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Law admission test changed

By Tom Shelton

The Law School Admission Test has been changed because of new legislation regulating post-secondary admission testing programs.

The writing ability test and math test were eliminated.

Alan H. Frank, associate dean of the Law College, said the writing test elimination is an improvement. The writing test tested grammar, he said. Now writing ability is examined in the applicants' answers and is not graded separately.

"The essays are a better indication of one's ability to write," Frank said.

Coachability, as defined by the Law School Admission Bulletin, is the use of artificial or short-term learning to improve test performance. The bulletin said questions considered for the new version of the LSAT were examined for potential coachability. It said that only those types of questions for which success in coaching had been judged to be low were selected.

The LSAT is designed to measure certain mental abilities important in the study of law and to aid law schools in assessing the academic potential of their applicants, the bulletin said.

Frank said the questions on the test are designed to test logic and reasoning ability. He said the test has been improved by replacing bad questions with better ones. He said he can't tell whether the new version of the test will be more difficult until the test is used.

The new version of the LSAT is scheduled to be administered for the first time in June 1982. It will have six 35-minute sections, two of which will be equating or pretest sections that will not contribute to an examinee's score.

The four scored sections will include four different types of questions, and these four sections will contain between 110-120 questions, Frank said.

Also planned is a 20-30 minute writing sample or exercise. The writing sample will not be scored. A copy of the examinee's written work will be sent to each law school to which an LSAT report is sent for the examinee.

Union Plaza provides forum

By Tom Shelton

A student, walking toward the Nebraska Union, notices someone speaking into a microphone. The words the student hears have nothing to do with any curriculum with which he is familiar, but instead tell of redemption and hell fire.

The bewildered student notices many other students are also looking at each other in wonderment. How do groups get permission to give presentations on the Union Plaza?

"The plaza area is basically public so anybody can come and speak as long as they don't harass people and break the laws," said Ennio Quevedo, activities coordinator of Campus Activities and Programs. "Presentations must not disrupt regularly scheduled classes through the use of amplified sound or other means."

Student organizations are advised to get permission before they appear at the plaza, but Quevedo said individuals need no permission.

Both groups and individuals must follow rules listed on the UNL Policies and Procedures Handbook specifying correct behavior on the plaza, Quevedo said.

Student organizations are allowed to check out sound equipment owned by the union for their presentations, he said. Student organizations need to apply at the CAP office, in room 200 of the union.

Quevedo said the student organizations are helped to set up their programs the right way.

"We help them with their events and see they come out okay with as little red tape as possible, he said.

Students cannot appear on two consecutive days or for more than three days a week. Concerts cannot begin before 3 p.m., he said.

Presentations cannot be given in front of other buildings on campus because they would be likely

to disrupt classes. In addition, Quevedo said that to his knowledge, the plaza was placed by the union in 1968 with one of its purposes being to give students an opportunity to implement a form of public forum.

Groups appearing at the union plaza are frequently monitored and if they become too loud, they are told to be quiet, Quevedo said. If groups become hostile or disruptive, he said, they may be asked to leave or may be removed by UNL police.

Quevedo said a presentation by one group does not mean another may not appear at the same time. He said it was perfectly acceptable for groups with opposing viewpoints to give presentations. However, appropriate action will be taken if too many groups appear at the same time and create a disturbance, Quevedo said.

Activities at the plaza have included religious debates, bake sales, plays and pamphlet distribution.

Board member selected

The third member to the State Student Association board of directors and 18 Academic Commission members were appointed by the ASUN Senate Wednesday.

Ben Barrett, a senior majoring in agricultural economics from Harrisburg, Neb., was the final appointment to the SSA board of directors, joining ASUN President Rick Mockler and Nette Nelson of the Government Liaison Committee, appointed to the board Sept. 9.

Members appointed to the Academic Commission are Jan Bartholet, Maureen McQuinn, Cheryl Loseke, Bruce Billesbach, Calvin Hansen, John O'Holleran, Jeanne Burke, Dewayne Ullsperger, Cindy Scobie, Kris Kiekhaefer, Dan Barry, Laura Hein, Sharon Lingren, Jennifer Jacks, Barb Seckman, Sheri Sellgren, George Ludvik and Sanjay Bansal.

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