

Increased ASUN control proposed

By Lucy Bighia

A UNL sophomore has proposed an amendment to the NU bylaws which would give ASUN power to control student activities without approval of the NU Board of Regents.

Tim Mommaerts, a political science and history major from Lincoln, sent his proposal on behalf of "concerned students" to Chancellor Roy Young Nov. 3.

The proposal now is being considered by ASUN, the Council on Student Life and the Faculty Senate. These groups have 90 days to send their written recommendations to Young. He then has 60 days to submit the proposal and comments to the regents, who will make the final decision.

ASUN power

The amendment would give ASUN the power to:

- regulate student activities and organizations.
- elect the ASUN president, who acts as the student regent.

- try cases involving students' out-of-classroom activities.
- allocate expenditure of all student fees.
- regulate those enterprises which receive support from student fees; such as the health center, the unions, the University Program Councils and the *Daily Nebraskan*.

- act as the ultimate regulatory body for residence halls, fraternities, sororities and cooperatives; this includes establishing visitation hours and approving their budgets.

Help students

According to Mommaerts, the power this amendment

would give ASUN are powers that other university student governments already have and that past UNL student governments once enjoyed.

ASUN has ceased to mean much to UNL students, as evidenced by the less than 15 percent voter turnout at the last ASUN election, Mommaerts said.

The purpose of the amendment is to help to cope with the "outside world," by acquainting them with the democratic process and teaching them to govern themselves while they're in school, he said.

"The purpose of a university is to provide an education, not to regulate the personal lives of 22,000 people, ages 18 through 25," Mommaerts said.

Nice concept

In addition, the amendment says that no student shall be "fined, suspended, expelled or in any way penalized or punished" except by the "judgment of his peers" (ASUN) or the American courts.

In other words, the regents would have no control over student activities, and no power to punish students for their actions.

Mommaerts said he represents students from ASUN, University Program Council, Residence Hall Association and other student organizations. However, ASUN is not officially sponsoring the proposal, he said.

ASUN president Ken Marienau said the amendment contained "some nice concepts," but he thought the university was not quite ready for such a change.

Chancellor Young would not comment on the proposal.

Pub Board appoints new editor-in-chief

Senior journalism major Pete Mason, 33, was chosen editor-in-chief of the *Daily Nebraskan* for next semester.

The decision was made Thursday night at a Publications Board meeting. Mason has had three years experience at the *Daily Nebraskan* working as a copy editor, columnist, managing editor, entertainment editor and editorial writer.

Mason, a Maine native, said that his goals as editor-in-chief are to "uphold the *Daily Nebraskan's* reporting excellence."

"The last three years I have watched the paper grow to a certain journalistic excellence and that puts pressure on an editor coming into that position," Mason said. "There's no place to go but up."

Mason plans to enlarge coverage of state, city and East Campus news. He also said more reporters should be hired to cover the city and state news.

"Our obligation is to the students," Mason said. "The community is second but our top priority is with the students."

An apology was also made Tuesday night to the *Daily Nebraskan* by a former production employee of the *Daily Nebraskan*.

Jay Johansen, responsible for an injected line in a November 20th story that was defamatory to the reporter, said that the error should never have been made and he apologized to the reporter and the paper.



New editor-in-chief Pete Mason.

Union search underway for new food manager

The search is underway and if it's successful the Nebraska Union will have a new food service manager by February.

Bob Richeson, the union's former food service manager, resigned his position at UNL for a better paying position as food service director at Oklahoma State University, said Union Director Al Bennett.

"A search committee has been appointed and has met once for the purpose of organizing themselves," Bennett said.

The position has been advertised nationwide and applications are due by Dec. 4.

"My personal hope is to have an applicant identified and accepted between the 1st and 15th of February," Bennett said.

He added that until a manager has been found, a group of four food service technicians will maintain the union food services. Bennett is the acting administrator of the group.

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