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Fun in the mud?

Julie Knoerzer, a junior majoring in pre-veterinary science, bites the mud during a fall in a steer-riding contest Sunday on UNL's East Campus. Knoerzer was one of many students to compete in a mud-filled rodeo sponsored by the UNL Rodeo Club. Among the events included were cow riding, chute dogging, calf roping, baby goat roping and barrel racing.

One of the day's highlights came with the "calf dressing" contest, in which several student groups attempted to put underwear on live cattle. To see this and other rodeo activities, watch for a special rodeo "Sports-view" page coming later this week.

Roskens responds to 'faulty, disturbing' criticism

By Suzanne Teten
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NU President Ronald Roskens launched an attack Friday on statements made against the university at a Governor's Conference on Higher Education Sept. 24.

Speaking to the NU Board of Regents, Roskens said statements made by William Fuller, executive director of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Post-secondary Education "reflected either misconceptions or faulty calculations, and certainly a misunderstanding of (the university's) role and mission in this state."

According to a copy of Fuller's conference address, Fuller said the state's "archaic, incremental

budget system has cost taxpayers millions of dollars to support higher education. He said the state does not spend enough money reviewing the budget.

"I find that remark especially disturbing," Roskens said. "Our staff is involved on a continuing basis in the time-consuming process of defining fiscal requirements (and) formulating budget requests and operating budgets that are tailored to the needs of the university."

Fuller said the number of full-time students at each state college or university has no effect on the amount of money allocated to the schools. He said Kearney State College receives less than half the state funds per full-time student as UNL and UNO.

Roskens told the regents the

state cannot treat the University of Nebraska as it treats other post-secondary schools. He said the university is the only public institution offering doctoral programs and other advanced professional degrees.

The faculty members who guide graduate students are the same ones who teach undergraduates, Roskens said. Fuller's suggestion to fund all public undergraduate programs equally ignores this major difference between NU and the state colleges, the NU president said.

Fuller said UNL receives more than \$19 million from the state's general funds to support research. Roskens told the regents that general fund support for research in the entire university is about \$14.5 million instead of the \$19 million for UNL alone. He said the

university supports its research through "substantial" amounts of money from the federal government, the NU Foundation and other private donations.

Fuller also said the university does not need any more space or new buildings for expansion purposes.

Roskens said the three new buildings planned by the university — Animal Science at UNL, Lab Science at UNO and UNL's Lied Center — "are not intended for expansion purposes."

The buildings are necessary, he said, to provide adequate, appropriate space for programs and services the university has been asked to provide, Roskens said.

"It would be foolish to argue that we could meet animal science space needs by utilizing Bessey Hall or a warehouse," he said.

"The university is not immune to criticism, nor should it be," Roskens said.

However, he said, he thinks people who comment about the university should "exercise extreme care" when they make "purportedly factual statements" in public.

Fuller could not be reached for further comment.

Unlimited food . . .

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Zatechka said these costs would be in addition to a projected \$100 room and board increase needed to maintain current services.

The surveys also will ask students to prioritize the four proposals. Zatechka said even if student response is in favor of all of the increases, a choice might have to be made between them if the overall effect would be too large a room and board increase. He said the proposals also could be nixed if something else in the rate study increased dramatically, or if a larger increase in room and board combined with rising tuition costs, book costs and student fees — caused too large an overall increase in the price of attending the university.

"If students in essence say, 'We don't want unlimited food because we don't like it,' or if they say they can't afford it, then we won't push it," he said. "If the response is about 50-50, I'll tend to protect the person who says he doesn't have the money."

The \$20 estimate for implementing the unlimited food entrees option is based on an experiment last semester in the Cather-Pound-Neihardt food service. The results there showed that each person consumed an average of 5 percent more "raw food" per meal. This does not include equipment or employee costs, which would stay relatively fixed, Zatechka said.

Students in Abel-Sandoz and Harper-Schramm-Smith consumed about \$1.08 in raw food each meal, while in Cather-Pound-

Neihardt the cost was \$1.12 for the period after spring break with unlimited entrees. Before spring break the cost was \$1.34.

Zatechka said the dramatic savings was attributable mainly to switching to bulk yogurt (10 cents) and of prohibiting carry-out of fruit (5 cents). Monitors posted at food service exits saved an additional 7 cents per meal, Zatechka said. He said many incidents of students stuffing large numbers of hamburgers, cookies, silverware or other items into coats or backpacks were discovered.

Raw food costs last year constituted \$503 of the \$1,100 portion of room and board designated for food service. The total housing cost last year was \$1,925.

Zatechka said that because East Campus food service is operated through the East Union's public cafeteria, unlimited food would not be available there. However, he said the cost of food service for East Campus already was about \$160 more per student annually than for City Campus residents.

The unlimited food proposal would not include breakfast, but only main entrees and desserts for the other two meals.

Students would be encouraged to take as much of each item as they liked when they went through the cafeteria line, Zatechka said, to prevent congestion caused by too many people going back for seconds. Last year in Cather-Pound-Neihardt food service, waiting time was about the same as usual, Zatechka said.

Although some students ex-

pressed concern that the change would be much more advantageous to men, Zatechka said, women who would not eat more still could benefit by being able to sample small amounts of several different entrees instead of being forced to eat only one particular

entree.

Zatechka said the housing office has been working to get new equipment to help keep food warmer. He said the new equipment, along with better cooking and serving techniques, should improve food quality.

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