

# ASUN adopts plan to persuade state senators to kill budget cuts

### Students should show opposition, Sigerson says

By Andrea Kaser  
Staff Reporter

Without any discussion, ASUN members Wednesday passed an emergency bill calling for students to lobby against the State Legislature Appropriations Committee's \$14 million NU budget cut.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska directed the Government Liason Committee to make the bill number one on its list of priorities.

Andrew Sigerson, ASUN president, said university officials felt blindsided by the committee's consideration of the cut.

Students should show state senators their opposition to the cut until

Legislature votes on the university budget, Sigerson said.

As one priority made GLC's list, another was removed.

Members reconsidered and then voted down an ASUN bill calling for GLC to lobby for extended hours of alcohol establishments, which was originally approved last week.

LB287 would allow alcohol establishments to remain open until 2 a.m.

Timothy Meyers, senator for the College of Arts and Sciences who voted for the bill last week, moved to reconsider the bill in order to better reflect the senate's opinion, he said.

Last week, the bill passed with a tie-breaking vote that had to be broken by the chairmen of the senate, he said.

"The opinion of the senate was the outcome of the vote last week didn't decide anything," Meyers said, adding that several senators weren't at last week's meeting. "(The vote is) almost absurd because it decided nothing."

Some senators said they felt lobbying for the bill would harm the reputation of GLC at the State Capitol.

"It looks very unprofessional for a very respected student organization

like GLC to lobby for this bill," said Rob Czaplewski, senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Jill Anderson, senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, said GLC shouldn't have wasted its resources on lobbying for LB287.

"Our top priority should be budget cuts," she said. "I feel we need to concentrate."

Supporters of the bill said students wanted extended hours and lobbying for it would be representing students' interests. But that argument didn't prove strong enough. The bill failed with a vote of 16-9 and one abstention.

Jason Vogel, senator for the College of Engineering, said none of his constituents supported the bill.

"My constituents couldn't believe we were going to lobby for the bill," he said.

In other action, ASUN members passed an emergency snow removal resolution. Under the plan, the busiest paths used by students who use wheelchairs will be studied so the Department of Landscape Services will know which paths to clear first after a snowfall.



# Candidate states VOICE platform

### Students' opinion, no minus-grades among key issues

By Jeffrey Robb  
Staff Reporter

The VOICE student election group officially presented its platform and candidates at a rally Wednesday afternoon in the Nebraska Union.

VOICE's presidential candidate, Keith Benes, was sick and unable to attend, but current ASUN First Vice President Trent Steele announced his intention to seek a second term, and Jill Anderson presented herself as VOICE's second vice-presidential candidate.

Steele's speech outlined key areas the party members said they would focus on during the campaign.

VOICE will be a diverse party, Steele said, and he emphasized that the party will seek student opinions from all campus areas.

The members of VOICE want to find out what students want from their student government, Steele said.

"We're going to carry this campaign out in an unorthodox fashion," he said. "We aren't going after one specific interest group."

Steele said he wanted to let students know his attempt at another term wasn't just a resumé filler, but an opportunity to continue to serve UNL students.

"I realize there are those who, when they see that student government elections are coming, say, 'Uh, oh, another four weeks of empty promises.' But I ask anyone to look closely at our platform — it isn't empty rhetoric. It comes from students all over campus."

Steele said he realized some of the issues VOICE would address had been discussed and left unsolved in past elections. But he said the process of achieving a better university was never ending.

"Every time you make progress on an issue, you always discover that

**“We're going to carry this campaign out in an unorthodox fashion.”**  
--Trent Steele  
Voice first vice-presidential candidate

there are issues beyond that that need to be addressed," he said.

Steele said one of the main issues his party would address was the minus-grade proposal.

VOICE will take a stance against the proposal, Steele said. He said he planned to prove to the administration that students were against the idea.

Steele also said he wanted to make the Government Liaison Committee a more aggressive lobbyist to represent UNL students in the Legislature.

The party also would appoint a parking czar, he said, who would be in charge of listening and following up on student parking concerns.

# Legislators can turn to faculty for advice

By Mark Harms  
Staff Reporter

Members of the Academic Senate's executive committee agreed that faculty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln should be available to provide information to state lawmakers.

Deanna Eversoll, division of continuing studies senator, said the issue came up when State Sen. Mike Avery expressed

concern about whether there should be a formal procedure for legislators to go through when they needed an expert opinion.

"The expertise to answer questions in this state is concentrated here at the University," said Leo Chouinard, math and statistics department senator.

Dorothy Stevens, curriculum and instruction senator, said one problem could be that legislators might expect too much.

"The problem would be if they expect so much from us that we couldn't deliver," she said.

Members agreed the academic senate should not be the body to direct the questions of legislators to particular professors.

"This is not the body to be a clearing house at all," said Sally Wise, president of Academic Senate.

Members agreed that legislators should go through the chancellor's office to find out what professors might be able to help them.

In other business, the executive committee considered candidates for the search committee for UNL's vice chancellor for research.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### PARTY, VOICE parties meet filing deadline

Two student election groups met the 4 p.m. Wednesday deadline to file for this year's Association of Students of the University of Nebraska elections.

Members of the VOICE party, who previously announced their intention to run, officially presented Wednesday their presidential can-

didate Keith Benes, a junior speech communication major, the first vice presidential incumbent Trent Steele, a junior secondary education major, and second vice presidential hopeful Jill Anderson, a junior biology major.

Their rivals of the PARTY party include senior art major Steve Dietz,

presidential candidate, first vice presidential candidate junior Leslie Strong, a journalism major, and junior Matt Maser, the second vice presidential candidate and an accounting major.

Maser said PARTY party members would soon make an official announcement.

### UNL professor receives ORCA award

The University of Nebraska award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity went to professors John Hibbing and Irving Zucker.

Hibbing, a political science professor at the University of Ne-

braska-Lincoln, is a leading student of the American Congress. He has studied senate elections, the process of maturation of legislative bodies and the impact of personal goals and interpersonal relations on the work of both houses in the

United States Congress.

Zucker is a physiology and biophysics professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He is an internationally recognized expert on the reflex control of the cardiovascular system.

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