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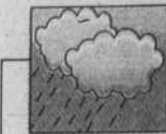


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Comic Casserole features an Omaha cartoonist who has made his place in the comic world.

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Today there will be a chance of showers.

ASUN to consider more control of UPC

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

A bylaw change designed to hold the University Program Council more accountable has sparked an emotional debate between UPC and ASUN.



The bylaw change passed Monday by the ASUN Special Topics Committee would give the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska the power to select the UPC executive board, including the president, vice president and programming secretary.

Now, ASUN appoints students to sit on governing boards of other student fee users, including the Daily Nebraskan, the Nebraska Union Board and the Health Center. But ASUN executives do not specifically appoint directors of the Union Board and Health Center, or the editor of the Daily Nebraskan.

Andrew Loudon, president of ASUN, said the point of the change was clear.

"They receive \$98,900 and are responsible to no one," he said. "This is simply a bylaw change which brings UPC to some accountability with our office."

Lia Jensen, UPC president, said she had not been notified about the bylaw change until 5:00

p.m. Monday, just two days before ASUN would vote on the issue.

"I'm a little concerned they are rushing this," she said. "I don't appreciate this being done during dead week. I don't appreciate this being done 24 hours before this is to be (voted on)."

"From what I can tell, this has been in the works for a while."

ASUN Graduate Senator Charles Hamilton, who was one of the sponsors of the bylaw change, disagreed with Jensen. He said the bill was not a long time in the making.

"We've been trying to organize the idea," he said. "That's why it came out so late. It's not that their notification came any later than any-

one else's."

Jensen criticized the bylaw change, calling it a direct attack on UPC.

The bill compared UNL to the Universities of Nebraska at Omaha and Kearney, Jensen said. She said those two campuses were completely different than UNL, and ASUN should have done more comparative research with programming organizations from universities in the Big Ten.

She also said the bill gave ASUN an automatic majority in the selection of the new UPC executive boards. The bill states the ASUN president, speaker of the senate and the outgo-

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Loudon to ask NU to review 'hidden' fees

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

In a move to oppose a hidden and unfair "tax" on students, ASUN President Andrew Loudon said Tuesday he would lobby the NU Board of Regents to extend its approval powers to oversee student fee increases.

Loudon said in a news conference that he planned to propose a resolution at the April 30 Board of Regents meeting. The resolution would require that all fee increases at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln be presented to the board for its approval. This would include parking, athletic tickets and laboratory fee increases.

The regents will be reviewing the \$6 per student per semester student fee increase for the 1994-95 school year at their Saturday meeting, Loudon said.

Student fees would increase from \$174 to \$180 per student per semester to support Campus Recreation, the University Health Center, the Nebraska Unions, the University Program Council, the Daily Nebraskan and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Loudon said the regents wouldn't see the actual total student fee increase because of what he called "hidden" student fees. Fees such as parking, athletic tickets, registration and graduation fees all were hidden from the regents' eyes, he said.

"Students have been hit hard with these increases," he said. "Many students are work-

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Injunction denied to four professors

From Staff Reports

A U.S. federal court judge Tuesday denied a motion for a preliminary injunction filed by four UNL engineering professors who say they were "professionally hazed." In a 13-page decision, Judge Richard Kopf said he thought Russell Alberts, Gautam Batra, Michael Resch and Nisar Shaikh would not win their lawsuit.

The suit claimed that the NU Board of Regents, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Chancellor Graham Spanier and Stan Liberty, dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, unfairly denied the four professors tenure. It claims the four professors were not told the requirements of tenure—an act they called professional hazing.

The preliminary injunction filed by the professors asked the court to prevent UNL from hiring professors to fill their jobs and to retain Alberts, Batra and Resch at their current jobs until a decision was made on the case.

The ruling concluded the four professors had no liberty or property interests infringed upon by the university.

"The only thing mentioned about tenure in the appointment letters was that the employee would be 'considered' for tenure," Kopf's decision said.

Kopf wrote that the decision would cause harm to the professors, but not irreparable harm.



Travis Heying

Stacey Nelson, a senior business administration major, will travel to Washington, D.C., on May 3 to speak about health care and meet with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

UNL senior to testify before Congress

By Kara G. Morrison
Senior Reporter

UNL senior Stacey Nelson won't be poring over college exams with the rest of her graduating class this finals week. She'll be in Washington, D.C., discussing health care with Hillary Rodham Clinton and members of Congress.

Nelson was chosen recently to be the only Nebraskan to testify before Congress at a health care hearing May 4.

The opportunity arose after Nelson spoke at a public health care forum at St. Elizabeth Community Health Center this spring. Nelson said the Clinton administration sent camera crews across the country to videotape people talking about health care.

"The videotapes went to Washington to be viewed," Nelson said. "Then a couple of weeks ago, they called and asked if I would be interested in testifying."

For Nelson, health care is an issue she faces every day of her life.

"I myself am a quadriplegic, so health care is a big issue with me," Nelson says. "It's an even bigger concern as I graduate."

Nelson, who will graduate May 7 with a business administration degree, flew to Atlanta during spring break to interview for a bookkeeping/managerial job with the rock band Jackyl.

Though she's excited about her job prospect, Nelson says health care concerns are plaguing her future.

Nelson says she is unable to get private health insurance, because her condition is considered high-risk. She says Medicaid pays for the home health care visits and other medical visits she needs in order to survive.

As she graduates and possibly starts a career, her situation will become more difficult.

"If I work, I will lose all my medical benefits," Nelson says. A job, she says, would put her over the income limit to be eligible for Medicaid.

Without such help, Nelson said, she will be unable to afford the \$240 per day she incurs for health care visits.

"I can't live without (home health care) obviously," Nelson said. "And I don't think any job would pay me enough to compensate for my medical expenses."

The alternative she faces, Nelson says, is not working.

"I really would like to work to be productive, but in reality, it's probably better if I don't."

Another complication is the difference between state Medicaid programs, she says.

"In Georgia, Medicaid only allows 75 home health care visits a year, so I wouldn't

even last a month there," says Nelson, who requires three visits per day by home health aides. The aides help her out of bed in the morning, get her ready for the day and help her into bed at night.

Nelson says she doesn't know what she will tell members of Congress when she testifies, but she is certain about one thing.

"I think everyone should be entitled to some form of health care."

And although she says she's not sure the Clinton administration's proposed reforms will mean instant improvements in the system, Nelson says at least it's a beginning to health care reform.

"The system's such a mess now, I don't know what can be done so everyone will benefit," Nelson says. "But at least they're making an effort to try, because it isn't working at all now."

Nelson says she will leave for Washington on May 3 and will return home on the May 5. She says she and the other 49 people testifying will meet Hillary Clinton before the hearing. She also plans to meet with Nebraska senators and representatives.

For now, Nelson has another task to complete before her trip: finishing her final exams before she leaves.