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Delay on admission requirements recommended

By Jeff Goodwin

The Faculty Senate voted Tuesday afternoon to recommend to the NU Board of Regents that it delay any action about a proposal imposing minimum admission requirements upon incoming students.

The senate also voted to establish a committee to study admission requirements and submit a proposal about them by Sept. 15, 1982.

Some senate members had objections to the minimum admission requirements.

Sen. Stanley Vasa asked whether students from small high schools would be able to take all of the classes necessary to meet the requirements.

"We have to ask ourselves if we would be denying admission to students, who through no fault of their own, don't meet these standards," Vasa said.

The proposal, which was made by NU President Ronald Roskens at the February board meeting, would require university applicants to meet the following high school requirements: Four years of English, three years of mathematics, three years of social studies and two years of laboratory science.

Vasa said the proposal does not provide a definition

of the various subject areas.

He said English is in the language arts category, which also includes subjects such as journalism, foreign languages and drama.

Vasa said all of the classes might not be offered at some Nebraska high schools.

No evidence exists to show that minimum requirements will result in increased performances by students at UNL, he said.

"The data base does not exist to make these recommendations," Vasa said.

Sen. Herbert Howe said he was worried about the possible financial implications of establishing minimum admission standards.

"Part of me wants to applaud a greater commitment to undergraduate preparation," Howe said, "and part of me says, 'Wait a minute. Does this mean we're going to get less money for the university just because we're going to have fewer students?'"

Sen. R. L. Parry said the faculty members' role in the establishment of admission standards had been usurped.

"According to regent bylaws it is the responsibility of the faculty to recommend admission requirements for individual colleges to the Board of Regents," Parry said. "The faculty's role in this process has been pre-empted."

Vasa also said he was troubled by the issue of a public land-grant university having minimum standards for admission.

In other business, the senate voted to accept a proposal by Sen. Parry that steps be taken to improve large lecture halls on the UNL campus.

"It's time that we made some changes," Parry said. "We can no longer continue to ignore the conditions in which our large classes are taught."

Parry cited Love Library's auditorium, Bessey Hall Auditorium, and Henzlik Hall Auditorium as lecture halls in need of improvement.

Parry said Love Library Auditorium was "dimly lit and has a dungeon-like atmosphere. When tests are given it's absolute pandemonium."

Parry's proposal has three provisions.

The first would provide for a university survey of large lecture halls at UNL.

The second would develop a set of UNL standards for large lecture halls.

Finally, a sum of money, between \$25,000 and \$30,000 per year, would be spent by the university to improve existing lecture halls.

The money is not presently included in the university's operating budget.

Smoke, converter regulations opposed

An amendment that would strengthen Lincoln's Air Pollution Control Ordinance drew opposition at a Lincoln City Council hearing Monday.

The proposed amendment would, among other things, require regulation of smoke emissions from fireplaces and wood- and coal-burning stoves, and prohibit the removal of catalytic converters from cars before they are driven their first 50,000 miles.

Gary Walsh, of the State Health Department, said the regulation concerning catalytic converters would make city pollution laws similar to federal catalytic converter laws.

Walsh said the problem of smoke emission from fireplaces and stoves is increasing and may worsen as the use of fireplaces and wood- and coal-burning stoves become more of a widely used energy source.

Harley Van Allen, 4127 S. 52nd St., also opposed the proposing converter regulations.

Van Allen, a retired garage owner, said there were many ways to violate converter regulations, thus making them virtually unenforceable.

He said the converters do not help improve the smell from automobile exhaust pipes.

"The catalytic converter stinks worse than a regular exhaust pipe," Van Allen said.

Jack Hyland, of Hyland Brothers Lumber Co., spoke against proposed regulation of smoke emissions.

"I don't think you'll be able to enforce this very well," Hyland said. "I feel that in most cases it will be one neighbor wanting to get even with another neighbor."

The council will vote on the regulations at its meeting next Monday.

Commission hears election complaint

By Betsy Miller

The ASUN Electoral Commission Tuesday discussed possible changes in electoral rules to give independent candidates more of a chance in ASUN elections.

The commission heard a complaint filed by Steve Popek, an unsuccessful write-in candidate for ASUN president. Popek said the commission failed to provide space on the March 3 election ballot to write in a presidential candidate's name.

Popek, a 28-year-old civil engineering student, said he is not asking to reverse the election results, but only to make sure that in future elections independent candidates have a fair chance of winning.

He said he wanted to make sure the space problem for write-in presidential candidates is corrected. He also said he was concerned with election rules that allow members of a political party to pool their money and receive more publicity than independent candidates can.

Popek suggested the commission add more details to the rules to provide that all paid publicity for a party be attributed to a party member.

Doug Brooks, a commission member, said he wants to meet with Popek later to discuss how to make campaign expenses more accountable.

Popek also said he was concerned that party candidates get more publicity on election day because they can post many party members outside polling places to contact students before they vote. Independent candidates can't reach potential voters because they don't have party members backing them, he said.

"The bigger your organization is, the more polling places you can reach," Popek said.

However, Doran Matzke, commission member and ASUN second vice president, said parties shouldn't be penalized simply because they may be well organized.

However, commission members agreed that Popek made valid points about the situation facing independent candidates and said they will consider his opinions when they prepare their year-end report.

Brooks said the commission appreciated the time Popek had taken to think about the rules and voice his ideas for changes.

"We realize that changes have to be made. Hindsight is fantastic," Brooks said.

Parking board may hire law student

The UNL Parking Advisory Committee, Tuesday considered the possibility of appointing a junior or senior law student as a judge for the Parking Appeal Board.

The law student would hear individual cases and would make recommendations to the Appeal Board.

Ray Coffey, PAC secretary, said a law student would be better qualified to judge parking appeals than the Parking Appeal Board.

"A law student would have the legal knowledge to make appropriate decisions," Coffey said. "Having one person reviewing appeal cases would also cut down on the amount of time and trouble the Appeal Board has now."

The PAC also considered the appeal of a student ticket-

ed for possession of a stolen parking tag.

The student's request was denied because all parking tags are non-transferable, and are marked appropriately, said Henry Baumgarten, PAC chairman.

Laura Miyoshi, ASUN representative, said many students are not aware that the tags are non-transferable.

"Many freshmen who leave after first semester sell their parking tags to incoming students who don't know better," she said.

Baumgarten said "Parking tags are like credit cards, if it is lost or stolen, someone else is bound to use it."

The PAC's next meeting will be April 13, in the new UNL Police headquarters.



Photo by D. Eric Kircher

Dudley Bailey

Composition seminar stresses new methods in teaching of writing

By Bob Glissman

Dudley Bailey, UNL English professor, has at least one idea that most of his colleagues reject. He doesn't think writing should be taught past the fourth grade.

"That's not a popular view, with the job market at the present time," Bailey admitted. Yet he is leading a year-long seminar about, strangely enough, composition.

Bailey said he presents a philosophical and historical (rather than a how-to) approach to composition in the "residential fellowship." The participants are 11 professors from two-year colleges across the United States. The seminar is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mort Sosna, program officer for residential fellowships at the NEH, said from the NEH office in Washington, D.C., that Bailey's is one of seven such year-long seminars currently conducted at universities across the country. Bailey said his is the only year-long NEH seminar ever conducted at any Big Eight school.

Sosna said leaders of the year-long seminars were chosen from those professors who have led successful summer seminars as judged by the participants and the professors themselves. Bailey led summer seminars in 1977 and 1979 about the Rhetoric of Aristotle.

Participants in the seminars were chosen by a reviewing panel of the NEH, Sosna said. Bailey was a member of one reviewing panel that selected this year's participants.

Bailey said that in addition to reading the seminar literature, participants, who meet twice a week, work on individual research projects which aren't necessarily directly related to composition.

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