

# Moylan...

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**DN:** Did you agree with the Touche/Ross audit of the UNL student unions? What were your feelings about it?

**Moylan:** Well, we've had some problems. And I'd rather not talk about it. I think the board has let the administration know that these things have to be remedied.

**DN:** How much power do you think the student government should have?

**Moylan:** I don't think they ought to be endowed with a tremendous amount of power.

**DN:** Do you think the student government should have more power than it does now?

**Moylan:** No, I don't think so. I think right now they probably have about the extent of power a student government should have on campus. The only thing that disturbs me is the fact that there's such a small group participating (in government).

**DN:** Do you think this lack of interest might be caused by the student government's limited amount of power?

**Moylan:** I just think their (ASUN's) committees are just not creating enough interest among the students. And I think it varies with the administrations of student governments. I think some of them just use it for their own personal benefit. I think it just kind of depends on the administration.

**DN:** Do you think students this year are more interested in student government than in the past?

**Moylan:** Well, it seems like every time they have an election there's very few of them that vote. I still think that they lack the interest that they should have.

**DN:** Do you have any suggestions to remedy this?

**Moylan:** No, except maybe if the student government would run a poll of the students and find out what areas they're interested in... and what they think student government should be doing... rather than the student government themselves trying to determine what they think is best for the people. And maybe having additional committees and allowing more input from more students.

**DN:** What do you think about ASUN's action recalling all ASUN-appointed students from university committees?

**Moylan:** I really don't know much about that.

**DN:** Are you familiar with the Student Court's decision in the ASUN-YAF case?

**Moylan:** No, I'm not aware of that. I missed it somehow.

**DN:** Do you plan to run again for regent?

**Moylan:** Well, I think it's kind of early to decide. I've got four more years on the board. I think I'd rather reserve that statement until closer to the end of my term, if I'm still around?

**DN:** If you're still around?

**Moylan:** If I'm still alive, yes.

**DN:** How much time do you spend on regental business?

**Moylan:** Well, outside of the monthly meetings, and sometimes a meeting in between, monthly meetings usually take the good part of a day or day and a half; but I would imagine an average of an hour a day on correspondence... and there's a lot of material to read.

**DN:** Do the regents usually accept the advice of the administration?

**Moylan:** No. I think you'll find if you check the voting record that they don't always accept their advice on everything. And there are some matters which get rather controversial.

**DN:** What are some controversial issues?

**Moylan:** Well, student fees is one that the boards (the regents and the administration) couldn't agree on. And occasionally there's an appointment that not all of the regents will agree with. You know, the administrators are faculty... I don't think we all agree on some of the matters happening at the Eppley Center.

**DN:** Are you referring to the \$1.1 million which the federal government says the Eppley Institute owes?

**Moylan:** I'm talking about the problems there in general.

**DN:** Is there much controversy among the regents themselves?

**Moylan:** Oh, I think you'll find a lot of split votes on the board.

**DN:** Would you say there's a voting bloc on the board?

**Moylan:** Not really. It depends on the issue... I think a regent from Scottsbluff has an entirely different constituency than a regent from Omaha.

**DN:** Would you describe yourself as being conservative or liberal?

**Moylan:** Conservative. Even though I am a Democrat. Or moderate. Moderate to conservative, I guess that's what you'd call me.

**DN:** How would you feel about a voting student regent?

**Moylan:** Well, I think I'd be opposed to it.

**DN:** I understand you lobbied for 10 organizations last year. How long have you been a lobbyist?

**Moylan:** Where in the world did you hear that?

**DN:** I got the list from the Clerk of the Legislature.

**Moylan:** Oh, did you? Last session. It's part of my law practice. I've been doing legislative work for the lobbyists since the early 1960s. It still constitutes a good part of my law practice.

**DN:** What do you do for these organizations?

**Moylan:** For some of them I'm attorney, for some of them I just do their legislative work.

**DN:** To your knowledge, do any of the organizations that you lobby for conduct any business with the university?

**Moylan:** I don't think any of them do.

**DN:** Have you ever encountered any conflicts of interest because of your position as lobbyist for various organizations?

**Moylan:** No. And I think that lawyers should be aware of conflicts when they arise. You're not going to be in the law practice, I don't care who you are, without occasionally running into conflicts.

And I think that first you ought to know what a conflict is, legally, and secondly, you better have the belly to get up and declare there's a conflict and decide... whether you take yourself out of the matter, or if you're on a board, you don't vote on a particular matter. And that's always been my policy to avoid all types of conflicts (of interest).

**DN:** Have you ever abstained from voting on the issue of alcohol on campus?

**Moylan:** Oh no, I haven't ever abstained on that. I have been opposed to the having of alcohol on campus. And I think I've been on the record since day one on that. And the Licensed Beverage Association does not have a position on that.

**DN:** Section 10 of the Nebraska State Constitution says that regents "shall receive no compensation, but may be reimbursed their actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties." Do you or any of the other regents receive any compensation, direct or indirect, however minor?

**Moylan:** No, that would be prohibited by the constitution.

**DN:** What about the free athletic tickets that regents receive?

**Moylan:** Well, that's a university function... that's not compensation, you're participating in one of the functions of the university that you govern.

**DN:** How about free, all-expense paid trips to the bowl games for regents?

**Moylan:** Well, that's a university function.

**DN:** Is it your duty as a regent to attend bowl games?

**Moylan:** I think probably just as much so as anybody other than the players and the coaches.

**DN:** How do you feel about the other members of the board?

**Moylan:** They're all pretty much businessmen and professional men, and have had a lot of experience in different areas and on different boards, different commissions... Basically, I think it's a good board.

**DN:** Do you think the university places the right amount of emphasis on sports?

**Moylan:** I don't think it's really outdone—the sports program. There's a lot of interest in it. And it's pretty well self-sustaining financially. I'm sure that a lot of people would say that there is too much emphasis placed on athletics. By the same token, there's a lot of people that pay their taxes regularly, taxes that are used to support the university, and this is about their only contact with the university.

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