

## Dollars and sense

When it comes to student fees, it's time for UNL students to stop complaining and wake up to reality.

For those of you who hate spending money on things that don't directly pertain to you, listen up: The U.S. Supreme Court doesn't care.

So you'd better be glad the university does.

Last week, the Court delivered an opinion that took away the rights of students who requested university fees back for activities they didn't support politically. Any activities whatsoever.

And there are plenty of schools that have plenty of activities that you wouldn't support in one way or another.

But in 1979 the NU Board of Regents changed the face of how students groups work.

It eliminated student-fee use for all groups except Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, the University Program Council, the Daily Nebraskan, the Nebraska Unions, the Campus Recreation Building (built later) and the University Health Center.

That's quite a change from a year like 1975-76, when 43 groups like the Judo Club and some group called Balsa were student-fee supported.

Right now, students can ask for refunds on the Fund A group: the DN, ASUN and UPC. The other three, called Fund B, are mandatory, because it's hard to argue with community, fitness and health care.

With the Supreme Court ruling, Fund A refunds can be called off-limits.

ASUN president Andy Schuerman was quoted in the DN as saying it may be time to close off Fund A because it's possible. While it's well within the means of ASUN

to encourage the regents to do so, we say keep the status quo, and let finicky students know somebody's watching out for them, and that those same students owe them one.

Plenty of students asked for their ASUN funds back because of Schuerman's opposition to a fetal tissue research ban. If things stay as they are, never again should they, or anyone else in opposition to these three groups, complain about a lack of voice. Because under our current system, they have one.

ASUN and the regents hold the cards here. Our call: Bite the bullet and let students ask for their funds back. And every time they cry foul to a bill, or an article, or a UPC program, rub it in their faces and let them know that this is as good as it probably gets - at UNL or anywhere else.

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## Obermeyer's VIEW



## Letters to the EDITOR

### A ship of their own

Men go into combat and die. The men who have survived the horror on foreign and domestic land alike have done more for our country than we ever will, or possibly can imagine.

Today's technology and the military's knowledge of the past give us options for women and gays to serve. Americans have to decide if we want a feminine, mediocre military or a winner-takes-all super power. Gays and women handicap today's force by corroding the military's structure and suffocating moral.

Who do you think will join the armed forces if gays are allowed to serve openly? I say give the women and gays a ship of their own, their own platoon and see what they can accomplish - surely not victory. Why should the military take risks that aren't needed? Why wait until war to see the mistakes that have been made? War isn't about gay rights or sexual harassment - it's about killing and loss of human life.

Don't fear a ban on gays in the military. The men who served before we did surely wouldn't. When you try to make everybody happy, you make nobody happy. That is our current dilemma.

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### Remains of the day

As a recent transfer student, I still am confused by the double standards that the leadership of this university continues to display. Apparently it was inappropriate for

Karl Reinhard to conduct research on American Indian bones because there was opposition from certain groups. This testing also was perceived to transmit "unethical and immoral values" to the students.

However, controversy over the use of aborted fetal tissue in research recently has drawn a tremendous amount of support from university researchers.

To suggest that one researcher be fired for using human remains while supporting others at the university who also do this seems very hypocritical.

The University of Nebraska should concentrate more on fairness and less on upholding its politically correct image.

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### To the circular file

A number of serious issues can be raised regarding the findings of the Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee on Dr. Reinhard, as reported in Monday's Daily Nebraskan. The members of this committee were given considerable power, but that also carried with it the need to act responsibly. A review of their findings suggests strongly that they did not meet their responsibility.

I go to great lengths in the courses I teach in groundwater to separate science from the law and from personal values. There is no quicker way to lose credibility on the witness stand than to express a non-science opinion. You may feel that a person

or group is being severely disadvantaged by the actions of others, but that is your individual opinion and carries no weight in a court of law, unless you can establish your expertise in the area of your "opinion."

Further, the laws of this country, state and local government are the rule of the day. A person cannot be tried using laws of another citizenry.

Neither the Nebraska Highway Patrol nor a legal counsel found grounds for legal action against Dr. Reinhard. Yet, a self-appointed policewoman and prosecutor (representing what citizenry?) brought charges, and some members of the faculty committee deemed themselves capable of determining the guilt of Dr. Reinhard under federal law and sentenced him to termination by the university.

One is left to wonder if the majority of the committee understands its capabilities and limitations, or if the members were applying their own personal feelings as guidelines for decision. Under these circumstances one also can question the findings of the committee regarding the two non legal points as described in the Daily Nebraskan.

A short time ago there were articles regarding Dr. Reinhard's dropping his lawsuit against the university and all parties reaching out to begin a healing process. It is time for Chancellor Moeser and the Academic Senate to stand up and relegate the incredible committee report to the circular file it deserves and continue with the healing process.

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