

Court rules on student fees

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Nebraskan. It then ruled students could get a refund for these organizations, if they desired. The three groups make up the Fund A portion of student fees.

Andy Schuerman, president of ASUN, said the Supreme Court decision could affect UNL's policy.

Schuerman said it opens the potential for discussion on whether students should be able to get refunds at all.

"We may now want to consider whether we want to discuss Fund A refunds," Schuerman said.

The issue is particularly pertinent this year, Schuerman said. The number of Fund A refunds was the highest it's been in five years, at 242 refunds.

That was after the student senate voted to send the student government liaison committee to the state Legislature to lobby against a bill that would ban the use of fetal tissue in research in the state.

Students who were against the research and the bill launched a campaign urging students to get their

refunds from the ASUN portion of the fund in protest.

The case heard by the Supreme Court last November was brought forth by three law students at the University of Wisconsin.

The students objected to their fees being used to support on-campus student groups that advocate gay rights, women's rights and other causes they disagreed with.

In the decision, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote that the speech coming from all student groups promotes the goal of a university environment, which is to expose students to a diversity of viewpoints.

"The university's whole justification for fostering the challenged expression is that it springs from the initiative of students, who alone give it purpose and content in the course of their extracurricular endeavors," Kennedy wrote.

Groups who make use of the fees at the University of Wisconsin include the International Socialist Organization, the College Democrats, the College Republicans, the Future Financial Gurus of America and the

campus chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Before the Board of Regents instituted its current policies, a plethora of organizations received funds at UNL.

The American Guild of Organists, the Black Student Coalition, the Gay Action Group and the Student Bar Association were among the groups that received support from the 1975-76 student fee allocations.

Even though UNL probably will remain unaffected by the court's decision, Schuerman said he was happy that the court ruled the way it did.

"The responsibility of the university goes beyond the classroom," Schuerman said. "To restrict the support of speakers with a political slant is to limit the amount of perspectives students have access to."

Jason Mashek, chairman of the Committee for Fees Allocation, said the case was positive in that it brought attention to the student-fees allocation process at many universities.

"This case showed (the students at Wisconsin) paid attention," Mashek said. "Students should get involved in the CFA process."

Teens charged as adults in shooting of woman

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Riser and Alley were arrested during a traffic stop in Lincoln, and Novak was arrested at his home in Bennett, Teuber said.

Judy Kohout, 52, was shot in the face March 10 after she heard someone outside her home near Cortland, about 25 miles south of Lincoln, breaking into her pickup truck.

She and her son, Chad, followed the suspect in other cars, each pursuing different routes. Kohout's son found

her dead in her car.

Information from the public and law enforcement investigation led to the arrests, Teuber said.

During a search in one of the Lincoln addresses, officers found evidence that could be connected to the crime, but because the investigation is ongoing, Teuber would not comment on the evidence.

The suspects are being held in Gage County jail, Teuber said.

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