editorial opinion page

Right direction

Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs, last week unveiled what he termed a "working paper" on the question of fees paid by UNL students. In effect, Bader's working paper can be read as the vice chancellor's long-awaited final recommendations on the student fees.

The report, which Bader says is based on all the student fees data, task force reports and subsequent reactions he has received through the year, primarily deals, as anticipated, with the administration of student fee money to UNL organizations. But Bader's latest fees thesis differs substantially from the earlier released Student Fees Administration Task Force report.

Apparently, Bader and those who worked with him on the working paper are determined to throw the allocation of student

fees into the arena of student politics. The vice chancellor continues to recommend the establishment of an allocations board, which was first proposed by the administration task force. However, this time around Bader correctly decided that students should have the majority membership on any such board. Although an amendment to Bader's report passed last Thursday by the Council on Student Life (CSL) demonstrates that there continues to be some disagreement on what constitutes a proper appointment process, the vice chancellor's recommendation that five of the student members be named by the governing bodies of the five major fees users, with the other three student members named at-large by a CSL subcommittee, is a sound and workable proposal.

Bader's latest recommendations still include the zero-base budgeting concept, although it would not be totally in force until the second year of operation under the proposed system.

The report also makes the allocations board accountable to the vice chancellor of student affairs, i.e., Bader. Bader has not clearly stated whether this means he has ultimate veto power over the board. He has said only that to make vetoes would be "putting his neck out pretty far." Bader should be required to more accurately define this important area of his report even if that would cause him to stick his neck out or jeopardize chances of student approval for his recommendations.

Bader said he hopes CSL will act swiftly enough to enable him to place the working paper on the regents' May aganda. He had similar hopes for the March and April regents meetings. His new recommendations are a step in the right direction—away from the proposals of the Student Fees Administration Task Force report.

Tom Lansworth

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to the

editor

Editor's note: The Daily Nebraskan ceases publication for the semester at the end of this week. The Thursday, May 3 edition will be the last opportunity readers will have until next fall to have their letters to the editor published. In order to meet editing deadlines, letters must be received by Wednesday morning.

Hologram chuckles

Dear editor: I want to congratulate Bob Russell on his column about the hologram UNL (Daily Nebraskan, April 18). It made me chuckle several times and was very enjoyable reading altogether.

I'm supposed to be editorial editor of the Fairbury Junior College rag, but I feel the Fairbury Junior College Journalism Department here, and the paper in turn, would compare favorably with that of just about any Class A high school in the state.

If only the clowns who are supposed to work for me could come up with something relative to that piece of Russell's. If you think I may have expressed myself a bit unusually in this letter I plead insanity on the grounds that I'm nearing the end of two years at what I think is supposed to be a college.

Editor's note: Russell's column about the hologram UNL was his last horse sense effort of the semester. Russell left last week to attend a conference in Rome. Also, your letter implies that there is a connection (as is the case at Fairbury Juior College) between the Daily Nebraskan and the UNL School of Journalism. That implication is incorrect. The Daily Nebraskan is independent of any UNL school or department, although many of our staff members are students in the School of Journalism.

'Prose' remarks

Dear editor:

If George E. May really wanted to live in a world where people shake hands, hear babies cry, speak kind words, hear happy children laugh, have pets, have trees and have money he shouldn't have written bad checks for 17 years. I'm sorry, my heart doesn't bleed.

Eliot Petersen



by G.SCOTT, 1973. APOLOGIES TO ALL LEOS.

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