

UNL students rally for Kerrey

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the chancellor, he said, is because the NU was 49th in the nation in per student expenditures and 4th or 5th highest in per capita taxpayer expenditures.

Kerrey said Karnes, his opponent in the senate race, is inconsistent when he claims to be conservative. Karnes says he doesn't want to raise taxes, says he wants to cut the budget, Kerrey said. Then, Kerrey said, Karnes criticizes "every single budget reduction that is done, during extremely difficult budget times."

The rest of the campaign, Kerrey said, will become more issue-oriented, but the media, both written and electronic, "makes it difficult to carry the issues."

"I've got lengthy statements on all sorts of specific things," he said. "Pick one."

'The desire to simply acquire material goods and to hold on to material goods is a pathway to slavery.'

— Kerrey

"Would you like to hear a speech on transportation? I've got four years of working in transportation development . . . it's not a subject that translates very well into a

speech. "The fact is that very often what's required is not just to state your position on a specific issue, but to try to engage the audience in the task of saying 'We've got a lot of work to do if we are going to make our schools better.'"

"It isn't just electing Karnes or Kerrey to the United States Senate," Kerrey said. "It's how much are you willing to get involved in the task of making the environment so good in the classroom that the best of our people want to become teachers."

Kerrey said he spent his birthday with five black children in Omaha. He said he was trying to convince people they needed help.

"Now before you ever decide, 'Should we spend more on AFDC

or should we spend more on food stamps, should we spend more on Medicaid? Before you get into all that nonsense, the question is, 'Do you want to help 'em?'"

Students for Kerrey had about 150 members, chairman David Wintroub said. He said attendance at the rally was "stronger than we had hoped."

Members will pass out Kerrey stickers at UNL football games, and will run a voter registration drive in the Nebraska Union Sept. 19 to 24.

Lincoln Mayor Bill Harris introduced Kerrey at the rally, and said Kerrey made tough decisions during the "critical times" when he was governor. After the speech Harris said Kerrey had a strong image with students.

UNL still behind peer institutions

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very positively to help us hold some of the younger faculty members who are very mobile," he said. "It's a positive tool to show prospective people that there has been progress here. Some states remain steady or are declining," he said.

But Hartung said there is concern that the salary increase is only a short-term answer to a long-term problem.

That's why the university must make the second year of the three-year plan its No. 1 priority, he said. In order to combat apathy, he said, there must be a unified effort to contact state senators and the governor.

"I think a consistent message to the senators and the governor is the key to this," he said.

Stanley Liberty, dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, agreed that the work is not finished, but said he thinks the faculty is optimistic about the future.

"The attitude is one of hope that the three-year plan of salary increases is going to be carried out," he said. But, he added, bringing UNL in line with salaries at peer institutions will require an extended effort.

Liberty said the work done so far has been a positive sign that should help stabilize faculty movement and strengthen the university as a whole.

"I think that it's going to be a

stabilizing factor," he said. "The new faculty are aware of the commitment."

Lewis attributed part of the increased commitment by the state to the efforts of Jack Moors, who lobbied the Legislature on behalf of the faculty.

Lewis said he was glad to have had a lobbyist working on the faculty's behalf. Lobbying will continue to be a part of their game plan, Lewis said, but other factors come into play.

"I attribute this success to an idea whose time had come," he said.

Lewis said the increases were a result of a group effort between the faculty, alumni, the Legislature and the governor.

Minorities say input needed

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Petersen pointed out that the bill does deal with that issue.

The bill states that ASUN should be committed "toward integration by setting a goal of having its highest percentage of minorities appointed to ASUN positions during the 1988-89 academic year."

The percentage would be based on the number of minorities on ASUN in the past five years, he said.

Sen. Geoff McDonald, another graduate student, said minorities could fill many of the eight open spaces on the senate. Petersen said he has sent letters to minority groups urging members to apply for the senate.

Petersen said he would attend the APU meeting on Monday. However, Petersen said, senators must hear the opinions of all minority groups on campus, not just one. Goods said he could arrange to have all minority groups represented at the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, Petersen urged all senators to check with their constituents before writing legislation.

After the meeting he said many problems in the original minority legislation result from poor research by its author, former ASUN Sen. Brian Svoboda.

ASUN should thoroughly research a bill of this magnitude, he said, and students shouldn't degrade ASUN for taking time to adopt legislation.

"I think ASUN deserves a little credit for bringing up the issue at all," he said.

No bill will cure all the problems, he said. Senators, students and UNL administrators will have to constantly work on implementing any minority bill to make it effective, Petersen said.

The original bill was sent back to committee last week to be rewritten after Griesen objected to parts of it. That bill dealt with both minority faculty recruitment and minority conditions.

That bill implied that all UNL students are racists, Petersen said. As a result, he took that language out of it.

The bill was rewritten and brought up again this week, but was sent back to ASUN's Special Topics Committee. The committee will rewrite it again after getting minority input and strengthening it.

VDT health problems minimal

By Brandon Loomis
Staff Reporter

Despite recent reports suggesting that computer display terminals may be hazardous to the health of users, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln expert said any problems associated with computers are minimal and only temporary.

A study reported in Time Magazine recently pointed to possible links between the screen glare and radiation emissions of video display terminals and eye-damage, headaches or even miscarriages.

But Ramaratnam Bishu, a UNL assistant professor of industrial and management systems engineering, said computers have not introduced any problems that were not around when typewriters were used frequently.

Bishu said any health problems present are not brought about by glare or radiation, but by the stress of sitting in an uncomfortable chair and performing the same tasks for long periods of time.

No direct links to eye problems have been published, he said. Any eye strain that may occur is not due to excessive glare, he said, but to reading for long periods of time.

"I don't think there is any more strain on the eye of a computer-user than on that of a person reading text for the same amount of time," he said.

Bishu also said strain, rather than radiation, is the probable cause for the apparent high number of miscarriages among computer-users. Most studies have concluded that the low-voltage radiation emitted by VDTs is harmless, he said.

Sitting puts more strain on back muscles than standing, Bishu said. He said sitting could cause postural problems.

Bill Martin, a UNL office technology specialist who oversees distribution of computer hardware to UNL's various departments, said whether or not health problems can be linked to VDTs, none of the departments have voiced any concern to him.

Martin said no anti-glare screens have ever been requested.

"Most of the computers we distribute come without anti-glare screens," he said.

Martin said departments have the option to look elsewhere if they do not like what they see in VDTs.

Jordan Brasch of the department of business technology, takes requisitions for computer hardware. He said no one seems to be concerned about the adverse effects of VDTs.

"I don't see a rash of requisitions for anti-glare screens crossing my desk," he said.

Brasch said he thinks the headaches are more in the mind than from the screen.

"It's the frustration of a new user more than the glare," he said.

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