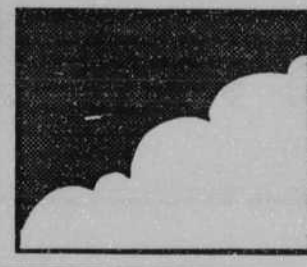


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WEATHER

Mostly cloudy with a few sprinkles this morning. Partly sunny this afternoon with the high around 50. Tonight, increasing cloudiness and the low in the mid-30s. Friday, a 20 percent chance of showers with the high in the mid-50s.

Court judges ASUN quotas discriminatory

By Bill Stratbucker
Staff Reporter

In a declaratory judgment open to interpretation, ASUN's Student Court ruled 6-1 Wednesday that the structures of a Racial Affairs Committee and a Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Committee are unconstitutional.

The judgment stated that since the committees would have established membership quotas, they "clearly violate the non-discriminatory clause of the ASUN Constitution."

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska created the two committees in December by passing Bylaws L and M.

Bylaw L states that the Racial Affairs Committee will consist of one Native American, one Caucasian American, one African American, one Asian American and one international student as chosen by the ASUN Appointments Board.

Bylaw M requires that the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Committee consist of one heterosexual, one gay, one lesbian and one bisexual.

Although the debate at a hearing Tuesday centered on the constitutionality of the quotas and not the necessity of the committees, the ruling could eliminate the committees themselves.

ASUN President Phil Gosch, who defended the committees' constitutionality, said he believes the court found the bylaws to be unconstitutional, not just the membership requirements.

UNL law student Clark Sackschewsky, who filed the request for the Student Court to rule on the quotas, said that since the court didn't strike any language in the two bylaws, he thinks the ruling eliminated the committees.

"It's what I expected. I thought it was pretty clear that both (bylaws) violated the constitution," he said.

"I've always been in favor of the committees," he said, "but maybe (eliminating the committees) was how the court had to do it, saying 'Start over, guys.'"

Mark Fahleson, chief justice of the Student Court, declined to comment on the ruling.

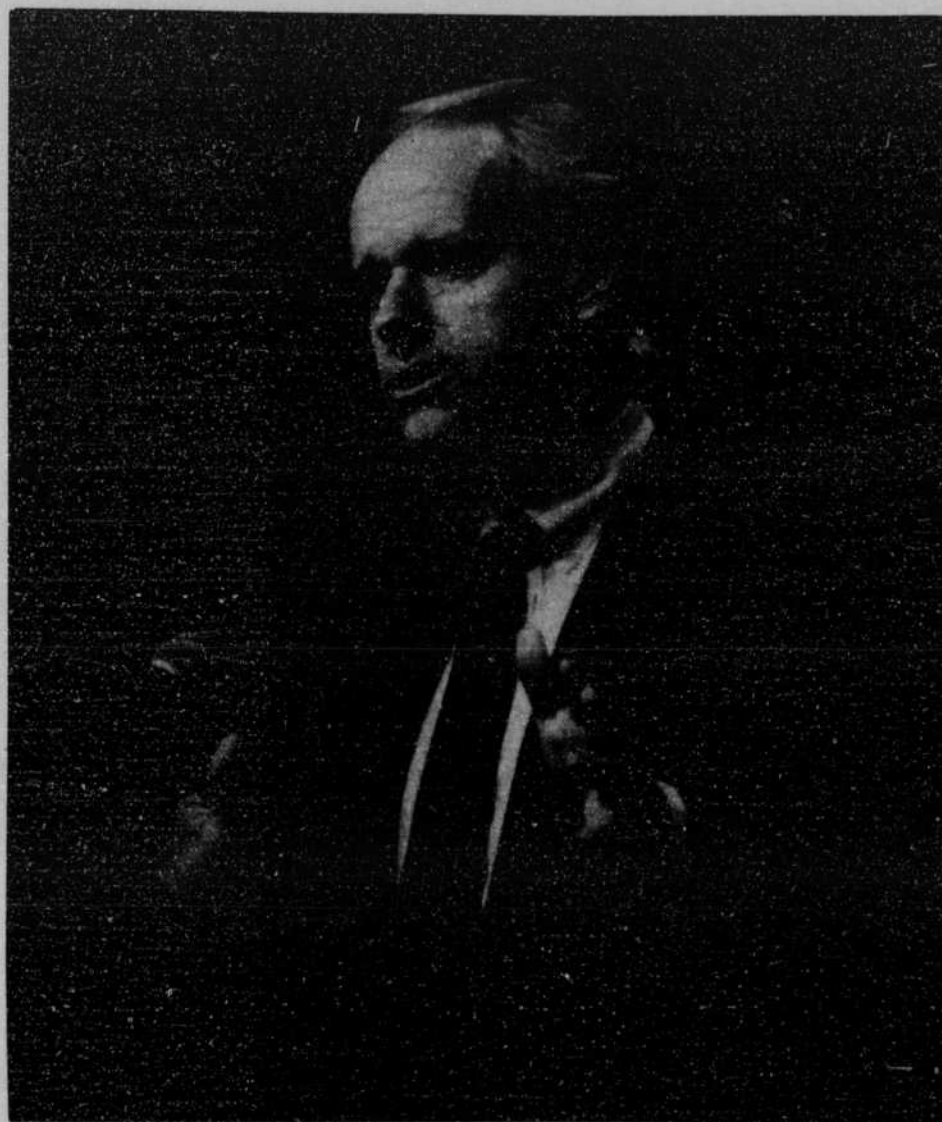
The extent to which the ruling affects the committees' existence, he said, was "subject to interpretation."

Denise Campbell, a student representing the Coalition of People of Color, said she was "disappointed and frustrated" by the ruling.

"No one has a perfect way of representation. We had a very good system," she said.

"We're the best people to ask how we should be represented," Campbell said. "I think it's very ironic that they are saying (the quotas) are discrimination when they are not the ones discriminated against."

"It's like me telling people who are blind what it's like to be blind."



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Actor/producer/director Mike Farrell speaks Wednesday night in the Centennial Ballroom of the Nebraska Union at the Nebraska Model United Nations conference.

Human rights activist Farrell urges fight against censorship

By Julie Naughton
Senior Editor

American citizens must search for the truth of actions in the Persian Gulf conflict amid press restrictions, said human rights activist and actor Mike Farrell.

Farrell, speaking to about 400 people on human rights issues in the Nebraska Union Wednesday as keynote speaker for the Nebraska Model United Nations conference, said the fact that some American citizens approve of press censorship in wartime is "a sign of disease in this country."

Farrell said he does not purport to be an expert on the Middle East, but that his firsthand views of the country give him a unique perspective on the conflict. Among his many other human rights activities, Farrell has made several trips to the Middle East with peace delegations.

Farrell said his opposition to press censorship does not refer to classified information that would endanger the lives of American troops, but to information that would give the American people a balanced view of what is going on in the Middle East.

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Cease-fire

Bush says Iraqi army defeated

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush announced Wednesday night that "Kuwait is liberated. Iraq's army is defeated." At midnight "all United States and coalition forces will suspend offensive combat operations."

In an Oval Office address, Bush said the allied forces will implement a permanent cease-fire when Iraq releases all coalition prisoners of war, hostages of third-country nations and the remains of all who have fallen.



He also said Baghdad must comply with all United Nations resolutions. Iraqi officials said Wednesday night that they are ready to comply with some, but not all, of the resolutions.

Bush also said the suspension of combat operations was dependent upon Iraqi forces not firing upon coalition troops and on no more Scud missile attacks.

After 100 hours of ground war, Bush said, "The Kuwaiti flag flies above the capital of a free and sovereign nation and the American flag flies above the embassy" in Kuwait City.

"This war is now behind us," Bush said. "Ahead of us is the task of achieving a potentially historic peace" in the Middle East.

Bush made the announcement on the 42nd day of the conflict with Iraq.

The cessation of offensive action came after a tank battle in southern Iraq ended any serious threat from Iraq's ballyhooed Republican Guard.

"It is up to Iraq whether the suspension on the part of the coalition becomes a permanent cease-fire," Bush said, adding later: "If Iraq violates these terms, coalition forces will be free to resume military operations."

In his televised address Bush said, "Our military objectives are met." It was not time for gloating or euphoria, he said, but for pride in the coalition troops.

The president spoke as commander in chief of 537,000 American forces in the gulf and the head of an unprecedented international coalition marshalled to counter Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2.

Seven months ago, he said, the nation drew a line in the sand and said Iraq's aggression would not stand.

"America and the world have kept their word," he said.

Bush said he had asked Secretary of State James Baker to work with the U.N. Security Council on "the necessary arrangements for this war to be ended" formally.

"At every opportunity, I have said to the people of Iraq that our quarrel was not with them, but instead with their leadership," Bush said. "This remains the case. You, the people of Iraq, are not the enemy."

Bill addresses recall of regents

By Lisa Donovan
Senior Reporter

Recent public outcry about the NU Board of Regents prompted legislation that would give Nebraskans the opportunity to recall those elected officials, state Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion told lawmakers on Tuesday.

Withem, sponsor of LB54, said his constituents told him they were upset with the hushed-up firing of former NU President Ronald Roskens and the controversial hiring of his replacement, Martin Massengale.

"I'm contending that there should be an avenue for citizens to take action," Withem told the Nebraska Legislature's Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was held in committee.



Currently, state statutes do not include regents in the list of elected officials who may be recalled.

The only way under current statutes for a regent to be removed is through impeachment, which only can happen in the case of criminal activity.

"I do think we have a not quite out-of-control situation," Withem said.

Speaking in opposition to LB54, Robert Craig, a retired Lincoln dentist, told the committee that the regents have enough to worry about without being concerned about being removed from office.

"I feel for the regents. . . . Put yourselves in their shoes," he said.

"The regents need a pat on the back, not legislation," he said.

Craig said he doesn't endorse all the regents' decisions but thinks overall the board does a good job.

"They are making progress in making changes. . . and they're doing their best."

Dr. Robert Prokop, who served for 12 years on the board, said the bill would be a way for those who opposed regents' decisions made in the last few years to gain revenge.

But the bill is directed toward the present regents and doesn't serve to improve accountability as a whole, he said.

"I'm opposed to this (LB54). . . . My fear is that it's a vengeful piece of legislation," Prokop said.

NU Regent Nancy O'Brien of Omaha testified before the committee in a neutral capacity and said the regents support the electoral process.

If citizens have the right to elect public officials, O'Brien said, they should have the right to remove them.

But to ensure that the recall measure is in the best interests of the state, O'Brien said, the bill shouldn't "single out" the regents and be solely a reflection of recent events.

"If you single the regents out. . . you'll have a situation where you've politicized us," she said.

THURSDAY

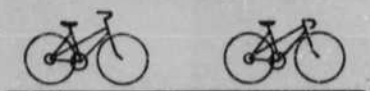


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ASUN appoints Teachers senator despite protests

By Adeana Leftin
Staff Reporter

Despite protest from some of his constituents, Steve Thomlison was appointed a senator representing the Teachers College at Wednesday's meeting of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Scott Shanks, a senior in the Teachers College, said he wanted to "give you senators an opportunity this evening not to make a mistake" in appointing Thomlison an ASUN senator.

In the past, Shanks said, Thomlison made comments that offended many people, including gay/lesbian/bisexual groups and religious organizations.

He cited one remark from an ASUN

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