin Lytle, chairman of CFA, said ASUN should give more benefits to Stall and Beyke. Lytle called them dedicated employees who receive low pay and few benefits. Stall makes \$26,000 a year, while Beyke makes \$17,331 a year. Their salaries will rise to \$27,300 and \$18,200 for the next fiscal year.

Lytle said Stall could make much more money if she joined a private firm.

"If she were in the general market here in Lincoln, she could probably make \$40,000," Lytle said.

But Stall said her salary is pretty fair for a student services attorney. Her salary is below that of public

defenders and county attorneys in Lancaster county, she said.

Lytle said Beyke's salary also is "way below what it should be." Without Beyke, who helps ASUN members with research and transition, ASUN "would be a mess," Lytle said.

"She is crucial in educating the new (ASUN senators) and in training them and steering them in the right direction if they get off course," Lytle said.

Malo said the \$1,617 retirement money ASUN has accumulated for the retirement fund is in an account in the Student Activities Financial Services. When the new fiscal year begins July 1, Malo said, the money might be invested in bonds or transferred to a savings account or a certificate of deposit.

Stall and Beyke have no claims to the current retirement money, Malo said. ASUN plans to use the \$1,617 to start the retirement plan, he said.

To initiate the plan, he said, ASUN must follow university guidelines and make the retirement fund part of its yearly budget.

A certain percentage of Stall and Beyke's salary would go into the fund, he said. ASUN would finance half of the fund, Malo said, while the other half would be taken out of the employees' salaries.

Malo said he hopes ASUN begins yearly allocations for the retirement fund within the next two years.