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EDITORIAL

Dorm dreaming

UNO should be realistic about housing

University of Nebraska at Omaha officials should have taken a realistic look at building residence halls on campus when the idea first surfaced.

UNO Chancellor Del Weber told an NU Board of Regents committee meeting Friday that high-rise residence halls on the Omaha campus would be virtually impossible because of the cost.

UNO considered buying property for student housing near campus or building residence halls on nearby Ak-Sar-Ben land, but the only slightly tangible option was to build costly, high-rise housing on the Omaha campus.

"I'm tired of saying these are things that we're going to do and then not doing it," Weber said.

Weber must have known the university system was going through one of its toughest economical times in history. Surely he didn't think UNO actually could afford something it didn't really need.

And even after the discussion Saturday, NU Regents Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo and Charles Wilson of Lincoln said they didn't want officials to drop the idea of residence halls at UNO. They obviously weren't listening when Weber said he had given up on the plan because there would never be enough money for it to become a reality.

Officials must consider the role and mission of each campus in the university system before they waste time and money exploring foolish ideas.

The mission of UNO in the university system is to function as a commuter campus. If students want to live in residence halls, they can come to UNL.

START treaty

Missile agreement needs to be reached

Despite START treaty agreements, a Ukrainian official said last week that the republic would sell its strategic nuclear missiles to the highest bidder instead of turning them over to Russia, an Associated Press story said.

"We can sell these nuclear warheads to the highest bidder... to nuclear states, that means Russia first of all, or maybe another state, depending on which pays most," said Igor Yuknovsky, Ukraine's first vice prime minister.

That statement is vague enough to be frightening.

And the fact that Ukraine is considering selling its weapons to a highest bidder should have the rest of the world watching carefully.

Right now, only the United States, Britain, France, China and four of the former Soviet republics — Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus — are known to have nuclear weapons. Outside Russia, Ukraine — with 176 strategic missiles — has the largest concentration of nuclear weapons among the former Soviet republics.

The START treaty, which Ukraine has not yet ratified, calls for 140 of those missiles to be transferred to Russia by the end of 1994. Ukraine has also already turned over all of its shorter-range nuclear weapons.

But Yuknovsky said the missiles belonged to the Ukrainian people and would not be given away for nothing.

Ukraine's two-week-old government is upset about having given away some of the republic's missiles, Prime Minister Leonid Kuchma said, because Russia was able to sell the nuclear fuel to the United States.

"We removed tactical weapons from Ukraine and what did we get in exchange?" Kuchma said.

That anger is justifiable, but it is not important enough to threaten world security. Some agreement should be made between the two republics before Ukraine decides to sell the missiles to whoever will pay for them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'The one in red'

I'm writing to remind you of the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution — you know, the one about cruel and unusual punishment. If you order the police at the Nebraska vs. Colorado game to "surround the goal posts with clubs, and anyone who comes near them gets clubbed," then I suppose I'll just have to surround you, the athletic department and the UNL Police Department with lawsuits stemming from police brutality and constitutional violations.

If there is a disclaimer in state law allowing for this kind of abuse in the case of "goal post vandalism," then I must have human rights confused with Nazi fascism. Of course I'll only file these lawsuits if I actually get clubbed. Getting away with such a heinous crime without punishment certainly entails the decency of not suing. I'll be the one in red.

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Tuition

I am concerned about the higher tuition and fees paid by foreign students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I think my country, Malaysia, has to spend too much money since we have to pay three times more for tuition and fees than resident students. It is kind of unfair when foreign students have to pay \$167 per credit hour and resident students just pay \$62 per credit hour.

I understand why the foreign student have to pay more than resident students since we don't pay any state taxes to support the school system, but don't you think the tuition is too high for foreign students to cover the lost taxes?

However, I argue about the cost since the money paid by my government is coming from my parents and other Malaysians' taxes. In addition, almost half of the foreign students are supported by their family, so that means the high tuition and fees really hurt them.

I know the students from other states, for the first six months, also must pay the same amount that the foreign students have to pay. What bothers me is no matter how long we are living in the United States, we still have to pay \$167 per credit hour. So when is the chance for foreign students to pay the same amount that the resident students pay?

As a foreign student, I really hope that UNL can consider our frustration with high tuition and fees. The university should also think about the

benefits it can get by reducing the foreign students' tuition and fees because it could attract more students to study here.

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UPC

I have always appreciated the quality and diversity of the programs sponsored by UNL's University Program Council. However, recently I have attended UPC events that were rudely interrupted when large numbers of students got up and left in the middle of the performance.

Upon inquiry, I learned that these students, who clearly were not interested in these events, were members of UPC who earned some sort of bonus credit for attending and left as soon as they had supposedly fulfilled this obligation. While this system of encouraging attendance may be well-intentioned, it is ironic that UPC members who should be promoting these events are instead ruining the performance for interested and appreciative audience members.

Might I suggest to those UPC members who have exhibited such behavior that if you haven't the maturity to be respectful during these events, please don't ruin it for the rest of us: Forgo your resume-fillers and stay home. Or, better yet, if you can act like an adult during the performance, stay for the whole thing; you might learn something.

Suzy Beemer
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Racism

I can now honestly say without any internal doubt that I am ashamed of attending this university. I have been here for nearly 4 1/2 years and this feeling has been growing in me since I first enrolled. Of all the universities I have attended or visited, UNL has the worst attitude toward minorities I have ever seen.

Not only do we have an overwhelmingly white Anglo-Saxon student population that seems to practice racism both overtly and covertly, we have a racist, Hitler youth presiding over our student body. Even the administration of this proud university has proved its discriminatory tactics in its actions with the Candice Harms probe.

The actions of this university and its students should make any self-

respecting white person feel quite ill and ashamed. The homogeneous population of UNL refuses to pass amendments in the academic senate protecting the rights of required multicultural education classes. We allow ourselves only to see within the confines of the biased, but nonetheless required history of so-called "western civilization."

It seems every other day there is a letter in the Daily Nebraskan responding negatively to some minority journalist's complaining about how much things suck here. Well, surprise y'all — things do suck here for minorities. If you're tired of hearing about this, why don't you do something about it?

It's time for the people responsible for these problems to come out of their closed minds and into the real world. Skin color is just that — color. Not only that, these people are sick of being repressed, and we members of your "race" are sick of correcting your ignorance.

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Slackers

Upon reading your article ("Slacker phenomenon explains," DN, Nov. 5), I realized you, Mark Baldrige really are God. Your statements are fairly accurate, but I have a bit more to add. First let me tell you about my sister. Her name is Kristi. She's 26 and lives in Minneapolis.

Four years ago, she dropped out of Arizona State University and has lived wherever she can find someone to live with. She toured with the Grateful Dead for a while. Your description of a slacker fits her.

I'm a freshman here at UNL, and thanks to some excellent role models, I am pursuing my desire to be a psychologist. Anyway, I'd like to say that slackers are all a detriment to society. They are so pitiful. They enjoy the simple pleasures and gratifications in life.

They're living lives not according to ours. Nor, do they live up to society's standards. For this reason, it is OK to scapegoat them like the Romans did to the Christians and persecute them as the Nazis did the Jews. We should stereotype them and organize "slacker bashing" events.

Do you wear a white hood? Burned any crosses lately? I am a humanist, and I don't subscribe to anything I have just written. You are a fascist, righteous bastard.

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