

Editorial

Dedicated 'Boss' fans wreak campus havoc, cost university hundreds

All it takes is \$16.50. Yes, for just \$16.50 and a little patience, you too can get a Bruce Springsteen ticket.

At the same time you can join more than 400 hungry fans and block the way for pedestrians, nearly close off the only Nebraska Union entrance for handicapped people, camp in the fire lane and help destroy hundreds of dollars of landscaping.

The grounds on the south side of the union look like a refugee camp. Sleeping bags, newspapers, blankets and pillows are tossed among bodies listening to The Boss on headsets or playing backgammon. Trucks have moved out of parking stalls and now line the fire lane. Some people have dragged their bedrooms to the campus while others have unloaded their living room sofas. Smart (or more wealthy) campers have set up tents. Others have huddled under plastic shelters to escape recent rain.

A UNL Police Department spokesman said the crowd seems to be well-behaved, but he said he has some reservations about how the weekend will go. Football Saturday is rolling in and he said he expects people from all over the state to join the ticket vigil.

Behavior has nothing to do with the damage that is being done to the landscape. Bud Dasenbrock, director of the grounds department, said the department doesn't have enough money to pick up litter, let alone to replace the lawn and shrubbery that's been lost.

"It could be a disaster in the gains we've made in the last five years," he said. "This is not a campground. There's already hundreds of dollars worth of damage and it could go into the thousands. I consider it a disaster."

For the University Program

Council, sponsor of the Nov. 18 concert, and Bruce himself, the landslide response is probably a victory. Gail DiSabatino of the council said she expected some campers, but not as many as have shown up. DiSabatino said the council and the promoter did not foresee problems when they decided to only sell tickets at the Nebraska Union in order to court student response.

But students are responding. Are the campers really interested in the Springsteen concert or are they skipping classes and work just so they can be part of the mystique? Is this a 1980s interpretation of Woodstock? Are six tickets, costing \$16.50 a shot, really worth disrupting pedestrian traffic, blocking entrances, causing fire hazards and destroying university property?

If you're one of the campers, the answer would probably be yes. For the rest of the university, no.

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Media pursues campaign trivia, ignores pertinent election issues

Well the season is almost over. The season I'm referring to is not autumn, nor the hunting season, although

paings to do something that others are allowed to do for free — throw insults at each other.

raise taxes; Mondale is not going to gouge social services. Reagan is not too old; Mondale is not a wimp. And so on.

We've learned that the presidential and vice-presidential candidate can stand for 90 minutes and not fall on their faces (at least not literally).

I'd be really interested if one of those number-crunching pollsters could turn their research to analyzing how many campaign statements are ever followed up.

We've learned that President Reagan doesn't wear make-up on television and Walter Mondale does, and that both have a faithful following of hecklers.

This year, the networks also have gotten into the "vote" act. One CBS ad is particularly striking. We see shots of the Iwo-Jima statue depicting the raising of the flag on the island and the narrator says, "They've done the hard part. All we have to do is vote." It's not as easy as one might think; it would be easier if we really had something to vote for.

We've learned that we can read hundreds of polls before voters go to the polls, and still know nothing about the candidates.

What about the "substantive" issues? On those we've learned what they're not going to do (supposedly). Reagan is not going to

We've learned nothing new.

Elizabeth Burden

we have been hunting for something that's elusive. The almost year-long election season is close to its end. Let's see what the voters may have learned.

Voters may have learned that presidential and senatorial candidates can spend millions of dollars in television advertising cam-

Campus Quotes

Did the presidential debate affect the way you are going to vote?



James Coker
freshman
undeclared
"No. As far as I'm concerned, Mondale is saying the same things as Reagan, but he (Mondale) doesn't really stand for them. I think he's lying. Reagan is telling the truth as far as I'm concerned. I like his policies."



Joe Maeng
freshman
architecture
"No. I just caught part of it, so I couldn't tell much. But Reagan could sell a bucket of water to a drowning man. He's more of an entertainer, whereas Mondale speaks in a monotone. He seems to have bored everybody."



Eric Lane
sophomore
psychology
"Not really because I think I was pretty set before the debate. I think what the candidates say is just to get the consensus of the public. Once they're elected, they're going to change their whole format."



Karl Magwire
senior
broadcasting
"I was pretty set on the candidate I already wanted. But it did reinforce things a little bit."



Leslie Woroniecki
Servant of Jesus
Grand Rapids, Mich.
"I heard it on the radio, but I'm not going to vote. Jesus said my kingdom's not of this world. I'm living for another kingdom. Jesus said you must be born again."

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