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Back to business UNL-UNO debate finally ends

Thank God, it's over.

According to many who have followed the engineering debate over the last two years, the debate that pitted Omaha against Lincoln ended with the establishment of the University of Nebraska at Omaha's College of Information Science and Technology.

We support that move.

This debate has gone on too long. Too many feelings have been hurt. Too many words and actions that never should have come up in an academic debate have been heard.

Things around the University of Nebraska now should go back to normal.

Enough of the inter-regional factions.

Enough of the threats from Omaha businesses.

Enough of the territoriality between UNO and University of Nebraska-Lincoln professors.

If you believe NU President Dennis Smith, this is one university with four campuses. It is high time that many people started acting like it.

Better heads have prevailed. The long and sometimes duplicative process has worked. All the task forces, all the meetings, all the debate, it all worked.

Omaha got its college — and it got a college it needed. The information business in Omaha is a huge money-maker for the state. It would only stand to reason that there be an institute of higher learning that supported that booming business.

We hope the businesses this college will support see the same way.

Omaha businessmen, nicknamed the "Omaha 100," have tried to strong-arm the university for too long with threats of pulling donations and doom-and-gloom predictions of new business ignoring Nebraska.

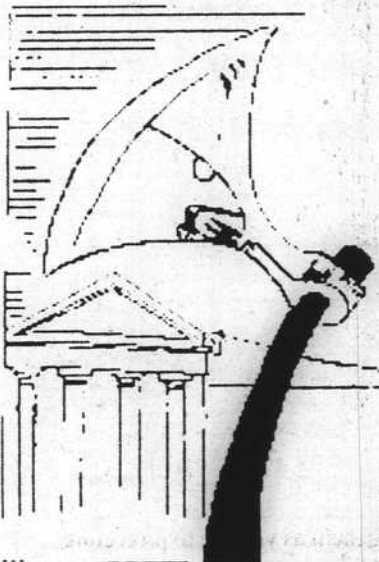
They have their college now and, according to their predictions, the state should see a boom in new business.

And, if they are men of their word, donations should return to the levels they were before. If they truly care about the business community in Omaha, donations to the new college will be generous.

It wasn't taxpayer outcry that brought this college into being. It was business. Now it should be business that helps fund this college, not the taxpayer.

UNO, the Omaha businesses and Regents Drew Miller, Nancy O'Brien and Rosemary Skrupa — the three regents who have pushed the hardest for expanded engineering — all should be happy. O'Brien provided the reason why.

"We got exactly what we wanted," she said Saturday. "We got a commitment to the institute, a timetable and board monitoring."



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opera review out of tune

I can't express how hurt I was when I read Jeff Randall's review of UNL's opera production of "A Room with a View". He has a right to say he didn't like the topic, but that doesn't justify slamming the entire production. He only showed his musical ignorance by claiming that a good opera must include "passion, death, revenge and lust." These are unchangeable characteristics of a plot that say nothing about the quality of the performance. If Jeff had researched opera before attending Thursday's production, he would've discovered that there's much more that makes an opera good. The whole idea of opera is conveying feelings and a story line by using music to represent these ideas.

I suggest for the next production we do that the Daily Nebraskan ask for a guest reviewer with a background in opera so that the public doesn't have to listen to an inaccurate and biased review from an ill-informed journalist.

Erica Corwin
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via e-mail

Kind words for the coach

Danny Nee is a first-class coach and role model for young student-athletes.

Our family got to know Coaches Nee and (Jimmy) Williams during the recent fall recruitment period. After scrutinizing dozens of offers, we came very close to entrusting them with one of our six beloved children.

Even less kind

Mike chose, instead, to remain closer to home. We strongly feel that Coach Nee is a fine gentleman, who conducts himself with dignity, setting an example through respect and hard work, for others to follow.

As caring parents, honestly, we would be just as proud if Mike had chosen to play for our friend, Coach Nee.

You are truly fortunate to have such an outstanding man, basketball coach and example for youth at your fine university.

Jane and John McShane
Salem, Ore.

Not so kind words for the columnist

Bob Ray's article regarding the homeless in the student union sickened me.

His reference to the homeless man that died in the Union was insensitive and uncalled for. I believe he is referring to Dave Ball. I had the opportunity to become friends with Dave before he passed away. He was not a "loitering bum" as Mr. Ray insinuates homeless people are. He was simply a good, kind man who was going through some very hard times.

In my three years at this university, I never have been approached by anyone soliciting change. However, when I do have spare change, I buy lunch for a couple of the people who are without a home. Perhaps Mr. Ray should try this and have a conversation with one of these people. He might just change his mind.

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