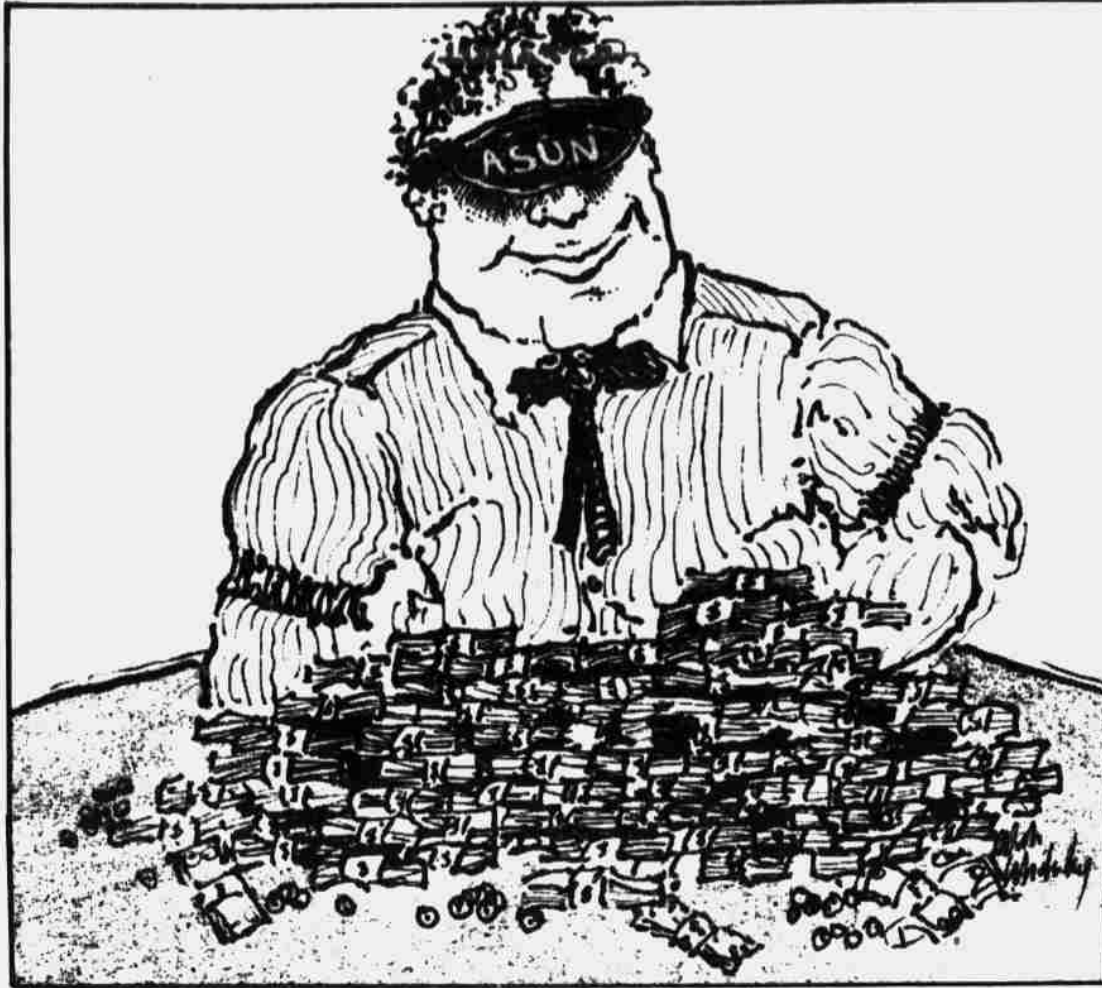


editorial



Control over student fees gives ASUN more power

The NU Board of Regents last Saturday unanimously approved moving student fee allocation powers from the Fees Allocation Board to an ASUN committee.

It was a quiet topic on the regent's agenda, and it passed with the comment, "It's moving the power from one student group to another."

True. According to Ken Marienau, ASUN president, the new ASUN Committee for Fees Allocation — the new name for the new group — will include 5 ASUN senators elected by the senate and six members at large. The six members at large will come from residence halls, fraternities or sororities, and off campus. Each

type of living unit or area will get two representatives.

The six at large members will be elected during the ASUN elections in the spring, in the meantime, they will be appointive positions, Marienau said.

Giving the student senate the power in the bastion of the buck is a good move. It gives the government a credibility and a right to allocate the money students are taxed.

With effective leadership and members, the committee should do as well as the Fees Allocation Board.

The best fact is that student government now directly controls the purse strings.

Plumbing problem in Bereuter's office is no Watergate

Expect your television screen to be filled with commercials telling you why you should vote for all sorts of candidates for all sorts of offices May 9.

Given the record spending in the Republican gubernatorial primary and the competition in the First Congressional District, the airwaves will be filled to their legal maximum with political ads.

Most campaigns have purchased all of their television and radio time by this point in the campaign, a fact which explains the apparent discrepancy between the large amounts spent and the apparent lack of success of some of the campaigns.

A plumbing problem currently is plaguing the Bereuter for Congress campaign.

It is not that the plumbing in the Nebraska State Education Association building where they are located does not work.

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Rather, it works too well.

It seems that the attorney general's office has rented the space currently occupied by the Bereuter campaign and, in order to properly assign space, they are checking out all possible problems.

Chief among the problems is the fact that one of the offices is located next to the restroom. So, in order to ascertain the disturbances caused by noise from the restroom, members of the attorney general's staff have been visiting the Bereuter offices in twos.

One person stands in the office in question and the other goes next door and flushes the toilet.

This event had occurred at least eight times as of 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to Ted McConnell, the Bereuter aide who currently occupies the office being tested.

On May 3 the UNL Student Court has scheduled its hearing on the suit brought by ASUN against YAF.

It also has conveniently scheduled it for the same time as the ASUN meeting that same evening. A problem but not unconvincible.

But the student court meets on east campus at the Law School and ASUN is scheduled to meet in the Nebraska Union downtown, making life difficult for Ken Marienau and any ASUN senators who might have to be in two places at the same time.

But bureaucracy marches on one every level, so the two meetings will take place at the same time to the detriment of both.

In their brief submitted to the student court, ASUN has recommended the following action be taken against YAF:

1. That YAF's constitution be suspended for one year;
2. That YAF make an accounting of money collected and spent in 1977-78.

3. That YAF be fined for their actions;
4. That Jeff Chizek, UNL YAF president, be placed on academic probation for his actions.

It will be very interesting to see what action, if any, the student court takes in this matter and then compare the action with ASUN's original requests.

letters to the editor

Speaking from experience, the quality of food and friendliness of the personnel at the "downtown" food service is far below the standard of east campus. This is a fact our food service manager did not deny at a resident complex government meeting, stating that Cather-Pound-Neihardt has a "captive audience" whereas east campus has to "market" its food. Why should we have to eat bad food when east campus gets its food from the same companies as city campus, but can make the food marketable.

The East Union is a beautiful building. But the building alone doesn't bring people to that food service. City campus students are tired of being served literally lousy food by personnel that could care less about quality or friendliness.

We are frustrated that our efforts to change this have been futile. Finally, Housing is confronted with a problem to which they have to find a solution. Unfortunately their solution doesn't seem to help the real problem — poor food at city campus.

I invite all of you at Burr-Fedde to eat a meal with us at C-P-N. Overload their lunch room for a BIG change!

Charla Maxwell
Junior, Architecture major

Misrepresentation?

On Monday, April 17, a Daily Nebraskan article by Rex Henderson quoted Julian Bond as stating that the Allan Bakke reverse discrimination case was "an example of the privileged and powerful to maintain their share of the good life they enjoy."

What Bond really said was that the Bakke case was "an example of the privileged and powerful to maintain their DISPROPORTIONATE share of the good life they enjoy."

On April 20, an article by Kris Hansen about an ASUN meeting stated that a spokesman from the Afro-American Collegiate Society presented the results of a study of black students on campus, and, "According to the report, one out of three or four students drop out before graduation."

I was that spokesman from AACCS, and what I really said was that one out of every three or four black students make it to

their senior year. The AACCS report documents this.

In both cases, the callous misrepresentation radically changes the meaning of the statements. Both of them indicate an insidious lack of concern on the part of both reporters for the subject matter that they were covering.

I noticed that the rest of Kris Hansen's article was quite accurate. That leads me to wonder about one thing: Would these reporters have been more careful with their statements if the subject matter had nothing to do with black people?

Hubert Brown
Sophomore, broadcasting

Art for art's sake

It is a pleasure to read an article such as the one on Barbara Linkevitch by J. Marc Mushkin (Ad Lib, April 20). But even more admirable than the momentary enjoyment it affords is the respect and sensitivity with which Mushkin has treated his subject. It is reassuring to see a writer take art simply for what it is, without demanding that it conform to his personal tastes.

Brian Wollery
Freshman, undeclared

Joni Martineau Day says that the reasons the Women's Resource Center banned the Lincoln Gazette are three in number.

1. "The donations to the Gazette, collected in a jar placed in WRC, were being ripped off." Another publication called Growing Season, which was being distributed in the WRC, had a comparable donation bottle. Growing Season was closer in line with the dominant politics of the WRC. It was not banned. Also the Gazette was never offered the opportunity to distribute papers for free or to install a more secure coin box.

2. "A shortage of space in WRC." After the Gazette had been distributed at the Women's Resource Center for well over a year, the women who run the Center discovered that there was not enough room for the Gazette. At the same time the center found room for a new publication called Growing Season, produced in large

part by women who held a "pro-choice" abortion stand.

3. "and the bylaws of WRC state that only material specifically related to women's issues shall be distributed in the center."

Was it mere coincidence that after tension mounted on the abortion issue and a free speech issue that the Gazette was removed from the Center? Growing Season, which took a "pro choice" position on the abortion issue (which is the WRC position) was not removed. Growing Season did not focus solely on specific women's issues. It had a broader focus such as the Gazette's.

A few of the WRC members accused me of being a fascist because I do not favor abortion on demand. I feel compelled to clearly indicate my position on abortion.

Abortion is a moral issue. It is wrong to use abortion as a mere birth control measure.

A mother has a right to defend her life through an abortion if that is necessary. A mother does not have a moral right to have a capricious or arbitrary abortion. For example, it would be wrong for a mother to have an abortion because having a child would be an inconvenience.

Moral decisions by definition are social in nature and cannot take place in a vacuum. We must deal with the question as to what is a moral abortion and what is an immoral abortion. We do not have the right to choose immoral action.

On the other hand the "Right to Life" advocates are so obsessed with developing fetuses that they make alliances with reactionary rightist politicians like Carl Curtis and Ronald Reagan who, while they speak caringly of fetuses, support the oppression of former fetuses (grown-ups) like you and I.

I call on the women who run the Women's Resource Center to facilitate a discussion of this issue rather than deceptively rationalizing their attempts to suppress it. Avoiding a pressing moral issue does not make that issue go away. It works to discredit those who are being irresponsible.

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No enthusiasm

Michael Nikunen's suggestion (Monday, Continued on page 5)