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Vigil in protest of proposed tuition hike planned for tonight

By BOB BURNHAM
NI News Writer

There will be an overnight vigil on top of Maucker Union tonight to protest the proposed tuition increases being considered at the Board of Regents meeting tomorrow afternoon. The vigil will begin at 8 p.m. tonight and is planned to last through 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Chris Vaughn, a member of the United Students of Iowa (USI) Board of Directors and chair for the Government and Legislative Affairs Committee for the Student Government, is organizing the UNI vigil.

"It's going to be held on the top of the Union," Vaughn said. "We figured it would be the most visible spot with people walking by. The Board of Regents meeting is going to be held in the Union as well so we're hoping they'll see it. The Board of Regents is scheduled to talk about tuition at 1 p.m. Wednesday."

"The idea came up at a USI board meeting down in Iowa City last month," Vaughn said. "The guy from Iowa City said they're having a candlelight vigil down there and we thought it would be a good idea to try to extend it to all three universities."

Dusty Wilcox, chairman of the Undergraduate Activities Center at the University of Iowa, organized the vigil in Iowa City. "We're bringing several people but we're not sure how many," Wilcox said. "We really don't plan to make any disturbances at the Regents meeting because we believe it would be counterproductive."

"They're considering cutting entire departments out of the University of Iowa," Wilcox said. "I have a feeling UNI's cuts are going to be just as extensive."

"We want people to just come up and participate but we would like people to come in and sign up so we know there will be someone there overnight," Vaughn said. "We have a list in the Student Government office."

"The time when we need people to come the most is between 1 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday," Vaughn said. Students interested in signing up can either do so at the Student Government Office in the basement of the Union or by calling 273-2650.

The vigil is meant to be different from the Student Awakening Day, according to Student Government officials.

"During Student Awakening Day people wanted action but basically just talked. I'm hoping students will come and see this and think 'now is the time for action,'" Jeff Buchanan, vice president of public relations and programming for Student Government, said. Buchanan is working on the publicity for the vigil at

UNI and designed the signs advertising it.

"Where Student Awakening Day was basically to inform, we're hoping that students will take some action and show the Board of Regents and the public that we're concerned with higher education here at the University of Northern Iowa," Buchanan said. "I encourage all students to take part because the tuition increases have an effect on each and every one of us."

"We've talked to several regents already and they're very sympathetic to us," Wilcox said. "The biggest problem with the regents is that they are so removed from the students at the university that they don't see how bad it really hurts us."

The vigil in Iowa City began last Thursday and is planned to last for 10 days. It is being called a "Sick Watch" in reference to the state government's inability to handle its budget. It also features a giant get-well card signed by students who oppose the budget cuts and tuition increases.

"We got tremendous media coverage on this yesterday when it started off," Wilcox said, referring to the beginning of the vigil Thursday night. "We've gotten confirmation from about every major media organization in Iowa to be at the Regents meeting."

"I'd encourage students that if they want to make signs or posters that indicate their concerns that would be great," Vaughn said. "If a news reporter comes up then that's their chance to tell what they think and express their opinions."

"We encourage any faculty that wants to become involved to come on down and get involved," Vaughn said.

"The best promotion for this is probably word of mouth," Buchanan said. "Chris and I are going to try to contact a lot of the RAs across campus. They'll have an effect on their residents."

Mike Nobel from Iowa State University has also played an important part in the organization of the vigil and its movement to UNI. "I got a call from Mike Nobel Tuesday night and that's when Chris and I started working on it," Buchanan said. "That's when he informed us that the torch would be coming to UNI." Wilcox estimated that about 50 students from Iowa State were planning to show up at the UNI vigil.

"We've got a candle lit from down there," Vaughn said in reference to the movement of the vigil from the University of Iowa to UNI. "There was a representative from Iowa State that had a candle lit off from their candle too."

"We wanted to participate to show we're united with them," Vaughn said.

That darn gopher

KRISTA JOHNSTON / NI



The demolition of the university golf course is finally in full swing. After years of speculation, the course was sold to the state last spring to allow the expansion of Highway 58 from a two-lane to a four-lane road from University Avenue to the relocated Highway 20.

Cooperative education internships prepare students for graduation

By JENNY DOLGENER
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"We're looking to develop a few good men and women."

No, it's not the Marines ... it's the UNI Cooperative Education Program, as stated by director Allan Stamberg. Cooperative education develops students by helping them locate internships related to their major.

"Work experience is the most important thing to get," Robyn Leibold, a junior marketing major who completed an internship this summer, said. "Classes and GPA are fine but the employer is looking for work experience. It shows you've applied what you've learned."

In addition to work experience, students receive academic credit and monetary compensation for internships through cooperative education.

Just as importantly, according to Stamberg, cooperative education is a transitional stage for students. Instead of the dramatic change to a job immediately after graduation, an internship allows students to get a feel for what a future job might entail as well as helps them define their career goals and evaluate whether they've chosen the appropriate major.

"My internship has given me a perspective on what career I want," Leibold, who worked for the Ruan Grand Prix as a public relations assistant, said. "It finalized my opinion that I want to work in the racing industry and specialize in public relations."

Internships also provide students with professional connections which may help them find a permanent job after graduation.

The internship employer may wish to hire a student full time or may contact other professionals and provide high recommendations.

Finally, an internship looks

Prize-winning poet appearing Friday

By MICHELLE BOYD
NI News Writer

Pulitzer Prize-winning Iowa poet Mona Van Duyn will be presenting a poetry reading Friday at 7 p.m. at the Hearst Center for the Arts. Following the reading there will be a reception and book-signing.

Van Duyn was born in Waterloo in 1921 and grew up in Eldora. She earned a bachelor's degree from UNI in 1942. In 1943, she earned a master of fine arts degree from the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop.

Since then, Van Duyn has dedicated her life to teaching, writing poetry and editing the literary journal "Perspective" with her husband, Jarvis Thurston.

As a poet, Van Duyn has won almost every possible honor and award. Among these are the Harriet Monroe Memorial Prize, the Hart Crane Memorial Prize, the Bollinger Prize from Yale, the

great on a resume, according to Stamberg. The student with internship experience is one step ahead of his or her peers, he said.

"They've made some of their mistakes other places and are therefore a better product and less

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Shelley Memorial Prize and the Ruth Lily Poetry Prize. Van Duyn won the 1991 Pulitzer Prize for her latest volume of poems, "Near Changes."

In May, UNI awarded Van Duyn a honorary doctorate in literature.

Van Duyn's reading and reception are sponsored by the Iowa Arts Council, the Hearst Center for the Arts, Arts Alive, the UNI College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Department of English Language and Literature.

The reading and reception are free and open to the public. Seating for the reading will be limited to 85. Those interested in attending the reading should call the Hearst Center at 273-8641 and leave their name on a reservation list.

Anyone who is unable to attend the 7 p.m. reading is invited to attend the reception and book-signing at 8 p.m. No reservations are needed for the reception or book-signing.