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Regents: Senators made wrong move

By Veronica Daehn

Staff writer

The Nebraska Legislature may be in danger of making a big mistake.

At least that's what some members of the Board of Regents said Wednesday about the Legislature's advancement of a bill that would ban the use of aborted fetal tissue in research.

Senators voted Tuesday to pull LB1405 out of the Judiciary Committee and onto the floor for debate.

The bill stalled in committee earlier this

month when committee members were deadlocked in a 4-4 vote.

The bill, introduced by Omaha Sen. John Hilgert, could be heard on the floor as early as Friday.

Regent Chuck Hassebrook of Lyons said advancing the bill was a mistake.

The research should not be banned, he said. "It would be a tragedy to stop this research before we have the opportunity to develop alternative sources of tissue," Hassebrook said.

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Students split on merits of research bill

By Jill Zeman

Staff writer

Students and lawmakers alike remain divided on an issue that has rocked Nebraska's conservative and anti-abortion community since November.

With the end of the legislative session drawing near, senators have 12 days left to pass a bill this session that would ban research using aborted fetal cells.

The bill's possible passage is raising support and concern from some UNL students.

ASUN President Andy Schuerman said he wasn't surprised the bill advanced from the Judiciary Committee to the floor for debate, but he still was disappointed.

"I wish the debating committee would've done something to show the senators how important it is not to politicize this issue," he said.

Schuerman said he understood that the senators felt compelled to address the issue, but now that it's on the floor, they should closely

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Glory days



TWO STUDENTS study near the entrance of CBA on Wednesday afternoon. Outside the window is "Old Glory," a sculpture created by Mark di Suvero in 1986.

Josh Wolfe/DN

Court rules on student fees

"Students should get involved in the CFA process."

Jason Mashek
Committee for Fees
Allocation chairman

■ Decision says funds can go to groups even if some students object.

By Kimberly Sweet

Staff writer

The use of student fees to fund campus groups – political and nonpolitical – will continue on college campuses nationwide, thanks to a decision handed down Wednesday by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Supreme Court justices unanimously ruled that it was constitutional to use mandatory student fees to fund

campus groups and speakers some students may object to.

The court ruled 9-0 that it did not violate any student's right to free speech.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said, when the case was brought to the court, it would be a non-issue for UNL.

The Board of Regents changed the student fee policy at UNL in 1979, voting to eliminate student fee funding for all student organizations except the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, the University Program Council and the Daily

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Teens charged as adults in shooting of woman

By Michelle Starr

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Three juveniles were charged as adults in Gage County on Wednesday in connection with the shooting death of a Cortland woman earlier this month.

Gage County Attorney Richard Smith said three youths were arrested; two are from Lincoln.

Jeremy Riser, 17, 104 Peach St., was charged with felony murder and use of a weapon to commit a felony.

Shane Alley, 16, 1421 Folsom St., was charged as an accessory to a felony, Smith said.

Jordan Novak, 14, of Bennett, was charged with felony theft, Smith said.

Terri Teuber, State Patrol spokeswoman, said all three were arrested Tuesday night around 8 p.m.

State Patrol Lt. Mark Funkhouser said another person has been questioned in connection to the shooting, but no arrests or charges have been made for that person.

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