

# Marienau: respect, not voice gained

By Shelley Smith

Although he worked 60 hours a week, was often frustrated during those working hours, and a couple of times considered leaving it all, ASUN President Ken Marienau said if he had the chance to be president all over again, he would.

After Wednesday's meeting, Marienau, a 22-year-old business major, will have two more senate meetings to call his own. With senate election drawing near, he reflected back on his 11 months as ASUN president, and said what he learned during that time is immeasurable.

"I've learned more in this office during the course of the last 11 months than I did in all my other activities in college, and possibly even back into high school," he said.

He said he learned that people are motivated simply by the way something is worded, and make decisions because of the way something is presented.

### Selling technique

"Decisions in government, in the university and even in student politics are not made necessarily, and unfortunately, upon the basis of the qualities of the proposal. They're made based upon what is going to sell," he said.

He said the NU Board of Regents, this year, failed to act representatively of NU students. Marienau added that this was one of his major disappointments as president.

"Student impact in the board is minimal," he said.

"The decisions are made upon the regents own opinions and mind sets. And if they happen to correspond with the students, they may get lip service," he said.

He said he felt the regents view the students and faculty as special interest groups, rather than the purpose for the existence of the university.

"They don't recognize students and they don't recognize faculty as being important in the decision-making process," he said.

### Senate accomplishments

"They sort of view them as gears. When the switch is turned—the gears are supposed to run. They don't see them as part of the ignition system," he added.

Marienau said he has mixed emotions about his role as president during the year, but said he felt the senate accomplished a great deal.

"The major asset the senate had this year was courage," he said.

"At no time did the senate ever back off of an issue because of fear of controversy or fear of reproach," he said.

He defended the senate for taking an initial neutral stand on Parents Day, scheduled April 27. The senate took the stand because it was upset with the planning procedure, he said.

"They had initial disagreements, but knew the concept was good. So without condemning the concept, they made their disagreements heard," he said.

### Blue jock

Students Day, held during the Nebraska-Missouri football game last fall, was also a great accomplishment for the senate, Marienau said.

Senate members passed out 10,000 fliers to people attending the game to voice students' concern that UNL is not just a "football school." And as a way of gaining recognition for their causes, they encouraged students to wear blue rather than traditional red.

Marienau said people were impressed by the support given to Students Day, and said even members of the Nebraska football team supported the concept.

"I knew of one player that wore a blue jock (strap)," he said.

Despite a lack of regent support for student issues, Marienau said he felt this year's senate and executives increased their respect from the regents.

He said the regents began to listen to him not just as a student regent, but because of the proposals and opinions he presented.

### Election interest

"This came from being well prepared on the issues we were presenting. We knew what we were talking about," he said.

And he said that the best way to judge the success of organization is by viewing the interest that is shown in the organization, and the number of people running for office.

For the first time in ASUN history, five candidates are running for ASUN president this year. Marienau said he was proud of the record.

"Student government is past the crossroads of making it or breaking it," he said.

"We've passed the point that we were an organization that was to be watched. Now I think we're taken as an integral part, and a serious part of the university," he said.



Photo by Bob Pearson

Ken Marienau, outgoing ASUN president.

# Harvard offers course on football

Cambridge, Mass. (CH)—The Harvard football quarterback has turned professor for the spring term, presiding over a new class called "Fundamentals of the Multiflex."

Senior quarterback Lawrence L. Brown says in studying the Multiflex, Harvard's unusual offense, students will better appreciate all of football.

In getting approval to offer the half-credit, pass-fail course, Brown expressed a preference for non-varsity athletes as students. Of the 20 signed up for the course, six are women.

Harvard Head Football Coach Joe Restic, who has been credited with creating the complex offense, says studying the Multiflex will be valuable because, "It's like taking a course in logic. You may study it for three months and not understand it, and then one day it will fit together."

In addition to writing a paper at the end of the term, students are required to read newspaper sports pages every day, "to establish an atmosphere for the course," says Brown.

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