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## Raise KSC tuition?

Senators look at consequences of merger

State senators had an opportunity Wednesday to look at yet another reason why Kearney State College should not be added to the university system.

Sen. Scott Moore of Stromsburg introduced an amendment designed to raise tuition at Kearney State equivalent to the tuition at the University of Nebraska at Omaha by 1990-91.

Although senators did not take Moore's amendment seriously, there was some serious discussion on the topic.

Sen. Doug Kristensen of Minden said Kearney's tuition should not be raised higher than it is at other state colleges until it becomes part of the NU system.

The chances of Kearney being added to the NU system look pretty good, but raising the tuition?

Probably not.

Kearney State College charges its students \$36.50 per credit hour for tuition currently. That's 11.8 percent below Kearney's peer institutions.

Moore's amendment likely would have forced Kearney State to raise its tuition. Moore thinks Kearney's tuition should be raised to \$47.50 per credit hour by 1990-91, the same rate expected for UNO by that time. The amendment cuts state funding by an amount designed to cause the tuition rate to increase to that of UNO.

Kristensen said the amendment was premature, and Moore disagreed.

"There's no reason to wait," Moore said. "We haven't waited for the study."

Moore's right. And he should be commended for prompting discussion on the Kearney State issue.

Some senators have moved so quickly to try to add Kearney State to the NU system that they haven't considered all the consequences that would be involved.

If Kearney is added to the NU system, it will need more state money to make the college measure up to university standards in research, technology and university salaries.

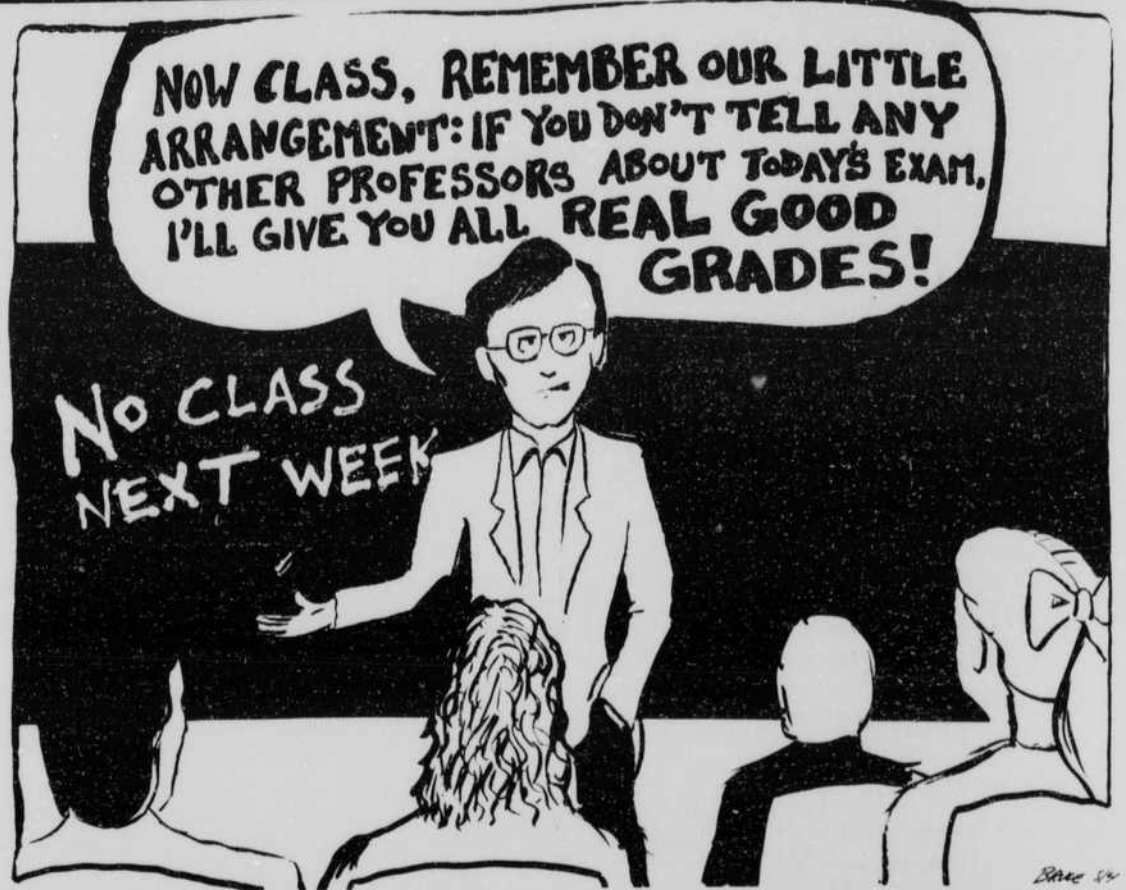
The University of Nebraska already is hurting for money. Students' tuition will increase next year, and faculty salaries still aren't equivalent to peer institutions.

Moore's amendment would have decreased funding to Kearney State, likely making the institution raise its tuition rate as one way of making up for the lost revenue.

That would be fair.

By adding Kearney State to the system, rather than keeping it in a state college bracket, the state has one more university expense to keep up with.

-- Amy Edwards  
for the Daily Nebraskan



## America's future looks bleak

Graduating columnist makes prediction of appalling days ahead

Well, here it is... my last editorial column. Instead of concentrating on any one single topic, I shall give you my predictions for the next year. After all, I won't be here next year to point these things out when they finally do happen.

The first prediction is an obvious one which has been pointed out by many before -- but I'll include it anyway. Exxon will end up not paying one cent for the oil spill in Alaska. Even though it was completely their fault and no one else could possibly be blamed they will not claim responsibility for it.

As has been pointed out, gasoline prices have and will continue to increase dramatically since the spill. Why? Because we the consumers are paying for the cleanup efforts. In my opinion, this sucks. There is no reason I can think of for Exxon not being put out of business for this. It would be easy -- simply have everyone boycott all Exxon products. It should happen, but I know it never will.

My next prediction is almost equally appalling. Oliver North will spend very few, if any, days in prison. Everyone but the most ignorant can see that North broke the law. Whether or not he is a hero is irrelevant (I happen to think he is everything but a hero), the simple fact is that he is a criminal.

Despite this, North will not do any time in prison. This stems from the simple fact that his lawyer is one of the best that money can buy. You see, in America the rich don't go to prison. Argue the fairness of American courts all you want, but if you have money, the chances are slim that you will be convicted. And even if you are convicted, you won't get a very serious charge.

Already North's lawyer, Brendan

Sullivan, has stretched out the trial to almost unimaginable proportions. Sullivan made repeated attempts to link the defense of North to the testimony of ex-president Reagan, when he knew good and well that Reagan would never testify. The lengths that Sullivan has gone to only could be done with large quantities of money. If that money was not available North would already be in prison -- where he belongs.

Craig Heckman



Abortion. This is a very emotional topic. Everyone has their own opinion about it and the two opposing sides most likely never will resolve their differences. My prediction on this topic is that the Supreme Court will alter the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision which made abortions legal for everyone on demand.

The court has recently heard arguments in a Missouri case which could give more power back to the states. I think that the court, filled as it is with Reagan appointees, will return that power, which will lead to many states, including Nebraska, regulating abortion. In turn, this will continue the incredible subjugation of women in this "free" society of ours.

It occurred to me the other night that if it were men who got pregnant, and had the option for abortion, abortion would never have been illegal. In this traditionally white, upper-class, male-dominated society, the plight of the less fortunate -- minorities and women -- has been placed on the back

burner. I challenge all lawmakers to face reality and make the human pro-choice decision.

I realize however that this will not be the case in every state. Abortion will be made illegal. Nebraska will in all probability be one of these states (look at the current attempt to regulate abortion for youth). It won't solve any of our problems. It will just create more.

Now I will correct an earlier mistake I made. I once wrote that Bush may not make such a bad president after all. I was wrong. Bush has, at least so far, been a horrible president. Instead of hitting the ground running like he promised, he hit the ground in a coma and has still not fully recovered. His first few months in office were wasted. He accomplished nothing of any note in his first 100 days. And that already has had a negative impact for the United States.

Officials from the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) have told Bush that they are tired of waiting for Bush's new arms-control proposal and that they are initiating talks of their own with the Soviet Union. As I see it, the one goal of West Germany is the reunification of the two Germanys. This is a goal they do not share with the United States. If they attempt it, and they will, it could lead to the possible breaking up of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which has been the backbone of Western defense since the end of World War II.

Well, there they are. My predictions for the next few years. I had hoped that a few of them would not happen, but I guess that's life. It doesn't mean, however, that any of us need to accept them.

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## Good News editor responds

It's funny how intolerance pervades thought.

As the recently appointed editor of the UNL Good News, I have taken on the responsibility of trying to end the intolerance that has found its way into our pages.

Granted, in the past, zeal has clouded thought.

Granted, too, we have appeared intolerant of homosexuals.

Yet when I read Chuck Green's editorial column (Daily Nebraskan, May 1), I saw intolerance in a different form.

The turns of phrase Green uses regarding Good News publisher Nels Forde, for example: "People like Forde," "Forde and people like him have serious problems," and "It's sickening," could have come from the back issues of the Good News at its very worst. So it's ironic that a column, which calls for greater acceptance of others, would use the catch-phrases of the intolerant.

But I do not write to return a volley of mud-slinging. Rather, I write to clarify the position of the UNL Good

News.

Dammit, Green, if you would've looked on the next page of the newspaper, you would've seen a full-page editorial calling for an end to the siege of mentality of modern Christian thought. In it, I strenuously discourage, using scriptural references, Christians from shunning and judging those who lead different lifestyles. It's simple Christian thought in its most naked form.

As for Forde's editorial: The man holds strong religious and moral convictions that aren't popular in 1989.

Possibly as hard a life as homosexuals lead.

And though I may not agree with Forde's position, I can defend him on the grounds that we must accept the views of others. By accepting others' views, perhaps we can end, if I may borrow Green's phrase, the "intolerance of minorities, or anyone who happens to be different."

Yes, intolerance is a funny thing.

Bruce A. Gregg  
UNL Good News editor

## The point is: It was a joke

It seems to me that Mr. George Kerr has spent too much time in the gym, for it seems he has lost any grip on the idea of a joke. "Rape of journalism integrity, based on freedom of the press?" My Lord, did you really miss the point of the issue? A JOKE!

Sure, you can "Protest against the use of vulgar sexual cartoons and satanic symbolism in the name of humor," but what of sarcasm? So once again you have missed the point.

It's a joke. Or perhaps it's censorship that Mr. Kerr is endorsing.

And, if you "had no idea that we have regressed to the point that we need to use vulgar and out-right deplorable journalism in the name of humor and fun" then you know what they say to do to people who can't take a joke? Don't you?

Tony Robak  
senior  
physics

## Columnist Green slammed for Forde attack

I'm writing this letter in response to Chuck Green's editorial column (Daily Nebraskan, May 1). In it Green accuses Nels Forde, publisher of the UNL Good News, of being closed-minded and bigoted. Right back atcha, Chuckie-boy.

If you had read all of the Good News with an open mind instead of just leafing through it to find something to disagree with, you would have come across a very open-minded article called "Breaking the Siege."

In this article Editor Bruce Gregg writes, "Homosexuals, by many Christians, have been damned. But this confuses sin with the sinner... Since we follow Christ, we must fol-

low His example: hate the sin, but love the sinner. We can judge sin for what it is -- that which separates our will from God's. But we can never judge the sinner." Would a closed-minded and bigoted man allow this to be printed in his paper?

Now if you question whether or not homosexuality is sin, then dust off your Bible and read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Or maybe Romans 1:24-32. Interpret these passages for yourself, Chuck. But remember, keep an open mind.

Chuck also accuses Forde of believing God wants homosexuals to be persecuted and burned at the stake. Nowhere in his article does Forde say this. This idea was read into the ar-

ticle by Mr. Green himself, a tactic often used by the closed-minded.

I don't expect you to change your mind Chuck. It's clear from your last few comments that you're not a Christian. You seem to be an agnostic. At any rate, you are correct in saying that some people will be surprised when they find out what God's will is. But it won't be Christians who will be surprised, for we already know God's will through His word, the Bible. Sadly, Chuck, it will be you and all those like you who continue to close their minds to what God has to say who will be surprised.

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