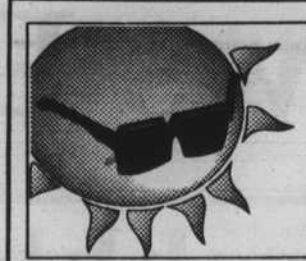


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UNL scholarships unaffected, official says

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

Newly proposed Department of Education regulations that would prohibit scholarships awarded solely on the basis of race would not affect UNL significantly, an official said.

On Wednesday, Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander handed down the regulations that would allow universities to consider race as a factor in awarding publicly funded scholarships but would prohibit them from awarding them solely on that basis.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the University of Nebraska-Lincoln offers only one race-

exclusive scholarship — the Davis Scholarship — and said he was not sure how it would be affected by the proposed new regulations.

The Davis Scholarship is awarded to blacks, American Indians and Hispanic students. It provides a minimum of \$1,500 and up to \$5,922 per year to 13 students at UNL.

Griesen said the scholarship might not be affected by the proposed new regulations because it is administered by the University of Nebraska Foundation rather than UNL. The new regulations stipulate that race-exclusive scholarships are allowable only if they are administered with private funds.

The Davis Scholarship is both pri-

vately and publicly funded. A grant from the Legislature provided \$800,000 of the scholarship fund.

Griesen said he thinks that if the scholarship were in conflict with the new regulations, it could be changed to comply with them and retained.

The regulations state that race may be considered as a factor in awarding scholarships as long as all students are given a chance to compete for them.

"We would have to go back to the Legislature and allow the inclusion of some more students," he said.

The regulations will now go through a 90-day trial period in which the Department of Education will receive and consider comments on them. The

regulations could be overturned at the end of that period.

Griesen said he hopes that would be the case.

"I disagree that it is necessary to prohibit race-exclusive scholarships," he said. "I think where you have documented underrepresentation of American minority groups and a clear history of more than two centuries of discrimination and segregation, that it should be the function of government to bring about more appropriate levels of representation."

John Beacon, UNL director of scholarships and financial aid, said the Davis Scholarship was drafted using affirmative-action court decisions as guidelines. He said he thought

that the scholarship was therefore still legal.

However, he said, he did not want to comment on the new regulations until he had a chance to study them in detail.

"I think it would be foolish to make any kind of drastic statement until we know what the regulations say," he said.

Beacon did say that the other 1,600 scholarships issued through the NU Foundation would not be affected by the regulations.

Last year, the Department of Education handed down a ruling similar to the proposal, which prohibited

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Minority issues require unity, official states

Health center director says some problems best handled without aid of chancellor

By Adeana Leftin
Senior Reporter

If the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is to become a more pleasant place for minorities, an official said Sunday, minorities must work together.

Kunle Ojikutu, director of the University Health Center, said minority faculty, staff and students need to solve the small problems between each group and concentrate on large issues affecting all of them.

"There is diversity even among minorities," he said.

But Ojikutu said minorities could solve many of the small problems on their own and not expect the chancellor to handle them all.

For example, he said if he were called a derogatory name, he would not go directly to the chancellor but would approach the person's supervisor. Education of what won't be tolerated by minorities also is important, he said.

"(About) some things," Ojikutu said, "we have to stand on our own two feet."

Faculty and staff also must lower their expectations, he said, because problems at the university won't be solved quickly.

But some issues, such as minority recruitment and retention, should be addressed by the chancellor, Ojikutu said.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier, who met with Ojikutu and other faculty and staff members Wednesday, said they suggested improving minority recruitment by having current faculty and staff members meet with minority job candidates to introduce them to the university and the minority community.

Another concern, Ojikutu said, is the Affirmative Action office.

"The Affirmative Action office, in my personal opinion," he said, "is a total disgrace to the university. The office is completely dysfunctional."

Spanier has said that in order to address

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Steppin' out

A student walks laps at the Lee and Helene Sapp Recreation Center on Sunday morning.

Michelle Paulman/DN

Nebraskan tells of 2 battles from war

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

Ben Karoki fought two battles in World War II — one against the Japanese and Germans and one against the bigotry of his fellow countrymen.

"One is ended; the other still goes on," he said.

A Hershey native and a University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate, Karoki flew 58 bombing missions in World War II. He was the only Japanese-American to bomb the Japanese mainland.

He spoke Friday at the Nebraska State Historical Society about his wartime experiences.

Karoki became involved in the war after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. His father, a Japanese immigrant, urged him to enlist in the armed forces.

But Karoki immediately ran into the problem of discrimination.

He first had problems enlisting and had to travel 150 miles to Grand Island to sign up.

Then, dressed in his uniform and traveling on a train to Texas, he heard a civilian loudly ask, "What's that Jap doing in the Air Corps?"

Karoki said he treaded lightly during his

training, not wanting to draw any attention to himself.

After he finished his training, Karoki headed to England, where he volunteered as a gunner on a B-24 bomber.

He flew 30 missions in Europe and said that experience erased the guilty feelings he had been experiencing since Pearl Harbor.

When he returned to Nebraska, he said, he felt like a kid at Christmas and was proud of having served his country.

But, he said, he still had to prove himself.

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Chancellor begins budget meetings

By Wendy Navratil
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Flexibility will distinguish UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier's approach to making \$1.7 million in budget cuts, said Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor.

And many meetings, including a series with individual academic deans held Saturday, will fill Spanier's hours until the cuts are made.

"We're going to rely very heavily

on the deans and the vice chancellors," he said. "They're the key players."

Spanier held a preliminary meeting last week with the deans, vice chancellors, the presidents of Academic Senate and ASUN, and the Academic Planning Committee chairman to outline the challenges in making the cuts and compare notes about how those challenges can be met.

The criteria for making the cuts to satisfy a legislatively mandated 3 percent cut in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's budget can be summed up in one statement, he said.

"What, in the opinion of the lead-

ers of the university, is in the best interests of the university," Spanier said.

He added that he will meet with various administrators, faculty and committees as the need arises — no rigid schedule has been set to guide the process.

To expedite the process, though, he said, he would try to avoid making cuts, such as the elimination of a degree-granting program, that would require additional hearings and the NU Board of Regents' approval. He said he still hopes to have the cuts formulated by the January regents' meeting.

He said he hasn't ruled out making cuts that weren't included in the vice chancellors' proposals and the Academic Planning Committee's recommendations.

"But beyond those that are on that list, we're going to be very cautious," he said.

Howe said Spanier would be looking for flexibility in UNL programs, paying special attention to unfilled positions within a program.

Those unfilled positions could be

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