

# ASUN supports total divestment; approves CFA recommendations

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Staff Reporter

ASUN pledged its support Wednesday to a bill in the Nebraska Legislature that calls for state agencies — including the University of Nebraska — to divest of South Africa.

LB395 would require state agencies to totally divest of any companies that do business in South Africa. Current law requires divestment, but leaves a loophole for companies which follow certain nondiscriminatory practices. The bill allows the university 1 1/2 years to make the changes. College of Arts and Sciences Sen. Chris Potter, who submitted the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska bill supporting LB395, said that last fall the university had seemed to make progressive move-

ments concerning South Africa, but "as of yet, there have been no substantial changes in the university's attitude toward South Africa."

Because of small reforms currently taking place in South Africa, Potter said, some people are questioning whether sanctions should continue.

Joseph Akpan, president of the Nigerian Student Association, said sanctions were "the only viable and non-violent approach."

He said sanctions were what brought the government of South Africa to the negotiating table, so sanctions should not be removed until irreversible constitutional changes take place.

In other action, the senate approved three student fee recommendations from the Committee for Fees Allocation.

The University Program Council

received a 3.4 percent increase over last year, raising its total budget to \$189,802.19.

Under UPC, the African American Special Events and Entertainment budget was increased to \$6,387.45, but \$125 from its request that would have been used for cash prizes at events was not approved.

The Daily Nebraskan did not receive \$10,000 it requested for a projected recession loss, but did receive \$6,000 to provide for a changeover to use of soybean ink, which is said to be safer for the environment and doesn't smear.

The ASUN budget was passed with no amendments. The recommendations next will be forwarded to James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

# UNL to consider plan for long-term insurance

By Shelley Miller  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska is one of 27 states in which a long-term care insurance program for educators is being offered by TIAA-CREF, a program official said.

Bruce Boyd, vice president of public relations at TIAA-CREF, said that so far the University of Michigan is the only institution to participate in the Teachers Long-Term Care plan, but many universities have expressed interest in it.

The University of Nebraska-Lin-

coln has not decided whether to participate.

TIAA-CREF — the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and its companion organization, the College Retirement Equities Fund — announced the plan three weeks ago.

The program would pay nursing home and home-care expenses for individuals who no longer could perform daily activities.

Boyd said not all university employees' needs are met with cur-

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# Abortion

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Summarizing Urbom's declaration, Cathcart said the judge found that the waiting period increased the woman's health risks and economic burden — for instance, if a woman had to travel and stay overnight to comply with the waiting period.

Lynn Marcus, another of the seven opponents to LB78, said she thought the bill was an insult to women.

"A mandatory delay and forced lecture . . . is paternalistic and demeaning" to women, said Marcus of David City.

She said abortions need not be regulated, and women base their decisions to terminate an unwanted pregnancy on "moral, philosophical and religious beliefs."

Bodies shifted and the room emptied a bit as the committee moved onto LB84, a bill forbidding the use of public funds and facilities to perform or assist in an abortion.

Sen. M.L. Dierks of Ewing, LB84's sponsor, outlined the bill, saying public employees also fall under LB84 and they may not assist or perform an abortion. Women whose lives are endangered by pregnancy would be

excluded from the bill's provisions.

Sen. Bob Wickersham of Harrison said he was concerned about the definition of assisting abortions and asked Dierks to clarify it.

Dierks said he thought that under the provisions of the bill, assisting abortions means that during counseling, abortion may not be listed as an option.

Peter Batallion, an Omaha attorney and member of the Nebraska Coalition for Life, and one of six proponents who spoke about LB84, said he thought the bill would rid taxpayers of the possibility of financing abortions. That's something for which Nebraska citizens shouldn't pay, he said.

In opposing testimony, Krynyn Buckley, a Lincoln physician, said the assistance reference in the bill as Dierks and Batallion defined it would inhibit a doctor's legal and ethical obligations.

Buckley said she could not comply if the bill passed because she took an oath to care for her patients as best she could. In addition to that, Buckley said, such a law inhibits free speech and is a "direct violation of the First Amendment."

Virginia Johnson, a member of the Board of Directors for Planned Parenthood of Lincoln, concurred with Buckley and elaborated on the ethical dilemma she thinks the bill imposes.

Johnson said the only way to ensure that doctors or any public employees aren't giving advice that abortion is an option to terminate a pregnancy would be to question doctor/patient conversations.

It would betray the confidentiality of the doctor/patient relationship if a doctor's file was open to "public scrutiny," she said.

About 50 people were left in the hearing chamber as Sen. Bernice Labeledz of Omaha opened discussion on her bill, LB425, which would call for parental notification for women 18 years and younger to obtain an abortion.

The seven proponents of the bill argued that a minor should not be making a decision to terminate a pregnancy on her own, while opponents argued that the state has no place dealing with what they called a personal decision — whether to have an abortion.

The committee took no action on the bills.

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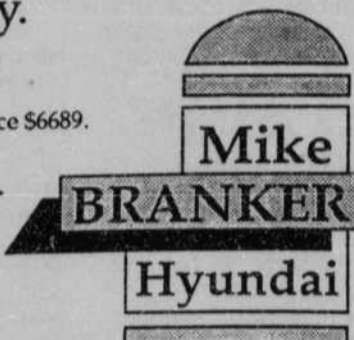
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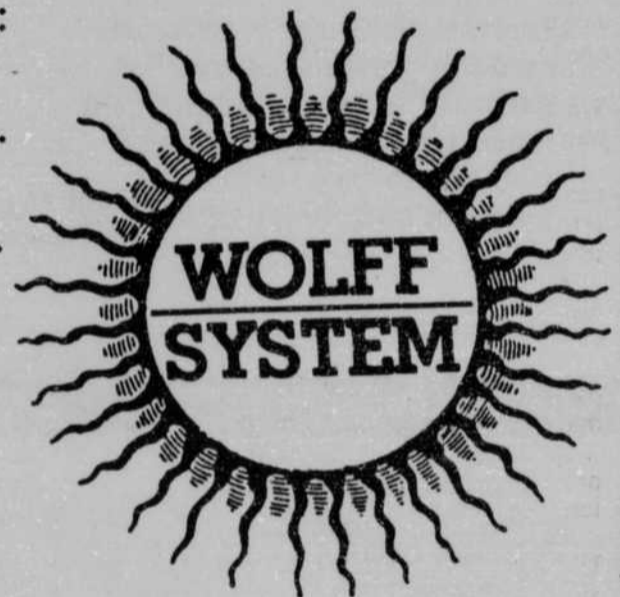
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