



Regent Prokop discusses responsibility, visitation

Topics from the responsibility of a Regent to coed visitation concerned Regent Robert Prokop in an informal discussion with students and faculty in Smith Hall Monday night.

Prokop said his primary responsibility as a Regent was to the people who elected him. Decisions must be based on the best views of the people of a Regent's district, he said.

The Wilber native said his second obligation is to the faculty of the University. A Regent must look out for the interests of those who are doing a good job, he said.

The third obligation is to the students, he said. "Students need to be able to get Regent's to listen to them," Prokop added. "That's why I'm here."

Commenting on the coed living program in Schramm Hall, Prokop said he was originally in favor of the idea. But, he added that contact with people in his district during the campaign had moderated his views.

Prokop, a resident pathologist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, lamented that campuses across the country are strongholds of political thought but that only a few students are involved in political action.

"I started my campaign with students, supporting the student view," the Regent said. "But, you people didn't support me and I have to be responsible to the people who did elect me."

One student suggested that perhaps students were not motivated politically because they have so little control over their own lives. He suggested students cannot be expected to be responsible when the "burden of responsibility is suddenly lifted from their shoulders."

Prokop answered that he thought the 18-year-old vote would give students a good bit more political responsibility. He suggested that students try to relate their views on University events to people in their home towns.

"Education of people about what is

happening at the University is very important," Prokop said. "It would certainly make my job easier."

Stephen L. Rozman, the political science teacher the Regents fired recently for his participation in the anti-war protests last spring, questioned Prokop about his stand against tenure. He asked what protection faculty members would have from arbitrary action by the Regents if there were no tenure system.

The Regent answered that he favored setting up a system where faculty members would be hired through short term contracts. If they felt they were treated unfairly, they would have recourse through the federal courts.

In answer to another question Prokop said that the University could not have internal control as long as it is state supported. For the University community to control itself without an outside board of Regents would require a privately financed school, he added.

Fieldhouse bill faces floor test

A measure creating a special excise tax on cigarettes to fund a new University fieldhouse will get its first test on the Legislature floor Wednesday.

LB 87, sponsored by State Sen. Roland Luedtke, calls for an additional five cent tax on cigarettes, half of which would be appropriated for a fieldhouse and half for a new state office building. The excise would raise the cigarette tax to 13 cents a pack.

Although the bill breezed through committee with help from testimony by Athletic Director Bob Devaney, some opposition may be encountered on the floor by senators who feel the fieldhouse shouldn't rate priority over other badly needed University construction projects.

ASUN Senate enters search group dispute

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ASUN President Steve Tiwald has called a special Student Senate meeting for 4 p.m. Wednesday to try to settle the controversy over student representation on the Search Committee for a new campus president.

The Search Committee held its first meeting Monday afternoon minus one student representative who has been declared ineligible to serve on the committee.

The Council on Student Life earlier Monday denied a last ditch effort by John K. Hansen, an NU sophomore, to overturn a ruling by the Office of Student Affairs that he is ineligible for the Search Committee because he is a part-time student.

IN AN EXTRAORDINARY 7:30 a.m. Monday meeting, CSL voted 7-2-1 not to hear Hansen's final appeal. Hansen first took his appeal Sunday to the Standing Committee on Student Organizations, which sustained the Student Affairs Office ruling.

Tiwald said a new student representative for the Search Committee will be picked from a list of seven candidates presented at last Wednesday's meeting by the Senate Interviewing Committee.

However, ASUN Sen. Bill Behmer said he will suggest that the Senate pass a resolution to reaffirm the appointment of Hansen. Many senators feel the full-time student rule shouldn't have been invoked in this case, he said.

Hansen is a reporter for The Informer, an underground newspaper at the University. A native of Newman Grove, he has been active in the anti-war movement throughout the past year, and has participated in several demonstrations.

"It appears that the administration is arbitrarily using its power and is imposing its own criteria after ASUN has set its criteria. It appears that there are people higher up who don't want me on the committee," Hansen said.

AN ELIGIBILITY check by the Office of Student Affairs found Hansen is only taking 10 hours this semester and is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

In a letter to Steve Tiwald Friday, Ron Gierhan of the Student Affairs

Office said the Search Committee has been designated as an extracurricular activity. The Campus Handbook states that participants in extracurricular activities must be full-time students.

Usually the faculty adviser for an extracurricular committee or activity will ask the Student Academic Services and Student Affairs offices to make an eligibility check on all candidates, Gierhan said.

The fact that ASUN didn't request an eligibility check was brought to the attention of Chancellor D. B. Varner, who requested the Academic Services office and Student Affairs to make the check, Gierhan said.

Walter H. Bruning, assistant dean of faculties, said Hansen's adviser in Teacher's College, Associate Prof. Loren R. Bonneau, reported that Hansen is only a part-time student.

The other student representatives on the Search Committee, Eric Hultman and Steve Tiwald, did meet the eligibility requirements, Gierhan said.

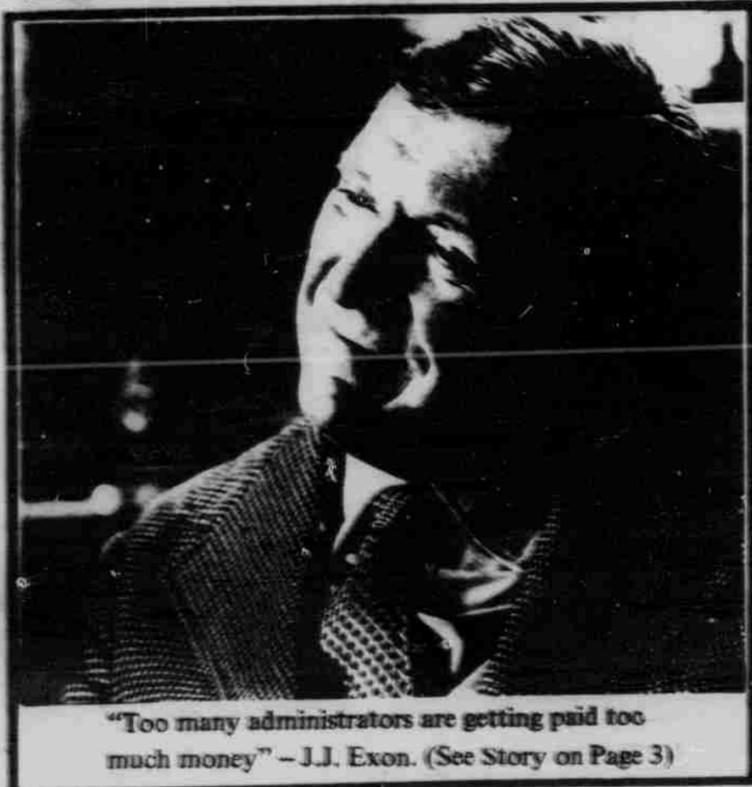
IN HIS APPEAL before CSL, Hansen questioned whether the Search Committee is an extracurricular activity and claimed that this classification should have been resolved before student representatives were chosen.

Eligibility requirements were applied after the students were chosen and weren't stated in Varner's directive to Tiwald, he said. Hansen raised the question of why the eligibility check was made and attributed it to personalities and politics.

CSL decided not to hear Hansen's appeal because it felt that the Standing Committee did "a thorough and conscientious job," said John W. Robinson, chairman.

The Standing Committee turned down Hansen's appeal because it agreed that the Search Committee is an extracurricular activity, that it was an "oversight and not a case of misinformation" that no eligibility check was made, said Meg Hall, chairman.

The new points brought out before CSL weren't "sufficiently compelling reasons" to hear the appeal, added Robinson.



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