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Students want voice

Amendment would ensure student-regent vote

A legislative resolution to be introduced this week to provide an official student regent vote on the NU Board of Regents soon could give UNL students a voice in how they are governed.

The problem is whether the forum for this student vote will still exist once the vote is obtained.

Sen. Scott Moore of Seward will introduce legislation that would give an official vote on the board of regents to one of the three student representatives from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The governor would pick which of the three could place official votes.

The main thrust of the bill, Moore said, was to ensure that students have voting power. He said that under the present system, the regents can "pat the student regents on the head and try to shut them out."

Moore said the proposal will be assigned to the education or government committee in February and then will be voted on by the Legislature. If the Legislature approves the bill and Gov. Kay Orr signs it, Moore said, it will be included on the November ballot to be voted on by the public.

But also going to the Education Committee are a bill and resolution calling for a citizen vote on an amendment to restructure higher education, an amendment that, if passed, would eliminate the governmental body on which students would gain an official vote under Moore's resolution.

LB1141 and LR239CA would abolish the current NU Board of Regents and the Nebraska State College Board of Trustees on July 1, 1991. At that time, a new Board of Regents for Nebraska Higher Education and board of trustees for each university and state college would be created.

The new board of regents would have control over all post-secondary education in Nebraska. The proposed bill and resolution include no student regent on the new board.

The seven new boards of trustees each would have one nonvoting student.

Moore's proposal for a student regent vote is certainly a welcome and much-needed boost for students. However, his resolution stands a good chance of becoming worthless the very day it becomes law.

To ensure a student voice, an amendment much like Moore's proposal must be included in LB1141 and LR239CA. This bill and resolution must allow for the student member of each board of trustees to be a voting member. With Moore's resolution and amended versions of LB1141 and LR239CA, UNL students would be ensured of a voice in whatever form of government the people of Nebraska choose.

Moore was right on target when he said, "If you don't have a vote, you don't seem to count." Students at the University of Nebraska have never seemed to count in how the school is governed. It's time that the Legislature allowed Nebraskans to cure this problem.

-- Bob Nelson
for the Daily Nebraskan

'Campus Notes' makes unworthy successor

Once again the Daily Nebraskan has become a source of prejudice and inequality. No, this isn't about racism, but it is about the prejudice that has taken control of the comics page. I'm among the minority who liked "Jim's Journal." There seemed to be no happy medium for this strip. Either people really loved it or they thought it was just plain stupid.

I and many of my friends found Scott Dikkers' absurd sort of humor refreshing against the dreck that can be found in such capitalist commercialized strips such as "Garfield," which has brought Jim Davis more wealth than anyone truly deserves for writing about the pseudo-human feline who now sells Alpo. I don't see where every strip has to be based on obvious, boring sight gags and/or humor that is directed at the lowest

common denominator, which seems to be the level of Brian Shellito. His strip, "Campus Notes," hardly seems a worthy successor for a space that was once occupied by "Bloom County." "Jim's Journal" was capable of filling that void, but the little beef-fed masses of this university, seemingly couldn't or wouldn't see that Dikkers' strip was the best thing to come to the pages of the DN since Mike Royko.

As long as we are going to destroy the great potential of the comics page, why don't we replace "The Far Side" with "Nancy?" We wouldn't want the majority to have to THINK about their comics.

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Kudos presented to UNL groups

KRNU, Rec Center applauded for (mostly) outstanding achievement

I was the regents reporter for the Daily Nebraskan in the days before the Great Administration Schism. I'd go to the regents' monthly Saturday morning meetings and act concerned and interested while I drew pictures of human facial features with legs and feet playing roller derby with flower pots.

Strange maybe, but the meetings started early and ended late -- and after three hours of parliamentary procedure, I can guarantee you'd draw noses with skates too. My boredom ended only when the chairman announced that it was time for Ronald Roskens to give out the "kudos."

Kudos, if you don't know, are little awards given by the regents to university employees who have done something really neat. It was the high point of the regents meeting because Roskens (as you well know) speaks a wildly passionate and dramatic form of English that nobody understands. Listening to Ron is therapeutic, much like listening to whales.

Also, the apparent majesty of the event made a young reporter feel as though he was witnessing an event that his grandchildren would later admire him for having seen.

"You really saw Mabel Kravitz get kudos for outstanding cleanliness? Oh please, Gramps, tell us more."

Now that you know the historical significance of kudos, I would like to present my own kudos for outstanding achievements at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The first award goes to KRNU radio and all the lovely people involved with the station's new programming format.

Before this year, KRNU was a festering sore on the sweaty butt of Lincoln radio. KRNU played Top-40 music, a market already saturated by the sweaty butt of radio, KFRX.

At the beginning of this school year, KRNU changed to an "alternative" format and, within days, had enticed a substantial listening audience. KRNU has become the jewel of the airwaves, a precious haven from the onslaught of "oldies" and "your

favorites." Students playing music students want to hear. It brings tears to my eyes.

One tiny scratch on my kudos. Along with great music, KRNU plays some public service announcements that could be considered a little patronizing.

In one public service spot, an announcer-type guy (who we'll just call Mr. Ellerby) asks Stevie Wonder



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the painfully obvious question, "Stevie, what were you trying to say in your song 'Don't Drive Drunk.'"

It goes something like this: Mr. Ellerby: "Stevie, what did you mean when you said 'Don't Drive Drunk?'"

Stevie: "I meant, don't drive drunk."

Mr. Ellerby: "So you're saying... OH MY GOD!! NOW I GET IT!"

They need something like this: Mr. Ellerby: "Stevie, what were you trying to say in your song 'Don't Drive Drunk?'"

Stevie: "Well, Lindan, that's a good question. You see, I was trying to show my support for Carlos Saul Menem's bold new anti-inflationary policies in Argentina."

Or, how about this one? Mr. Ellerby: "Why don't you drive drunk, Stevie?"

Stevie: "Well, Lindan, that's a very good question. I guess it's because I can't see the road."

But KRNU doesn't make these commercials. Nice people with nothing better to do make these commercials. It's not KRNU's fault.

My only other beef with KRNU is that they don't keep Ted Nugent's classic album "Scream Dream" on

file. I called the station in Nugent withdrawal yesterday asking for "Wango Tango." The person I talked to laughed at me. I question the integrity of a man who laughs at Ted Nugent.

My second kudos goes to everyone involved with building and running the new student recreation center. The rec center has inspired hundreds of wheezing wimps like myself to discover health and fitness. The rec center has allowed me to build a body similar to the one of sex genius and international rock icon Ted Nugent. Also, I've learned to play racquetball and some sport with a whiffle ball and paddle.

One misconception you might have if you're a wheezing wimp is that the rec center's weightroom is full of humorless, belligerent 300-pound sociopathic steroid victims with hooves. This is not true. Nobody who lifts weights at the rec center has hooves.

Ha, ha. Just joking, big guys. I know everyone has a sense of humor. I've laughed at many jokes you've coerced me to laugh at.

Lies, lies, lies. Nobody laughs at anybody. Wheezing wimps are encouraged by all to improve themselves.

So come, wimps of the world, join our brotherhood and sisterhood of health. We greet you with open and bulging arms. Let us make a Nebraskan master race of firm and shapely students.

Men, come to the weightroom between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. or between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. A radio tuned to KRNU will be there to inspire you to health.

Ladies, come to the weightroom between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. A caring columnist with the body of Ted Nugent will be there to inspire you to health.

Oh, and for God's sake, don't forget to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

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