

Student lobbyists plan no break

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Staff Reporter

The ASUN Government Liaison Committee will keep lobbying against budget cuts over the summer, Chairman Andrew Loudon said at a press conference Sunday.

"We wish to ensure students that even though they will be on vacation, their student lobbyists at the Unicameral will be hard at work all summer," he said.

Loudon said GLC, the student lobbying group for the Association of Students at the University of Nebraska, had already begun to speak with members of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

Loudon said GLC wanted to start its lobbying early in order to avoid communication problems and start a rapport with members of the committee.

Loudon said one obstacle GLC faced was its demand for fewer budget cuts for the University of Nebraska without possible ideas for cuts elsewhere.

"I understand the difficult positions the members of the Appropriations Committee are in," he said. "However, it's not our job to find out where the cuts are going to be made."

Loudon said GLC did not advocate a tax increase for Nebraskans in lieu of budget cuts, but instead preferred to have NU budget money come out of other state expenditures.

"This office won't go on record as being for higher taxes," he said.

"I do think, however, that there's a lot of fat in government."

"If the State of Nebraska wants a quality education for its students coming out of high school, then we have to stop cutting the university and start cutting other areas of state government."

Loudon also said GLC didn't advocate a tuition increase for NU students.

"I hear rumors of tuition increases of up to seven percent in the next year, and that's scary. I think we've got to fight to keep tuition low."

Loudon said GLC would continue to talk to Appropriations members until the Legislature recesses in the beginning of June.

"ASUN's Government Liaison Committee will be fighting for the interests of students while they are busy with... the hustle and bustle of summer."

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tween \$100,000 and \$125,000. Neubert said Neri was an internationally prominent sculptor working with marble and bronze. Neri lives in California near San Francisco.

Neubert said the Sheldon Art Gallery would further improve the outdoor collection by placing large labels near each sculpture.

The labels will include the

sculpture's title, date and medium. The labels also will include an enlarged autograph of the artist.

The outdoor sculptures, which have developed a national and international reputation, are becoming a focal point of the Sheldon gallery's collection, Neubert said.

Despite the grumblings and criticisms of some students and faculty, he said, people are drawn to UNL just to see the sculpture garden, which contains many pieces by prominent artists.

"With all this new emphasis on sculpture, we are programming the outdoor collection to the forefront," Neubert said.

He said the staff at Sheldon was working on a tour map that would show visitors how to find each piece on campus.

He said part of the sculpture collection's success was a result of the work and care of Landscape Services.

"They've been great partners," Neubert said.

University's impact felt at Wal-Mart

From Staff Reports

Nebraska's newest Wal-Mart, 27th and Superior streets, offers one more way for college students to stretch their budgets.

Roland Meirose, store manager, said he expected business from college students to make up a sizeable part of sales, especially because the store was fairly close to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Barb Jaster is one of several UNL students employed by Wal-Mart.

Jaster, a junior general studies major, worked at a Wal-Mart in Columbus and is a sales associate at the Lincoln store.

"I hope to get in on the management program after graduation," Jaster said. "It's a good program; in fact, two managers at Columbus came straight from UNL."

Jaster said Wal-Mart was a "one-stop store," especially for residence hall students, who can purchase everything from detergent to doughnuts there.

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"At the moment, it's too early to tell how it will affect graduate students," he said. "I would guess they will be trimmed slightly."

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is the only college in the state that offers a Masters of Fine Arts degree, Miller said, so the program couldn't be cut too severely.

An additional \$7 million cut is looming over the entire NU system, with \$3.5 million being targeted for UNL. The Appropriations Committee is expected to present the entire budget plan to the full Legislature this week.

If those cuts are passed, it would spell disaster for the theatre and dance department, Miller said.

"If future budget cuts come down it will have a major impact," he said. "One of our programs will go by the wayside. There's no other way of handling it."

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