

ASUN provides help, leadership opportunity for students

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"Don't be afraid to ask questions." That is the advice ASUN Speaker of the Senate Andrew Loudon has for new students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. And where can students go for answers? ASUN.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska is the student senate of UNL; it functions as a representative body and a source of information for UNL students.

The senate is headed by President Andrew Sigerson, First Vice President Trent Steele and Second Vice President Elizabeth Healey. Loudon said he strongly urged new students

to get involved in ASUN. He said he considered the senate an opportunity to develop contacts and job skills as well as a chance to serve the university.

Students can get involved with ASUN in a variety of ways, Loudon said.

The 32 senators are elected each spring from various colleges on an apportionment basis, he said. The senators serve for one year and must obtain 50 signatures to be eligible to run.

Each senator sits on one of ASUN's six standing committees.

The Communications Committee handles ASUN's publicity and promotion for students and student groups, Loudon said.

The Academic Committee works with Career Planning and Placement, the Office of

Scholarships and Financial Aid, Advising and Registration, he said.

A Special Topics Committee addresses issues such as recognition of student organizations, Loudon said.

The Campus Life Committee is concerned with the well being of students on campus, with an emphasis of recognizing the needs of individuals.

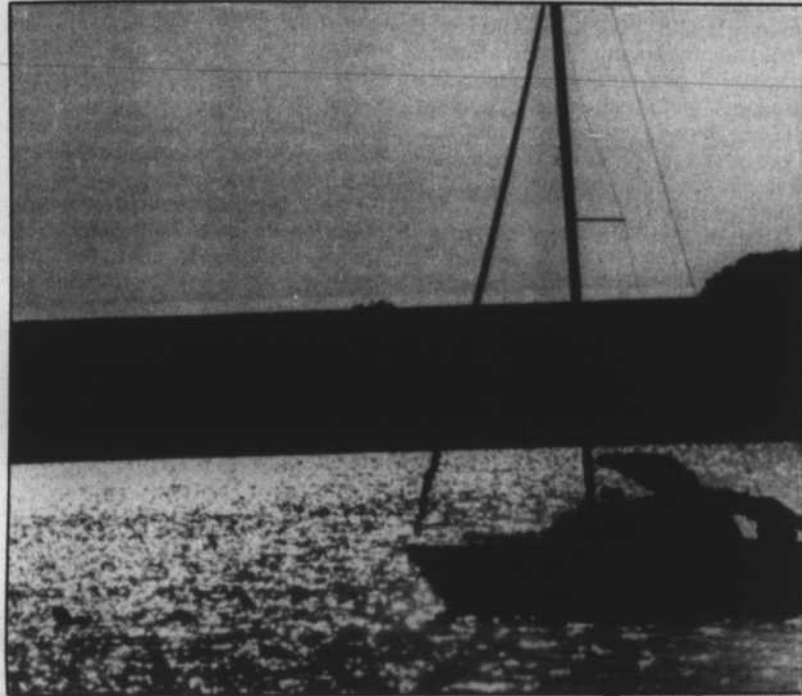
ASUN also has a Human Rights Committee. But, he said, probably the most influential committee of ASUN is the Committee for Fees Allocation. CFA has the responsibility to review and make recommendations for the expenditure of nearly \$7 million in student fees, but the committee's recommendations are subject to approval by James Griesen, vice chancellor

for student affairs and Chancellor Graham Spanier.

Being a senator isn't the only option for students wanting to serve in ASUN. Loudon said ASUN includes several other organizations students can get involved in.

All colleges, with the exception of General Studies, have a student advisory board, he said. Advisory board members are elected each spring and must obtain 25 signatures to run.

The senate is also in charge of Student Legal Services and the Government Liaison Committee. SLS offers legal aid to students enrolled at UNL, while GLC lobbies the Nebraska Legislature and the NU Board of Regents for student interests.



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Wind surfers, sailors, fishers and sunbathers fill the water and shoreline of Holmes Lake, 70th and Normal streets. The lake is bustling with students and Lincolinites from late spring to early fall.

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hour, while it costs \$13 for the first hour of sailboats and \$7 for each additional hour.

But what makes Holmes especially appealing is both its large lake and its off-street bike path that runs all the way from downtown Lincoln to the park. The path begins at about 23rd and O streets and runs up Capitol Parkway into Normal Boulevard and on to Holmes.

Holmes doesn't have a sled ramp or an amphitheater like Pioneers Park, but it does have ice skating rinks and the Hyde Memorial Observatory to view the stars through professional telescopes. Fishing is also available at Holmes. Both indoor tennis courts and an outdoor swimming pool can be found at Woods Park, 33rd and J

streets. The tennis courts are open year-round and the court fee is \$2.50 per person to play singles and \$2 per person for doubles; the pool is open during the summer between Memorial Day and Labor Day and admission is \$1.50.

Other popular parks include: Oak Lake Park, First and Charleston streets, which features fishing and ice skating; Hazel Abel Park, 18th and E streets, a quaint, little park with English iron work, a gazebo and a 175-year-old Baroque cherub fountain from France; and Antelope Park, 23rd and N streets to 33rd Street and Sheridan Boulevard, which features flowers, fountains and sculptures.

Other features to Antelope Park include the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, the Folsom Children's Zoo and Sunken Gardens, which are all located in or alongside the park.

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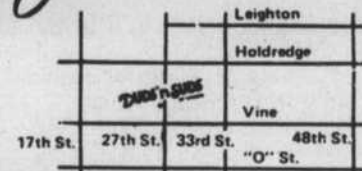
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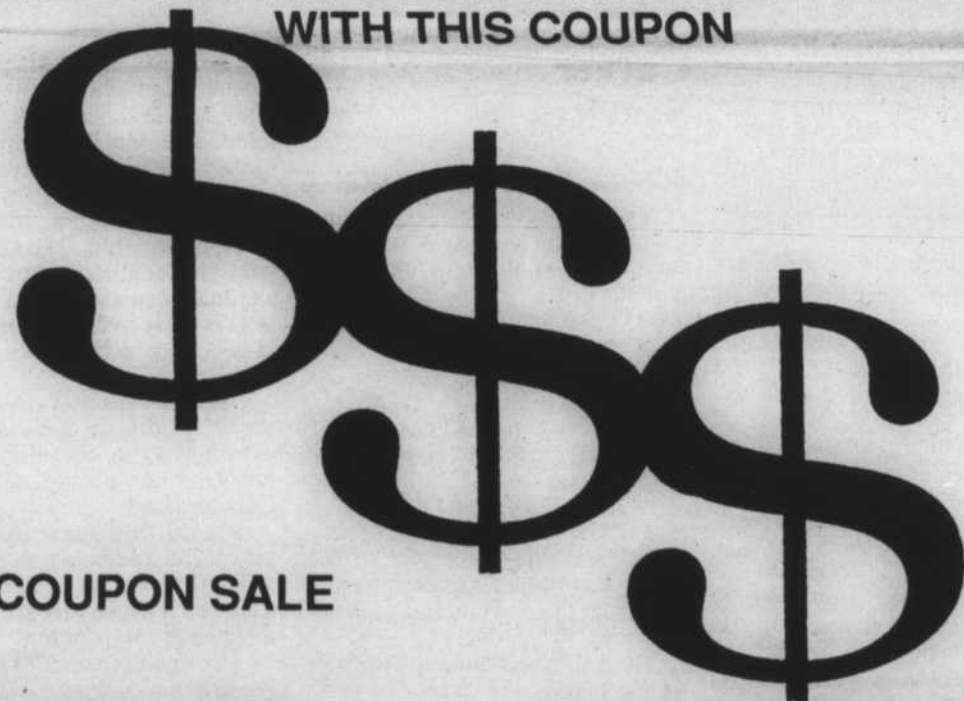
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