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frustrating passage of the GOP Contract with America. Yet, advised to be civil by party leaders, Republican lawmakers were on their best behavior, even when Clinton was most critical of their agenda.

Each side found something different to cheer. GOP lawmakers led the applause when Clinton declared that the era of big government was over. Democrats initiated the clapping at the president's next sentence: "We cannot go back to the time when our citizens were left to fend for themselves."

The budget crisis loomed paramount over the House chamber. The next budget deadline comes at midnight Friday with the expiration of a temporary spending measure that has kept much of the government open.

"I am convinced we will balance the budget," Clinton said, adding, "now is the time to finish the job." He said both sides should lock in agreed-upon budget savings and continue negotiating the differences.

On other sensitive points, Clinton urged Congress to enact a welfare reform plan, replacing the Republican version he vetoed, and to increase the minimum wage, which the GOP has opposed. He also urged a tax cut for working families, but didn't acknowledge the Republicans' own tax-cut plan, part of the GOP budget that Clinton vetoed.

Again and again, Clinton urged Americans to work together. After ticking off several old and new gov-

# Dole challenges Clinton's speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination, made the Republican response to President Clinton's State of the Union address, outlining GOP differences with Clinton.

He assailed the president as "the chief obstacle to a balanced budget" and "the rearguard of the welfare state."

Dole said Clinton was "careening dangerously off course" in welfare, education, Medicare and taxes.

"We will challenge President Clinton again and again to walk the talk he talks so well."

ernment initiatives, he said: "None of this will work unless all of you, every person in America, reach across the lines that divide us and try to find common ground."

Clinton proposed that the federally funded college work-study program be expanded to 1 million students, up from 700,000 now. He also called for all schools to be linked together through computer technology.

And he challenged Hollywood producers to provide entertainment their own children would enjoy, urging a TV ratings system much like the movies. He invited entertainment leaders to the White House to work on ways to clean up television programming.

# ASUN to discuss Union plans

By Kasey Kerber  
Staff Reporter

Union expansion and designs for three possible replacements for the Broyhill fountain will be the main focus of tonight's ASUN meeting.



Kim Todd, campus landscape architect and interim director of physical campus planning, will speak at the meeting and present the three designs.

"This meeting will be an open-forum format," said Shawntell Hurtgen, president of the Association of Stu-

dents of the University of Nebraska. "People will have a chance to ask questions and express their opinions."

Hurtgen said students with concerns pertaining to union expansion should attend the meeting.

"This is a meeting in which students who have kept up with the expansion efforts can express their opinions, and those students who might not have kept up with the issue at all can catch up."

While no ASUN legislation is in the works endorsing or criticizing the proposed designs, Hurtgen said, such a bill could be written after the meeting.

Advising also will be discussed at the meeting.

Hurtgen said ASUN's efforts to

improve advising first began in April, and the issue is nearing conclusion.

"February 13 is the deadline we've been given by the Admission and Advising Committee," Hurtgen said. "Yet even before then, we need to meet with the committee's subcommittee."

Hurtgen said ASUN's focus for the next week would be on gathering input from students on advising—both complaints and positive experiences.

"We need students to be pro-active about the changes they want in advising," Hurtgen said.

The Admission and Advising Committee will vote on ASUN's advising proposals at its Feb. 13 meeting.

# Luncheon unites senators, students

Twelve Nebraska state senators took advantage of a free meal Tuesday and took time to meet and greet UNL students at the Wick Alumni Center.

Sponsored by the Government Liaison Committee, the free luncheon gave students and ASUN senators a chance to discuss legislative issues dealing with the university.

ASUN President Shawntell Hurtgen said the luncheon was one of the best times students had to meet with state senators and express con-

cerns. "But what I like best about it," she said, "is how informal the whole thing is. It's a quick in-and-out type function."

Junior arts and sciences senator Kiersten Yanken said she saw such meetings as a chance for senators to put a face with the university.

"When they're sitting in Appropriations trying to decide how to spend funds ... this shows a human side of the university."

Amy Rager, a sophomore general studies major, said she saw the meeting as a chance to show senators that students weren't apathetic.

Sen. Jim Cudaback of Riverdale said the meeting was a great opportunity for senators to get out and listen to students.

"It's great anytime you can come out and have contact with the student body," he said. "You get to see the other end of the spectrum."

— Ted Taylor

# Hitchcock

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tries, Hitchcock said.

But the United States spends less than 1 percent of its budget on foreign development, Hitchcock said. Percentage-wise, he said, this places the United States in 20th to 30th place in the world in spending on foreign development programs.

Hitchcock said he thought the government could allot more money to foreign development if military spending were cut.

"I'm not anti-military; I just think we shouldn't be killing people. We

*"It's impossible that development won't reach these areas. World population is too high. It's not possible for them to be remote."*

**ROBERT HITCHCOCK**  
associate anthropology professor

need the military to promote peace," he said.

If UNL students are concerned about human rights, Hitchcock said, internships are available with organizations such as the United Nations and the World Bank, which supports development projects. Many positions are given to volunteers.

The most accessible way to become involved in international projects, however, is through churches, Hitchcock said. Many of the mission projects do not involve evangelism, he said, and churches are "not as picky about experience."

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