

# Letters

## ASUN senator refutes Fricke's remarks on student vote

In the article about efforts to obtain a student vote on the NU Board of Regents, (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 13) Regent Donald Fricke of Lincoln raises a valuable point. Fricke said, "It takes longer to get experience on the issues than a year. I don't know if they (students regents) know enough to make responsible votes." If this is true, Fricke contradicts himself twice when opposing a student regent vote.

First, he suggests to me that newly elected regents should abstain from voting for at least the first year to become oriented with the university, its structure and its issues. I wonder if his constituents would appreciate losing one year of representation while their regent "catches up" with the rest of us?

Second, he grants that a duly elected student regent would be more quali-

fied to hold office than a non-student. If experience on the issues is what makes a good regent, then I can think of no better way to experience this university than to live and/or work here every-day. ASUN's constitution requires that the ASUN president and student regent have at least 24 hours of credit on this campus during the last two years and at least one semester of residency immediately preceding the term of office. The ASUN president is almost always a senior with three solid years of experience at this university, which is certainly more experience than the general electorate expects of its regents.

I would expect the Board of Regents to say that the current system works well and that working toward a student regent vote includes many problems.

After all, on a campus this large and diverse, we must face large and intricate problems. The comment that bothered me the most from Fricke is, "If the requirements were worked out, I would approve (of a student regent vote)"; however, he added, "I think that will be extremely tough to do and I don't think it will happen." Now that's the spirit! Is that how to face those large and intricate problems of UNL? Luckily, our next governor has pledged support toward this challenge and students will have meaningful input into the quality of this institution within the next few years — with or without the help of the Board of Regents.

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## Sennett misunderstands proposal to examine booze policy

The article written by columnist James Sennett (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 15) obviously is written with a basic misunderstanding of what Senate Bill No. 44 is all about.

Starting with point one, Sen. Burke is correct to state that the current policy is misleading. While the fallacy of the dry campus persists, it is evident to anyone that bothers to look at this campus that it is not only wet, but the dam is threatening to break. The rejection of alcohol tasting better when banned is also ludicrous. To want to taste "forbidden fruit" is human nature,

just ask Adam and Eve. The "notion" that the policy is not adequately enforced rolls with a momentum all its own. Prohibition demonstrated that such rules were difficult, if not impossible, to enforce, and only an imposition of a police state that disregarded any civilized notions of restrictions on searches and seizure could make the idea of a dry campus a reality.

Sennett accuses Burke of inferring a decrease of alcohol consumption because of the lifting of the ban. There are two problems here. 1) Burke never infers such a thing, and 2) Burke only

wants to research the problem. There are a number of other problems that Sennett has with his article, but what I find most troubling is his slap at ASUN members.

ASUN members do not condone restriction of religious freedom. One can practice whatever religion one chooses. However, to be a student organization, there are rules and regulations that have to be adhered to. Yet, Sennett encourages defiance here.

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## Ramblin' Royko transforms into bumblin' Watson

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I concede that this isn't much to go on. But Holmes solved many a mystery with fewer clues. He did it with logic and imagination.

He would have surely begun with the strange question: "What is the frequency, Kenneth?"

Were they talking about a radio frequency? If so, who uses radio frequencies?

Ahah! Spies, maybe, seeking the secret frequency used by a double-agent named Kenneth?

Or could they have been talking about some other kind of frequency — such as how frequently somebody might do something.

For example, how frequently one might lavish romantic attentions on someone else's sweetie. Such as the girlfriend of an aging Mafioso.

Hmmm. Thugs hired to discourage a foolish loverboy named Kenneth, maybe?

These theories assume, of course, that it was a case of mistaken identity. But we don't really know that, do we?

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My efforts at solving this are feeble, at best. I'm more of a bumbling Watson than a cerebral Holmes.

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