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CAC is politicians tool, students' loss

NU Regent Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln has a long history of acting in opposition to student interest. His bulldozing Saturday of the Campus Assistance Center (CAC) proved the man still is running true to form.

Schwartzkopf and student regent-ASUN President Jim Say succeeded in convincing the other regents that the CAC, a project on which student representatives have been advised and consulted for three years, lacked student support and input.

Say presented a petition, circulated by ASUN, that asked postponement of CAC construction in the Nebraska Union until student opinion could be solicited. The petition carried a bare 1,000 signatures, less than five per cent of UNL students.

According to Say, the dearth of signers proved students had not been adequately informed about the proposed center. He said many students would not sign the document because they were not acquainted with the issue.

Schwartzkopf went a step further, asserting that if CAC were to be built as scheduled, students would be "unhappy." On the strength of these unfounded arguments, the board voted to withdraw all bids on the center.

Both Schwartzkopf and Say's statements are unadulterated hogwash, and if the regents think they will ever get more "student input" on the CAC, they may wait until Hamilton Hall crumbles into dust.

It is obvious, from the lack of petition signers and near-lack of response in the Daily Nebraskan (one letter) that UNL students do not care whether the campus assistance center is built.

But those same people would benefit from the center's services if it were built, for its proposed location would have brought most students into contact with it.

It is apparent that for ASUN and for Schwartzkopf, the CAC has been a handy political tool, to be used and now cast aside. In the process, an excellent project has suffered what may be irreparable damage.

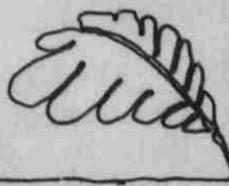
Rebecca Brite



Lincoln Regent Ed Schwartzkopf

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to the
editor



Dear editor:

I assumed, as I'm sure many other students did, that when I filled out my housing contract it covered room and board for both entire semesters.

I realize that many food service employees are students who want to get home as soon as possible, but does the university really expect all the math students on campus to take their finals on empty stomachs?

I know there is nothing food service managers can do about the illogical scheduling of math finals, but I hope

whoever does do the scheduling takes into account the closing of the dorms five semesters from now when the math finals will again be on Friday.

Meanwhile, this semester we either stock up food in our rooms, or end up walking downtown for dinner when we should be studying.

Joni Lee Railsback

Separate government

Dear editor:

What does Ken Bader think he's doing, telling ASUN how to run its affairs? ASUN is the student government, separate from administration and I think students should run it.

I wonder if this happens often?

Pete Mahowald

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