

letters

Young—deficits will result if budget increase not met

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The letter explained that Islam was a religion based on love, peace and the respect of human rights. If this is true, then why are devoted followers of Islam in Iran killing, destroying, threatening and removing basic human rights from its citizens and those of visitors? Various atrocities have occurred for thousands of years in the false name of religion.

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Day care expenses

This is in response to the open letter to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Richard Armstrong from the members of the UNL Coalition for Day Care Funding (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 14). I think that any serious inequality that existed in the university's function as an educational institution was corrected, not created with the 1978 student fee restructuring. I am an unmarried, childless, poor student. Why should I help pay for someone else's day care? I would no more expect the university to pay my tuition so that I could "achieve my educational potential" than I would expect it to pay others' day care expenses for the same reason. When you said that "All direct financial support from the university was eliminated," you should have said that all direct financial support from students via student fees was eliminated.

Child bearing and rearing is a large responsibility. Today there is no reason that people who wish to remain childless can't. Before a couple, or mother alone, decides to have children, they should decide whether they can support them and go to school, too—without others like myself who choose to remain childless having to help defray their cost. I feel that I already support enough dependent mothers via federal taxes. The 1978 student fee reallocation reflected the current national trend of over-burdened taxpayers objecting to supporting causes and programs that they don't endorse, and I, like the growing

majority of others, am whole-heartedly for this trend.

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Chambers is questioned

I was very touched with State Sen. Ernest Chambers' concern with the issue of the death penalty (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 14). I wish to congratulate him on his realization of the sanctity of human life. Finally, I am in total agreement with his statement that the "laws of a society should not reflect the most barbaric... things in society." However, I am a bit confused about his feeling that even if Nebraska did have a system of specificity, the state would still not have the right to take a citizen's life. There seems to be an overt inconsistency with the Senator's philosophy in this matter, for he has ignored the fact that our society already has a system of specificity and has granted the right to take another's life. This right is employed over one million times per year, and still Chambers supports it. As a matter of fact, he fights diligently for it, that is, for the right of a mother to kill her unborn child.

Chambers also suggested that if executions are so good, why hide them. "Why keep it secret, clean and separate from the people who supposedly want it—society?" I ask a similar question, "Why are the realities of abortion kept secret from society?"

Important parts of the "informed consent" clause were struck out of LB316 (which would require a woman to be educated about what she was actually carrying) in an attempt to hide the realities of abortion. Therefore, shouldn't it follow that Sen. Chambers would support such a clause since he states that we shouldn't hide any of the gruesome details of one of our laws? In actuality, he does not. How long will we stand for such inconsistency from our lawmakers? How can we trust one to make the right decisions for us, if one's thinking is so obviously illogical?

Judy Tiehen
President UNL Students for Pro-LIFE

By Michelle Carr

If a 15 percent increase in state general funds is not met, UNL will be faced with severe budget problems, according to two UNL administrators.

UNL Chancellor Roy Young told the NU Board of Regents that even a 15 percent requested increase does not help solve budget matters, such as operating and utility budgets, replacing reductions in equipment and computer budgets and increasing needs for improvements.

Young and Martin Massengale, vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, presented budget proposals using a 7 percent and a 10 percent appropriation increase, which the regents requested during the October meeting.

With a 10 percent appropriation increase, the UNL budget, not including the Institute of Agriculture, would suffer a \$1,443,880 loss, Young said. This includes a reduction in the equipment budget, departmental computer budgets, faculty research, Teaching Council which occurs in the 15 percent appropriation increase budget plan. The \$1,443,880 would have to be cut from the continuation budget, he said.

To meet the deficit, Young said, 96 faculty and staff positions would be eliminated, programs would be reduced and fees for laboratory courses would be charged.

With a 7 percent appropriation increase, UNL would face a \$2,725,799 reduction and this total would not include \$940,000 to restore the equipment budget, departmental computer budget, faculty research and Teaching Council budgets through savings, or the shortfall in the utilities budget, Young said.

A 7 percent reduction would require a reduction of 181.5 faculty and staff full-time equivalent positions, he said.

A task force, which included vice chancellors, deans, faculty and students, prepared the impact of various appropriation levels and recommended that the budget should not eliminate schools or colleges or graduate programs, Young said. The task force recommended that other methods of increasing income be investi-

gated, such as efforts to improve efficiency of UNL resources and rational consideration of alternatives for major program change, he said.

Enrollment limits may be applied to selected colleges or to UNL as a whole if savings cannot be achieved, Young said.

"WE BELIEVE it is critical that we make the strongest effort possible to obtain a 15 percent increase in appropriated funds."

With a 10 percent appropriation increase, the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources will have a \$957,000 budget deficit, Massengale said. Reduction of programs, elimination of 38 faculty and staff positions, and a possible reduction of publications and services offered would occur he said. A decrease in the frequency of certain course offerings and an increase in the faculty workload also would occur, he said.

With a 7 percent appropriation increase, the institute would have a deficit of \$1,535,200, Massengale said, and 64 faculty and staff positions would be eliminated, along with the implementation of the alternatives used in a budget of 10 percent increase, he said.

Massengale noted that enrollment and demand for courses in agriculture and natural resources have increased during the past ten to fifteen years.

"It should not be a surprise that any programs we eliminate will have significant impact on someone we serve in the state."

NU PRESIDENT Ronald Roskens pointed out that low appropriation increases in the past have resulted in only modest salary increases and in absorbing increases in the cost of energy. Roskens stressed that appropriations have not matched the rate of inflation.

Roskens also equated the need for a 15 percent appropriation with the quality of education.

Roskens termed the 15 percent appropriation support a "realistic figure" that the regents should vigorously support.



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