

Editorial

Kerrey should leave NU cut at 2 percent

The "power of the purse" — that is, the power to decide the amount of money NU will lose from this year's budget — passed from the Legislature to Gov. Bob Kerrey on Wednesday.

By a 43-4 vote, senators sent Kerrey a budget reduction bill that cuts about \$17 million from the state's 1985-86 budget. If Kerrey signs the bill, NU will lose 2 percent, or \$3.4 million, of the money it gets from the state tax dollars — money the NU Board of Regents was counting on when it made its spending decisions for this school year.

When Kerrey gave senators his list of budget cuts last month, he recommended that the Legislature reduce NU's state support by 3 percent. But thanks to a well-organized lobbying effort by NU's students, faculty members and administrators, senators decided that a 2 percent cut was as much as the university could stand without suffering permanent damage.

"Of all the budget cuts proposed," Lincoln Sen. Don Wesely said last week, "the university was the most strenuously opposed to. I think that made the difference."

All those who supported NU during the budget battle should be congratulated for helping the university.

But the game is not over. Under Nebraska law, Kerrey can veto specific parts of budget bills without rejecting the entire bill. With this "line-item veto" authority, Kerrey cannot lessen the severity of NU's budget cut. But he has the power to increase the cut to the 3 percent he originally proposed or to whatever amount he deems appropriate. To reverse the veto, 30 of the Legislature's 49 senators would have to vote for an override.

Before the 2 percent cut for NU was approved last week, Neligh Sen. John DeCamp said Kerrey told him he would use his line-item veto to return the cut to 3 percent. At his news conference the next day, Kerrey denied he had made such a threat, but said NU officials "foolishly came down here to argue for an additional 1 percent."

We strongly urge the governor to abide by the wishes of the people, the Legislature, students and faculty members and leave NU's budget cut at 2 percent. The money senators gave back to NU won't make the ultimate difference between quality and mediocrity, but it will help preserve educational opportunity for all Nebraskans.

Kerrey has promised to work for such opportunity. Now he can prove his sincerity.



DN caught in act I wanted to be fair, but noooooo!

OK, OK, so ASUN found us out. This fine, upstanding body of junior legislators recently passed a resolution urging the UNL Publications Board to urge the Daily Nebraskan to print only unbiased, fair and accurate articles and to help promote school unity.

Of course, what they really meant was the DN should be more positive toward ASUN and the Greek system, since ASUN is just an extension of the Greek system.



Bill Allen

Well gosh darn it all, it looks like we've been caught. For the last several years the DN staff has been at the forefront of the campus anti-Greek movement, except me, who has always done my best to defend those boys and girls when I could.

For instance, this year when the fraternity raided the sorority house on another campus, for reasons I described in a previous unbiased article, I was the first one to run over to News Editor Adrian Hudler and say "Ad, we've gotta report this in a positive way so as to promote school unity."

Those were my very words. But, as the late John Belushi would say, noooooo!

Ad said to me, "Bill, we've got to report the facts and get both sides of the story so people will be able to make their own conclusions about what happened."

Well, as you can imagine, I was so put out by such nonsense that I had to write that previous article to clear

things up for the general readers who couldn't make their own conclusions.

Ad has been hung up about this accuracy thing all semester. Why every little fund-raiser the Greeks have he wants a story on it, sometimes with pictures that present it in such a positive light it could nearly make you puke.

And when those two Greeks won the annual Greek popularity contest (otherwise known as Homecoming) they both got their picture in the paper and in a positive way too, promoting school unity to all get out. Now, I suggested waiting for her to pick her nose or for him to pinch her rear and then snap the picture, but nooooo!

And a few years back when that fraternity got in trouble for alleged drug activity I was the first one to run over to the news desk and say, "Hey, we gotta present this in a positive way so as to promote school unity."

But noooooo! Again they insisted on covering the whole thing as accurately as possible.

Gosh darn it all. I personally think the DN should change its obviously biased policy toward the Greek system by not reporting Greek events at all.

Furthermore, I think we should pass a scorching resolution to do away with the UNL Greek system in its entirety, then there would be nothing good or bad to report, biased or unbiased. I know I would sleep a lot better at night.

And without the fine, upstanding, well-dressed Greeks there would be no more ASUN and without ASUN I can't see any possible reason for this university to be here at all.

By resolving away the Greeks, we could put an end to this university faster than the state legislature.

But what to do with so many fine,

upstanding, well-dressed humanitarian Greeks? We can't just send them home or the ghost of little Bo Peep would be running around weeping, "Where oh where have my little Greeks gone?"

I say lets herd them all over to the site of the proposed Lied Center for the Performing Arts and pass a resolution banishing the site and all the Greeks to South Africa where they would fit right in.

Of course, we'd have to send over a few clothing stores, hair salons and car dealerships, too, so they would feel more at home.

The basic idea, of course, is to end all this biased reporting against the Greek/ASUN system.

I'm certainly tired of people saying the DN has anything against those fine, upstanding campus leaders. I know I don't, and everyone else knows it too.

South Africa is the place for them, and back here all that would be left would be the DN and the football team, which we could present in a positive light just like the other Lincoln newspapers.

That's all anybody in this state cares about anyway.

This is after all, Nebraska, home of the good life where there is no room for questioning the actions of anyone, anything or anyplace. I know I certainly wouldn't.

Why, what would the forefathers of this fine country have said if they thought we were going to take them seriously when they spouted off such one-liners as "freedom of the press" and "equality?"

Sure, that stuff sounded nice on paper, but did anyone think they meant it?

Noooooo!
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Joint communique 'junk food'

Visitors to Moscow say a theme there is that President Reagan is a manipulated cipher within his own government. Some members of his government probably think so, too, and hope to prove the point by stuffing their agenda into any communique issued jointly by the two sides at the conclusion of the summit.



George Will

Such a communique is utterly

optional and obviously unwise. There was none at the conclusion of the Gorbachev-Mitterrand summit. Mitterrand successfully avoided having an "arms-control summit." He constantly raised issues of human rights, including lists of specific cases. This moral tone and concreteness prevented the antiseptic and anesthetizing arcana of arms control from producing numbness, that absence of feeling that U.S. diplomats confuse with "an era of good feeling."

Mitterrand understands that communiques issued jointly by democratic and totalitarian leaders must be vapid, to the totalitarians' advantage. Such communiques are tissues of muzzy formulations falsely suggesting harmony

and moral symmetry.

No summit is short enough, but all are short. Divide the time (in Geneva, two days) in half to allow for meticulous translations. Then subtract time for stilted niceties. Obviously summits must be primarily ratifying occasions, unveiling work done elsewhere.

Diplomatic boilerplate often proves that even the platitudinous can be injurious. If a joint communique asserts, contrary to reason and history, that tensions yield only to dialogue, it trivializes this century's great division between freedom and its armed enemies. What is needed is not more dialogue but less Soviet misbehavior.

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