

Wessels deems proposed bill 'inappropriate'

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The NU director of public affairs said that NU President Ronald Roskens has relinquished to him the task of responding to any inquiries about a bill now in ASUN's Special Topics Committee that calls for an investigation of Rosken's role in the May 4, 1970 deaths at Kent State University.

Jim Raglin said Roskens refused to comment on the bill. Raglin said it is "ludicrous."

Roskens had an administrative position at Kent State from 1959 to 1972. Four students were killed when Ohio National Guardsmen were called to the campus to control student unrest.

ASUN Sen. Tim Rinne said he submitted the resolution because he could see parallels in conditions that led to the deaths at Kent State and present conditions at NU.

Rinne said that NU may compare to Kent State in its present lack of communication between administration, faculty, staff and students.

Bill inappropriate

ASUN President Renee Wessels said she thought

the proposed bill was an inappropriate way of dealing with the issues.

Wessels emphasized that the bill has not been voted on and that the senate is separate from the executive branch.

"The senate has the right to investigate issues that they deem necessary," Wessels said. "But they haven't yet."

"There was a great deal of discussion about the bill, but I don't see that as necessarily being perceived as being support for the bill."

Wessels said she thought the main issues were the structure of administration and channels of communication.

"There are interesting issues included in the bill other than Roskens' involvement at Kent State," Wessels said. "They are worth discussing and looking into."

Wessels said there might be a need to review the relation of administrative structure and decision making.

Relations unsatisfactory

She also said she didn't think all the administrators at UNL are satisfied with relations between UNL and the central administration.

"I believe they see areas that need improvement, especially in regards to the budget," she said.

Rinne said the motivation behind his proposed bill

was to investigate the power structure of the central administration.

Rinne's resolution cites actions by Roskens and other central administrators as "undemocratic" and states that faculty, students and staff have no control over university affairs.

Rinne will speak to the Special Topics Committee Thursday about the bill, according to Tim McAllister, acting chairman of the committee. The committee will then debate and vote on the bill.

"The bill can either be rewritten, submitted to the senate as is or it can be killed in the committee," McAllister said.

McAllister said he thought the committee at first didn't know what to do with the bill.

"Now we're looking more favorably at sending it back to the senate," McAllister said. "But it will probably be rewritten first."

He said if the bill is rewritten, it will direct attention to investigations of the central administration and communication, rather than Roskens' behavior.

Area nursing officials comment on training, employing enough people

By Mary Louise Knapp

More nursing students are being accepted by Nebraska schools because of a nationwide shortage of nurses, but that is not having much of an effect on the shortage problem because fewer people are applying for admission according to area nursing college officials.

Beverly Cunningham, student affairs adviser for the NU College of Nursing, said the college has been receiving fewer applications each year for the last four years.

"Nebraska always has been well behind the national trends," she said, adding that although there is definite shortage of nurses in Nebraska, the situation is probably not as severe as in other parts of the country.

Cunningham said that in 1975, the college was accepting one out of every three applicants. Now, one out of two applicants are accepted.

"Right now, there are 75 freshmen in the college in Lincoln, and about 150 in Omaha," she said.

The nursing program at the NU Medical Center offers a two-year associate degree and a four-year bachelor's degree. Cunningham said about 30 percent of the nursing students receive their bachelor's degree. She said the drop-out rate is between 12 and 15 percent.

"As long as we have more applications than positions to fill, we will not actively recruit students for the nursing school," she said.

"We may have to go somewhere down the road, but we don't know when the shortage will become critical."

Cunningham said the school sends representatives to

high school career days, but does not actively seek students.

Fewer women are choosing nursing as a career because there are more options open to them, many that provide better hours and salaries than nursing, Cunningham said.

She added that nursing schools are changing from hospital-based diploma programs, to schools in state universities and colleges.

Nurses always have been able to get jobs, Cunningham said.

"Many new medical centers have been built that need nursing staff desperately," she said, adding that rural areas also need nurses.

Cunningham cited an article in a magazine published by the National League of Nursing which says the supply of nurses will continue to decline during the next few years.

She said 1976 resolutions adopted by the American Nurses Association might be another reason for fewer nursing school applicants.

The resolution states that by 1985, bachelor's degree will be required for entry into professional nursing practice.

Joyce Crutchfield, assistant professor of nursing at the medical center and a member of the American Nurses Association, said that because of the many different nursing schools in the United States, registered nurses can be trained in a number of ways.

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Teachers College changes given

By Jim Faddis

Recommendations to reorganize several departments in the UNL Teachers College have been made by Dean Robert Egbert and will be considered by the NU Board of Regents.

The recommendations are as follows:

-Combine the elementary and secondary education departments into one department, which would be the department of curriculum and instruction.

-Combine the departments of educational psychology and measurements and history and philosophy of education into one department, which hasn't been named.

-Combine the coordinator of doctoral studies, the computer center, research department and teacher placement service into a single unit, the graduate studies, research and service department.

-Make the associate dean also the director of teacher education, which would make him in charge of all undergraduate teacher education.

These changes in the structure of the Teachers College have been in the works for a year, Egbert said.

They are designed to improve programs at the college and reduce administrative costs, he said.

Egbert said by combining the elementary and secondary education departments, students will get a better overall view of the education process.

Dorcas Cavett, associate professor of elementary education departments, agreed with Egbert that the combination will give students a broader view of education.

"It is important for teachers to know what came before and what comes after them in the education process," Cavett said. "It makes you more responsible."

But Cavett expressed some concern that specialized elementary teaching techniques and secondary techniques might become less emphasized.

But Egbert said the faculty at the college are determined that the quality of education at the college will not be lowered.

He said the college will offer specialized courses and the quality of the college might improve because the students will get a broader view of education.

The combining of the departments is an important move, said John Lux, associate professor of secondary education.

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Great Gnats!

Tuesday's warm temperatures, which reached the upper 80s, hatched innumerable insects, including the gnats pictured here flying around the entrance of Architectural Hall. The white streaks are the trails of the flying bugs during a 2.5 second time exposure using an ultra telephoto lens, which was shot into the sun at an oblique angle. The shadow side of Westbrook Music Building served as a black background for the photograph.