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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Who the hell is Mel Kiper? He sits there and criticizes every choice by every team. Mel Kiper has no more credentials to do what he's doing than my neighbor, and my neighbor is a postman."

— Bill Tobin, vice president of the Indianapolis Colts, on ESPN draft expert Mel Kiper, who criticized the Colts for picking former Husker Trev Alberts instead of Fresno State quarterback Trent Dilfer.

"Promises are like pregnancies — easy to conceive but hard to deliver."

— Republican gubernatorial candidate John DeCamp.

"If you leave lollipops sitting in front of the store, someone's going to take one."

— an anonymous hacker, a UNL computer science and engineering student, explaining why hackers break into computer systems.

"When the weather's hot like this, I leave the windows of my house open, but it's not an invitation to come in."

— Steve Reichenbach, assistant professor of computer science and engineering, on hacking.

"I might just move down to the second floor and use the stairs."

— Amar Patel, junior finance major, after being stuck in a Cather Residence Hall elevator for more than an hour Monday evening.

"The first Israelis killed by Scuds were killed in their bedrooms. The message on the Scuds said there is no front anymore."

— Thomas Friedman, New York Times correspondent, discussing Israel's security during the Gulf War.

"May the day of judging President Nixon on anything but his entire life come to a close."

— President Bill Clinton, speaking at Nixon's funeral Wednesday.

"There are ways to make UPC accountable, but not in one night."

— Robert Anderson, UNL senior, urging ASUN to table an amendment that would give ASUN the power to appoint UPC's executive board members.

"We have good news from Gorazde. The situation is quiet. ... There's some sporadic small-arms fire, but it's very little."

— U.N. spokesman Maj. Guy Vinet.

"A lot depends on what the players do in the next two or three months. We need to be a lot better conditioned come fall."

— Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne, on the Cornhuskers' chances next fall.

"You have to lay it aside in this kind of weather. It's kind of like a mud wrestling match. You're out there slopping around just trying to stay warm."

— Nebraska baseball coach John Sanders.

"It's completely asinine. It's not like we just get the money and go."

— Lia Jensen, president of the University Program Council, refuting charges that UPC is not accountable to students.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Accountability?

On Monday, our student government informed the University Program Council that major changes would be made in UPC's member selection process and that UPC had two days to prepare its case.

At 6 p.m. Wednesday, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska met with members of UPC and more than 100 students and ruled that the UPC executive board should be appointed by two ASUN senators and one UPC representative in order to make UPC more "accountable" to ASUN.

Whether this decision was right or wrong, it is too early to tell. But we know that the manner in which this decision was made was clearly wrong, because it did not allow UPC enough time to gather information, consider the issues involved and offer alternative strategies that would provide "accountability." Nor did UPC members have enough time to discuss the decision and offer their own well-thought-out opinions and alternatives.

This decision was railroaded through during Dead Week, when most students are appropriately focused on passing tests and writing papers and are unable to give proper consideration to important, long-term decisions regarding the structure of student government.

If we had time, we might have thought a little bit about what being "accountable" means and to whom exactly UPC and ASUN should be held accountable.

Ultimately, it should be to the student population, a large group that includes members of a variety of ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, etc.

The concerns and experiences of students who may not come from the "mainstream" have not always been adequately represented on our campus.

UPC is one group that has done much to provide a forum for the expression of ideas that truly represent all segments of our population. The group has always invited, accepted and responded to input from students.

Which group do you think would be more "accountable" to the full "universe" of backgrounds and ideas that a university is charged to represent: a group of 40 that includes two minority students, like ASUN, or a group of 16 that contains eight minority students, like UPC?

Jim Cihlar
graduate student
English

Too much power

Unfortunately, now that Bylaw A has passed, UPC is part of ASUN.

I believe, as do many others, that this was and is a gross miscarriage of justice. A student government body should not have as much control over the university as ASUN does.

UPC was set up by the Board of Regents 16 years ago to be an indepen-

dent student organization. It wasn't established to be "under the direct control" of anyone — that includes Loudon and ASUN.

Now that this is the case, though, one can only guess what changes Loudon and his clan will make to UPC.

Kimberly M. Goeschel
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Amy Schmidt/DN

Representation

As individual members of ASUN senators Greg Sphon and Katie Tallman's constituencies, we would like to express our disappointment with their representation of their constituents regarding the bylaw amendments concerning UPC.

We believe we were the only constituents who sought them out and talked to them about this matter. However, they chose to vote against their constituents.

It has always been our belief that our government — our senators — should represent us.

We have one question — who were they representing, themselves or their constituents?

We would also note that the majority of students present either were against these amendments or expressed a desire to table the amendments.

So who indeed were the ASUN senators representing?

Ann Koopmann
graduate student
educational psychology

Deb Dohmen
senior
criminal justice

'Seen it all'

Wow, I've seen it all. Wednesday evening, I — along with about 70 others — attended the ASUN meeting in regard to the proposal to "establish accountability" in UPC. During that meeting, only about four individuals spoke in favor of that bill — all former

ASUN members.

The clear majority of the students attending wanted the issue tabled or voted down. Was the outcome ever in doubt? ASUN did exactly what it wanted, without any concern for what its constituents were saying to them.

For now that matter is closed, but I hope in the future that the issue will be reopened. It is time for this student body to recognize that we need representation within our government. The government should be for the students and should act upon their wishes.

Throughout the meeting, ASUN members kept saying, "we need to do what is best for the students." Yet they failed to listen to the students and do what the majority felt was best. This is not representational government.

It is time for a change. I'm not willing to spend \$2,000, but I am coming for your job next year, Andrew Loudon. It's time for someone who truly cares for the students to be in your position. I invite those individuals who want to join me, as it's time to better the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Reuben Lerma
freshman
general studies

Commending Spanier

I was surprised to read that Chancellor Graham Spanier's academic priorities at UNL were questioned because of the time he spends with the gay and lesbian groups on campus.

Since coming to UNL in 1967, I have not encountered a chancellor who spends more time with the academic faculty senate.

His leadership and timely responsiveness to the academic well-being of our institution is well-known to the faculty on campus. Just because the chancellor has spent time and energy to eliminate discrimination on campus does not mean he has neglected his academic responsibilities. On the contrary, the chancellor should be commended for adhering to such a packed agenda on campus and in the Lincoln community at large.

I was also surprised to read that the question was raised as to whether Spanier's background as a sociologist was appropriate for a university administrator. For one who has devoted his entire career to science and technology, I have no doubt that a social scientist can be eminently qualified to serve the university as chancellor.

We can only hope that the regents will see it fit not to visit the treatment of Presidents Ronald Roskens and Martin Massengale upon Spanier.

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