

Students meet to discuss 413

All those in attendance voice their opposition to tax-lid initiative

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It's up to students at the University of Nebraska to voice their opposition to an initiative that could cut university funding and force tuition increases, UNL's student body president said Tuesday evening.

In a discussion at Neihardt Residence Hall attended by about 10 people, ASUN President Sara Russell cited a study by the Legislative Fiscal Office estimating the University of Nebraska would lose \$20 million if Initiative 413 is passed on Nov. 3.

"A lot of people behind the initiative believe students are too lazy to get out there and vote for themselves," she said. "We need to prove they're wrong."

No one at the gathering spoke in favor of the initiative, which would slow the rate of growth of state revenue available for spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth.

The discussion, sponsored by the Neihardt student assistants, originally was designed to present both views on Initiative 413.

However, proponent speakers were unable to attend.

Russell said that, if faced with the expected cuts, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln would have to raise tuition 22 percent to preserve all

current programs and salaries. Although UNL would not raise tuition that much, she said, it would probably have to cut faculty and programs and impose at least a double-digit tuition increase.

That could create a vicious cycle, she said. Higher tuition would create lower enrollment, which would in turn force raised tuition rates and lower enrollment further, she said.

"You'll continue to pay more for less of an education," she said.

At a time when UNL faculty members already are underpaid compared with peer institutions, now is no time to further squeeze the university's resources, Russell said.

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Those sentiments were echoed after the discussion by Mike Butterfield, a sophomore chemical engineering major.

"I oppose it because of the overall effect on education - it wouldn't be good for UNL," he said. "I do agree with the fact that spending needs to be limited, but this isn't the way to do it."

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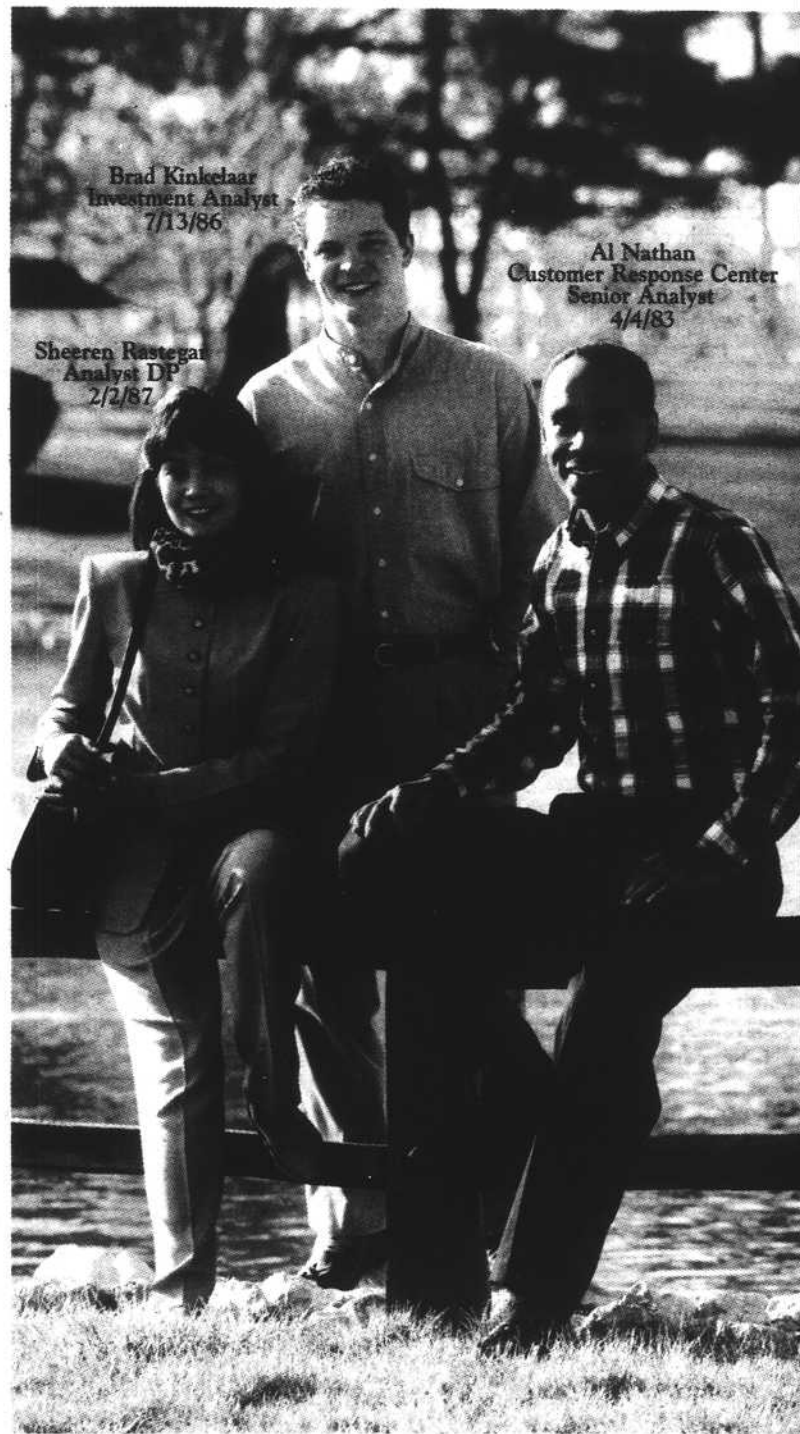
discussion, said voters should read the fine print of Initiative 413.

Although the initiative allows exceptions to spending limits in emergency situations, it wouldn't allow additional spending to compensate workers for their extra hours in situations such as last October's snowstorm, she said.

Russell said about 20 students have consistently participated in Students Against the Lid, whose next meeting is Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

She also said a march to oppose 413 is scheduled for Oct. 28, at noon, outside the Nebraska Union.

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