

ASUN opposes new UNO college

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ASUN senators Wednesday asked the NU Board of Regents to oppose establishing an independent engineering college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.



The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska unanimously passed a resolution urging rejection

of the proposal to create the independent college.

The regents will consider the proposal for the new college at their Friday meeting.

Engineering Senator Jeff Krohn said Nebraska could not financially support two engineering colleges without destroying the reputation of UNL's engineering college.

"UNL's engineering program is nationally recognized," he said. "I'm

really afraid we're going to jeopardize our reputation if we dilute our resources by having two colleges."

Krohn said all the faculty at UNO's School of Engineering Technology had signed the petition asking the regents to create a new college.

UNO's engineering program is part of the College of Engineering and Technology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Most UNO engineering students can take their first two years of courses in Omaha, but they must complete their programs at UNL.

Krohn said he was pleased with the unanimous support of his resolution.

"All the senators really came together to show their support for the engineering program," he said.

In other business, ASUN passed a bill by a vote of 18-8 asking the regents to make the repair of Richards Hall a higher priority on their capital improvement list.

General Studies Senator Mark Byars said having to spend time in Richards Hall prompted him to write

the bill.

"I had a class in Richards Hall last spring and it's not a nice place to be," Byars said.

Byars said he thought the building was structurally sound, but he said a lot of things needed to be done to the building. He questioned whether the hall was violating fire codes and whether heating and ventilation systems were adequate. Byars also said Richards Hall was not accessible to people with disabilities.

He said Richards Hall was the eighth priority on UNL's list and 20th on the regents' list of capital improvements. He also said Richards Hall had been on the list for a long time, and it was time to make it a priority.

Arts and Science Senator James Collura disagreed with Byars.

Although the building is "a dive," Collura said, repairing it should not be a priority.

He said everything ahead of Richards Hall on the list should take priority.

Bjorklund

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evening of Feb. 24, when he and Lincoln Police Detective Sgt. Sandy Meyers met Bjorklund at the Lancaster County Jail. The detectives then took Bjorklund to a private room at the downtown Police Department. Sorensen said Bjorklund wanted to talk at the police station rather than at the jail.

After Sorensen said Bjorklund was allowed to have a Diet Pepsi and cigarettes during the conversation at the station, Helvie asked Sorensen if Bjorklund would have had access to cigarettes or soda in the county jail's interview room. Sorensen said cigarettes and pop were not available at the county jail.

Helvie asked several questions relating to whether Bjorklund received refreshments in return for information. Sorensen said Bjorklund's statements were given without coercion and not in exchange for refreshments.

Police have said that during other

interviews, Bjorklund was given soda, pizza and cigarettes — along with a trip through the Burger King drive-thru — all at his request.

Sorensen said he asked Bjorklund in a Feb. 25 meeting why Bjorklund was so eager to be interviewed.

"I asked (Bjorklund) 'Why do you talk with me? It's always baffled me,'" Sorensen said. "He said, 'Why? I don't know why. So I can smoke cigarettes.'"

Later in the day, Endacott reviewed the jury selection process for the trial, which is scheduled to begin in late October.

Endacott said 467 names from Cheyenne County were initially chosen as candidates for a spot on Bjorklund's jury. That number has been trimmed to 150 by random selection.

Endacott presented the questionnaire that potential jurors are required to fill out to defense and prosecution attorneys for approval. The selection process will begin Oct. 18 in the Sidney area.

Guard

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to local village children. Because pencils and pens are hot black-market items in Honduras, the Americans were guarded by Honduran soldiers who helped themselves to pencils before the children had their turn, Henry said.

"They took what they wanted before the kids," Henry said. "It was really disgusting."

Henry said what hit him most about Honduras was the poverty.

"They were dirt poor," he said. "They bathed and drank out of the same water. I've never been to a country that poor."

Henry said most American aid to Honduras was cut during the Iran-Contra scandal.

"They need something," Henry said. "The only aid they get now is the from national guard units who bring aid with them."

Henry said he also noticed many differences between the U.S. and Honduran armies.

In Honduras, men are drafted off the streets, Henry said. Officers claim most of the supplies for themselves, and the average soldier's morale is low.

"Sometimes, officers beat up enlisted people," Henry said.

Overall, Henry said, the training was much different from his normal tour at Fort Carson in Colorado. He said he returned to UNL with a lot of pictures and a lot of homework.

"I need to get caught up," he said. "It shouldn't be too bad."

Abortion

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it through." John Keller, director of patient services at Planned Parenthood of Lincoln, said that with or without the telephone option, the new law was a burden to women.

"Basically, it's more of an inconvenience to women in general," he said.

The law won't directly affect Planned Parenthood of Lincoln, he said, because abortion services are not offered at the clinic.

"When a woman comes in here, all we can do is give her technical information," Keller said.

Sheryl Dodds, University Health Center clinic supervisor, said the law didn't affect activity at the health center.

Students who come into the health center with unwanted pregnancies are told about every available option, she said, including carrying the baby to term, having an abortion or giving the baby up for adoption.

Schmit-Albin said the results of the law wouldn't be apparent until next year, after Nebraska abortion figures were compiled. After a parental notification law was passed last year the teenage abortion rate dropped by 23 percent, she said.

"The only way we will be able to gauge its success," she said, "is hopefully we won't be hearing as many stories from women."

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