Nelson's proposed tax cuts garner lukewarm response

By Erin Gibson
Senior Reporter

Ben Nelson challenged state party leaders Wednesday to step forward in support of his proposed tax cuts, which he said have received no response from the state Legislature.

State lawmakers' response to the cuts has been silence, Nelson said. The silence is a result of senators' doubt that Nebraska can afford to sustain the cuts over two or more years, he said.

Nelson said his tax cuts were possible because of a surplus in state-collected tax dollars made feasible by a strong Nebraska economy.

"The prosperity of Nebraska is real," Nelson said. "There's no sign of any slippage."

Nelson's proposed cuts include a state income-tax cut of about 5 percent and a homeowner's state tax credit of $160.

Deb Hardin Quirk, chairwoman of the Nebraska Democratic Party, announced her support for the governor's cuts Wednesday afternoon.

Republican party leaders did not respond Wednesday.

Nelson said last week Nebraskans were enthusiastic about the cuts. Members of the Legislature who doubt his proposal and are "lukewarm" about it should listen to their constituents, he said.

But the response of some constituents — University of Nebraska-Lincoln students — Wednesday was as lukewarm as the Legislature's response.

Many students thought an income-tax cut, if possible, would be a help to struggling students.

Some students said they had no real income and would not be affected by tax cuts outside of cuts in gas or sales taxes.

Jaime Brooks, a UNL sophomore in criminal justice, said Nelson's tax-cut proposal was probably a political ploy and too good to be true.

"I think it's talk," Brooks said. "I think it sounds good, but it's not going to happen."

Tax cuts are not possible today because of the demand on tax dollars from state-funded programs. The government could not have enough money to afford cuts, she said.

But, if the state income tax is cut, Brooks said, the extra dollars she would keep from her paycheck would be helpful.

"I'll be very happy if it really happens," she said.

Jay McConnell, a sophomore pre-dentistry major, agreed a tax cut would please many working Nebraskans.

"I don't know how he'll do it," McConnell said. "If he can do it without adding on in some other area, I'm for it."

Afrikan People's Union says cross burning merits action

ASUN

By Kasey Kerber
Staff Reporter

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska had officially adjourned its Wednesday night meeting when a guest speaker arrived to discuss the aftermath of the Sigma Chi cross-burning incident.

Eric Crump, chairman of campus advocacy and race relations for the Afrikan People's Union, spoke of the university's lack of action following Sigma Chi fraternity's burning of a cross. He urged ASUN to push for action on the issue.

"The scariest thing about this is the silence," Crump said. "Silence, as you know, indicates consent."

Crump also advocated for a review of the Student Code of Conduct in regards to the cross burning.

He had personally found six violations of the Student Code of Conduct, falling under such areas as harassment, dangerous conduct and public threats, he said.

If the Code of Conduct does not punish such acts, Crump said, it should be revised.

"If this was not a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, it should be," he said. "If need be, we could revise it from head to toe."

Crump said he would attend ASUN's meeting next week to answer questions and address further concerns.

In other ASUN news:

■ Bill No. 18 passed, which recognized two student organizations — Latinos United in the Pursuit of Academic Excellence and UNL Men Speak Out Against Violence.

■ Campus Life Committee Chairwoman Amy Rager announced that a student survey would be composed to evaluate student safety concerns at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

■ The Committee for Fees and Allocation submitted Appropriation Bills No. 1-4 for consideration by ASUN senators for next week's meeting.

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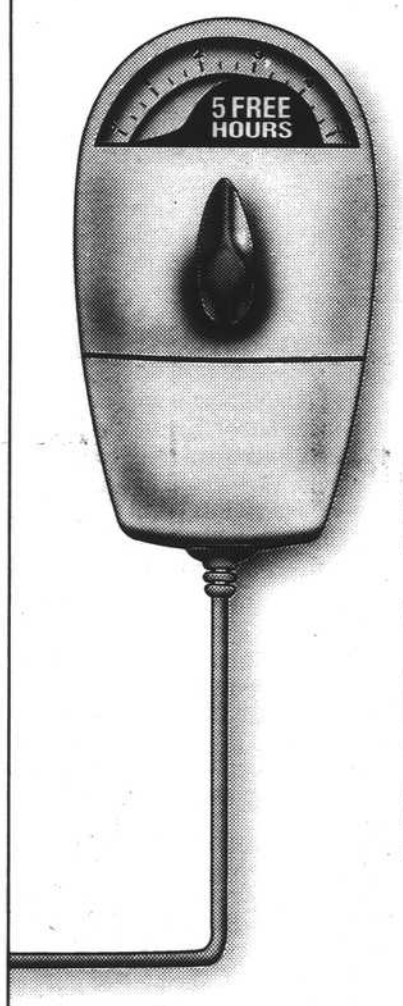

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