

The Written Word

The written word is very powerful. A journalist should certainly realize this, but sometimes he forgets. He must ask himself if he has ever written anything that really hurt someone and was completely untrue, unfounded and misrepresented. He hopes not.

Vote Today

Today is the ASUN election. The Daily Nebraskan encourages everyone to vote. The rest of this page, the day of the election, is devoted to letters to the editor.

Campus Opinion

Tombstone Not PSA's

**Dear Editor:**  
In speaking for the Party for Student Action (PSA) we would like to emphasize the fact that the Tombstone Epitaph was not a PSA paper and that no PSA money or workers were involved in the paper.

**PSA member**

'Mature Student Government'

**Dear Editor:**  
Throughout the election campaign "mature student government" has been the watchword for all executive candidates.

**Student Maturity**  
One brand of student maturity was demonstrated Monday morning in a "new campus newspaper."

If this paper demonstrated the extent of our commitment to maturity, then I think it is time for all of us to return to junior high and fight out our differences on the playground.

When University students stoop so low that they have to turn a student government election into a name-calling campaign, then it is time to abolish student government.

**Campus Politicians**  
When campus politicians decry a biased student newspaper and then publish their own four-page character assassination of the editor and the two opposing political parties, then it is time to abolish student government.

When supporters of one political party are so afraid of another that they have to resort to a series of half-truths, name-calling, and scare tactics, then it is time to abandon common logic.

If this is the only way that mature University students have to settle their differences, then I am ashamed that I am a University student.

**Malicious**  
The "Tombstone Epitaph" was supposedly intended as a satire. Some of it was funny. Some of it was outright malicious.

In the "Epitaph", Mr. Wahlgren states; "However, Mr. Kreuzer and his dictatorship have gone a great deal further than merely insulting the mentality of the student body. Through calculated political subversion, the Nebraskan has attempted to make and break political parties through the intimidation of individual candidates."

Mr. Wahlgren went on to suggest that a Daily Nebraskan representative, (unnamed in the epitaph) tried to viciously subvert John Wirth, a Student Senate candidate, by suggesting that he support Ron Pfeifer.

**Her Cousin**  
This "vicious subverter" lived in the same town as John. They went to school together since first grade. She is his first cousin. But you forgot to mention that. The discussion between these two people had nothing to do with the Daily Nebraskan and furthermore, the person in question went on to campaign for her cousin.

Come now, Mr. Wahlgren! Can you really be that naive? Do you always open your mouth before you hear all the story? In fact, did you even bother to ask Mr. Wirth about the story?

You should be very ashamed of your actions Mr. Wahlgren. I hope you will never again tell me or my fellow students how someone else slants the facts.

**Very Powerful**  
Words can be very powerful. It is extremely regrettable that you have chosen this way to carry out your personal vendetta against Wayne Kreuzer, Ron Pfeifer, and SDS.

In the "Epitaph", you championed the ideal of "rational thought." It is very unfortunate that you ignored "common sense" when you put out your paper.

I feel very sorry for you.

**Ed Bervin**

Life On Campus

**Dear Editor:**  
The positive functions of the Tombstone Epitaph is that it shows further evidence of life on the Nebraska campus. The fact that its "satire was adolescent and heavyhanded, and that its orientation toward conspiracy theory was naive at best," was obvious enough that discerning, inquiring students will find the Epitaph to be only of transitory interest.

Epitaph contributors have evidenced their own powerless state at being in the small minority that supports intolerance and tokenism, to a much greater degree than they showed any kind of insight.

**David Sallach**

PAO Endorsed

**Dear Editor:**  
Recognizing that student government must have experienced and dynamic leaders in order to effectively serve all the students, we the undersigned hereby endorse Ron Pfeifer, Liz Atken and Jerry Olson for the offices of president, first vice-president and second vice-president of ASUN respectively.

Pam Hedgecock  
Ladd Lonquist  
Ann Winkle  
Chris Carlson  
Dot Sato  
Doug Miller  
Nesha Neumeister  
Tom Briggs  
Lora Tredway  
Bob Tucker  
Ruth Hagedorn  
Sandy Hinman  
John O'Hanlon  
Susie Diffenderfer  
F. C. Green  
Ann Van Steenberg  
Terry Grasmick  
Ann Boyle  
Sid Logeman  
Carol Madison  
Bill Harding  
Gayle Malmquist  
Bruce Mason  
Cathie Shattuck  
John Fryar  
Bill Minier  
Jan Itkin  
Sandy Lovell  
Susie Williams  
Kaye Kersenbrock

Kris Bitner  
Kelley Baker  
Susie Phelps  
Judy Mahar  
Carol Muddget  
Wayne Moles  
Mary Wenke  
Rod McCall  
Bill Blankenship  
Jennifer Marshall  
Ron Majors  
Cindy Pauley  
Carla McGhie  
Rich Hilsabeck  
Charlie Langhoff  
Carol Johnson  
Janet Rahn  
Laura Partsch  
Ron Psota  
Audrey Henninger  
Jim Guretzky

Dave Buntain  
Larry Grossman  
Roger Stark  
Eileen Wirth  
Sue Helgeson  
Sue Pettis  
Cheryl Miller

PSA Endorsed

**Dear Editor:**  
Having considered all candidates and their positions, it is our feeling that Dick Schulze, Gene Pokorny and Mimi Rose are the best ASUN executive candidates.

**Nebraska Editorial**  
As the Daily Nebraskan said in its editorial of March 10:  
"Schulze in many ways has the year's hardest job — designer and implementer of the Student Bill of Rights. He has shown throughout the year his careful devotion to detail, accuracy and seldom found mixture of practicality and idealism. It is likely that such a plan would have never gone further than a student idea if it weren't for him."

This commendation of Dick Schulze has been confirmed for us because during the campaign no other candidate has exhibited the understanding and insight that are going to be so crucial next year if the Bill of Rights is to become a reality.

**'Total Education'**  
In supporting Gene Pokorny for 1st Vice-President, we again turn to the Daily Nebraskan of March 10:  
"Pokorny to a great extent is responsible for making the University student's present concern with education and its value a campus issue. He was one of the first to coin the term "total education" and to explain what it should mean."  
The organization of the Free University and the leadership in organizing an effective Arts & Sciences' Student Advisory Board are to a large degree (due to) Pokorny's work and intelligence."

**Borne Truth**  
Here again the campaign in the last few weeks has borne out the truth of these statements. Only Pokorny can provide the executive leadership that will effectively make improvement of the quality of education on our campus one of the key goals of student government.  
We support Mimi Rose for 2nd vice-president because of her experience in both ASUN and AWS. She will be able next year to provide both organizations with a mature understanding of the roles of both within our university community.  
Her experience on the ASUN Legislative Liason and Research Committee will also greatly help ASUN continue to fulfill its role as a representative of the student body to the state.  
This then is the executive ticket we think ASUN needs next year if it is to actively take a role in improving our university community.

Linda Mahoney  
Dede Darland  
Marian Sickleuer  
Barbara Ahlschwede  
Peggy Blue  
Janet Conneil  
Carolyn Freeman  
Ted Suhr  
Carol Welsh  
Mickey Brazeal  
Andrea Warren  
Candy May

Jeff Kushner  
Gary Niebauer  
G. Richard Russell  
Darryl Gless  
Tom Spilker  
Mike Nerud  
Elaine Kallos  
Brian Ridenour  
Jim Ludwig  
Bruce Bailey  
Jackie Dedendorf  
Roger Roemmlich  
Peggy Kaufman

Rasmussen Endorsed

**Dear Editor:**  
As Business Administration students, we feel that Dave Rasmussen is an excellent candidate for the Student Senate from the College of Business Administration. He has shown leadership and representative ability as ASUN delegate to the model United Nations, as a member of the Junior IFC, and as a member of his fraternity.

Dave has shown his ability by becoming one of the few freshmen at the University to become a senior division debate squad member. He is also a very good scholar as shown by his 3.6 average.

Dave has many ideas for improving the contact between students in Business Administration and their senators. We feel that Dave's progressive leadership and concern for the students of the University will become a big asset if he is elected to the Student Senate. For these reasons, we strongly support Dave in the election.

Chuck Elles  
Jim Loos  
Mike May  
Ron Dunn  
Terry SchAAF

Neumeister, Spangler Endorsed

**Dear Editor:**  
I should like to take this opportunity to support two student senators for re-election. While holding two distinct and sometimes directly opposite views, these senators have shown themselves to be diligent and dedicated. They are Neshha Neumeister and Al Spangler.

Nesha Neumeister performed conscientiously and ably both in committee work and on the floor of the Senate.

Miss Neumeister was almost singlehandedly responsible for the Summer Reading Course which allows students to gain college credit for a reading list of books read over the summer and passing a test upon return to school in the fall. There will not be the need to attend a single lecture period. This concept of independent

study has become increasingly popular in the more progressive educational institutions around the country. Miss Neumeister deserves our appreciation for her dedication on this and many other pertinent committee projects.

Al Spangler is one of the most skilled and able floor debaters in student government annals. His supreme intellect and his long hours of work on the Student Conduct Committee did much to make the document the fine one it is.

**Bob Samuelson**  
2nd Vice President, ASUN

Teachers Students Endorsed

**Dear Editor:**  
Having interviewed all of the candidates for Teachers College Senators and for the Teachers College Advisory Board, these education organizations — Council for Exceptional Children, Mu Epsilon Nu, Pi Lambda Theta and the University of Nebraska Student Education Association — wish to make the following recommendations based on the candidates' experience in ASUN and their ideas for ASUN and Teachers College:

For ASUN Senators from Teachers College:  
Ed Bervin, Kris Bitner, Susan Deitemeyer, Barb Doerr, John Hall, Diane Hicks, Jane Klimes, Kathy Kuester, Helen Larsen, Linda Zimmerman.

For Teachers College Advisory Board:  
Brad Baltensperger, Dennis Beckmann, Linda Jeffrey, Kent Oates, Cindy Pauley, Susie Thompson.

**Jan Connell, CEC President**  
**Dave Martin, MEN President**  
**Diana Focht, Pi Lambda Theta President**  
**Carol Potter, UNSEA President**

Reply By This Method

**Dear Editor:**  
Inasmuch as the green sheet does not give outside parties a chance to reply to its editorial fantasies (which is entirely consistent with its politics, of course; for example, it is not willing to allow the student to choose his living quarters either), it is necessary to reply through this method.

**Available**  
One hardly knows how to reply, however. Some lies are so broad, so large, that the problem of picking a place to begin is a real one. For example, Davidson's paper on student syndicalism, which the green sheet claims has been a great secret of The Daily Nebraskan, has been available from the local chapter of SDS all year. Indeed, we regularly give it away at our literature booth.

Again, it is claimed that The Nebraskan is the voice of SDS and that it has constantly espoused our cause this, despite the fact that the Nebraskan recommended only two of the SDS candidates.

Again, it is claimed that Davidson's paper is the official plan of SDS "to take over the campus." This, despite the fact that the paper is not and never has been the policy of National SDS but is merely Carl's opinion. That many in SDS agree with him is true enough. But the organization is predicated on the premise that no national figure, no officer, no individual can ever presume to speak for any other member.

**No Plans**  
And indeed SDS has no plans to take over the campus. Our only wish is for the students to take over the responsibility for their own lives: not the administration, not PSA, not SDS — the individual student.

I am glad, however, that the green sheet was kind enough to reiterate over and over and over again that they were not, repeat not, actually going so far as to call us communists, for this is true enough. The objection that most of SDS has to the Communist Party is that the party is determined to do its brand of 'good' for the people whether the people wish it or not. This of course is our objection to Dean Ross and the administration and to the PSA. These people wish to force others to swallow their private brand of good.

We hold that only the individual knows his brand of good and that he should have the freedom to choose it. Of course, as the green sheet points out, this is "a Jeffersonian eighteenth century ideal which no longer exists." Quite so... which is what concerns us. That the SDS position, which is that every man should have the power to make those decisions that affect his life, is a radical one is a sad commentary on things as they are.

**Green Sheet**  
The green sheet may happily prepare for the twenty-first century by practicing marching in lock-step if it chooses. SDS prefers freedom.

And there are more lies than these in their sheet: lies of detail, lies of innuendo, lies of tone. But one does not wish to continue to reply to each separate lie, for one does too much honor to the teller by doing so. What one objects to is not so much the individual lie, not so much the slander, not even so much the utter contempt the paper shows for the intelligence of its readers. What one objects to in the end is the appalling realization that the sponsors of the green sheet do not realize that their conduct is questionable.

Surely, somewhere at sometime in their lives, matters of ethics, of morality, of simple honesty must have been mentioned to these people.

**Cater Chamblee**

**Irrational Monster Is Stomping**  
**Dear Editor,**  
Students beware! A monster of irrationality is now stomping through our beloved campus. Easily identified by large green trashsheets, the monster purports to eliminate all other forms of irrationality and prejudices which have previously existed on the campus. Instead it offers an alternative—the mighty green thing will usurp all bias and prejudicial powers on campus and unify it into one rather large green heap. How nice!

**Objective Analysis**  
Perhaps it is time for an attempted objective analysis of the alarmists movement on campus. The irony of the entire situation is that the Tombstone is the victim of the very thing it wishes to expose or alleviate—emotionalism.

The Dead Sheet attacks the editorials of the Nebraskan for reflecting the views and the prejudices of the editor. Profound, no! Editorials, even those in the Green Sheet, are supposed to reflect the views and, inevitably, the prejudices of the editor.

More important for all alarmists to note is the "calculated" attempt by the Nebraskan to "make and break political parties through intimidation of individual candidates." The question naturally arises which parties (actually there is only one) and which candidates? It cannot be denied that the Nebraskan has covered the work of both leading candidates, Schulze and Pfeifer, during their work in the Senate this year, and more especially Schulze who has done a very commendable job in the development of the Student Bill of Rights, the major issue. Then who is being intimidated?

**Campus Takeover**  
The Epitaph's concrete examples of a campus takeover (similar to "Seven Days in May") should be of

concern to ALL students. They cite: The vocal Senate minority (what is the silent Senate majority doing?), the general attitude of the Daily Nebraskan (and what of the general attitude of the Epitaph?), and the monopoly of Hyde Park (perhaps the monopoly exists because no one else bothers to show up), evidently because they have no interests or nothing to say. It is ridiculous to claim that Hyde Park has been taken over by anyone.

They cite: (1) The vocal Senate minority. Question: what's wrong with being either vocal or minority? Question: Is the silent Senate majority more of a concrete example? (2) The general attitude of the Daily Nebraskan. Question: What is the general attitude of the Daily Nebraskan? Question: What is the general attitude of the Tombstone Epitaph? (3) The monopoly of Hyde Park. Question: Is anyone prevented from registering to speak at Hyde Park? Question: Does not the monopoly of one group cause enough concern in others for them to participate equally?

**Faulty Logic**  
It must be admitted that there is logic in the Tombstone Epitaph—faulty logic to be sure, but logic nevertheless. It may be of some consolation that the views represented in the Green Sheet (probably symbolic of envy) are those of only a few individuals who lack the sense of justice to present accurately the factual issues of the ASUN campaign. It remains for the clear-sighted student to see through the McCarthyistic sham that is the Epitaph and determine for themselves the real qualities of both candidates and issues involved in the campaign.

**Ladd Lonquist**

Tombstoners Called 'Hypocrites'

**Dear Editor:**  
If it is true that you "ran screaming from the building when Tombstone appeared", then you are to be commended for not endorsing a radical, irresponsible, and mud-slinging publication.

**Hypocrites**  
If Gary Wahlgren, Ron Shaffer, Ron Bellamy, Bob Steele, Liz Itchin, and Bag Piper (whoever they may be) consider themselves representatives of the "Progressive, Responsible, Practical" elements of this campus, then they must be denounced and exposed as hypocrites.

Since Shaffer and Milligan used the French socialist movement in their denunciation of SDS, I would also like to make an analogy. The purpose of the Tombstone Epitaph with such headlines as "SDS Manifesto for Campus Take-over", and "SDS vs. Responsible Government" obviously to instill fear, hatred, and radical re-action against SDS is very similar to the "Red Scare" that took place following World Wars I and II.

Perhaps these people would like to ship all suspicious looking NU students to Berkeley, similar to the action of Attorney-General Mitchell Palmer, who in 1920 rounded up 5,000 Americans "who looked like Anarchists" loaded them on a ship and dumped them at the port of Leningrad, Russia.

**SDS Take-over**  
There is absolutely no basis for fearing a SDS take-over of Nebraska campus government. The group obviously doesn't have that much support and its aims are based upon American principles of democracy and freedom and not upon Bolshevik principles of power and totalitarian dictatorship. The only fear is that students might take over control of ASUN—thereby depriving the power.

As for mud-slinging—the slogan "Think Green Stamp out dull, dirty SDS!" is obviously a good example. Personally, I have never considered an SDS member as dirty—and certainly no one can consider them dull! There is no basis for this type of name calling and it definitely is not the mark of a respectable campaign for student government. It is radical and completely lacks any rational basis.

The letter to Terry Schaff from Norbert Tiemann was a low blow. It threw no light on any of the logical arguments against the SDS platform. It was purely an emotional appeal; and I, for one, will feel very emotional about how our Governor was impressed by our responsible student body when I fill out my check for tuition next semester.

**No Bill of Rights**  
Before closing, I might mention that I do not belong to SDS and I too am opposed to parts of its platform. However, as a responsible, progressive student I am aware of the fact that there might not even be a Bill of Rights if it weren't for SDS. The death of this organization will not come through reactionary measures but it will come when the responsible, progressive elements of the SDS creed are adopted by a more respectable campus political group. The writers of Tombstone Epitaph do not belong in this category.

**David Bunnell**

Personal Vendetta Described

**Dear Editor:**  
As a freshman the ASUN campaign has been a totally new experience for me.

I have heard many of the debates between the candidates for the major office. My question is this: What right has one candidate to ask another if he is moral (Hyde Park, Thursday, April 6)? I feel that it is painfully obvious that office-seeker Thompson is carrying out a personal vendetta against Dick Schulze. I believe that this is a degradation of the position sought after. It has no place among intelligent human beings who are supposedly posting their beliefs as to how they can improve the present University through ASUN. If mudslinging is the only prerequisite for an ASUN office, then by all means, I shall cast my vote for Rich Thompson and all others who employ his methods.

For all those who condone the above mentioned tactic I'm sure you're wondering if I wear my PSA button on my left or right ear. Forget it because you won't find one in my possession since I am actively working for the election of another ticket.

**Andy Corrigan**