

# to the editor

## Unedited, unabridged

Dear Editor:

Upon reading Gary Seacrest's article of April 28, concerning the selection of UNL yell squad members, I was astonished by his total neglect of responsibility as a journalist. Whether or not he knew all the facts concerning the selection of this year's yell squad members before writing his article, I have no way of knowing. However, I certainly hope that he would not knowingly write such a totally biased article.

In the above mentioned article, Seacrest quite conveniently left out the fact that five of the nine men trying out for the one male vacancy were Greeks (four of whom were members of Theta Xi fraternity). Thus, even if the new member would have been picked by drawing straws, there was better than a 50 per cent chance of a Greek being selected.

Apparently Seacrest also has a knack for changing quotations (as well as taking them out of context) to suit his own biased reporting. By checking back, I found that the remark referring to the UNL cheerleaders was made by an Oklahoma scout, and read, "The only thing I saw about Nebraska that wasn't the greatest was their cheerleaders" *Daily Nebraskan*, Nov. 23, 1971), not "The only thing wrong..." This remark was obviously intended as a compliment to a fine football team, not as a petty slam to the cheerleaders.

How could anyone who calls himself a sports writer pretend to believe that a football coach, particularly a scout, really watches the opposition's cheerleaders? It is reporting of this nature which has cost the *Daily Nebraskan* a good deal of its credibility among the University community.

Mark Hunzeker  
Theta Xi Fraternity

P.S. Considering the fact that there have already been two articles (a letter and Seacrest's one-half page blast) expressing the opposite viewpoint of this letter, I believe that my letter should be published without being edited by you or your staff. However, I don't think you have the guts to print this without cutting it up, so if you use my letter in any less than complete form please just use my initials instead of my full name.

*Editor's note: Seacrest commented on the yell squad in his opinion column which appears regularly on the Daily Nebraskan sports page.*

### Brotherhood?

Dear editor:

I would like to write this as an open letter to William Tuning, one of the Cornhusker Yell Squad's faculty sponsors.

I would like to say that I was more than somewhat taken aback by Tuning's statement in last Friday's *Daily Nebraskan* that in such matters as yell squad tryouts "the Greeks care more."

I saw this year's yell squad tryouts. I saw the person who was chosen to fill the male position not even smile, but actually shrug his shoulders when the announcement was made. I also saw another of the candidates (an independent), who had seemed to me, and everyone I talked with, vastly superior in talent and enthusiasm, nearly break down in tears when the Theta Xi "brother" was chosen.

That non-Greek who "didn't care" had seven months of hopes and practice shot down the drain in our clique's 10-second announcement.

But I agree with Tuning that "the Greeks care more," or at least the Theta Xi's care more. They care more that their hallowed fraternity "brotherhood" be preserved than that quality be even considered.

I'm really sorry that Tuning has seen fit to go at such matters with his eyes closed. Someday he just may open them in time and run flat into a cement wall, which may have already happened.

Ron Brand

### Ethno-centric myopia

Dear editor:

I applaud the recent College of Arts and Sciences faculty decision to retain the language requirement. I am not in sympathy with the arguments against retention—they strike me as examples of ethno-centric myopia.

If any change should be made, the language requirement should be increased to three years. Under those circumstances, the requirement would serve the purpose for which it is intended—to give the student a good exposure to another culture through language study and enable him to use the language in his education. However, retention of the two-year requirement is at least a partial achievement of that goal.

Dave Gake

### Political opportunism

In Omaha April 26, 1972, State Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh announced his support for South Dakota Sen. George McGovern for the Democratic nomination for President.

It is interesting to note that Sen. DeCamp, who is seeking election as an uncommitted delegate to the

Democratic national convention in July, originally intended to file committed to Maine Sen. Edmund Muskie. However, the Muskie organization in Nebraska persuaded Sen. DeCamp to file uncommitted. By so doing, they had hoped to avoid a ballot with too many people committed to Senator Muskie which would have split the vote—lessening Muskie's chances to win convention delegates in the May 9 primary.

Due to declining support, Senator Muskie withdrew from the race for the Democratic nomination as an active candidate April 27, 1972, one day after Sen. DeCamp's inspiring announcement that he would now support Sen. McGovern.

Political opportunism is alive and well in Nebraska in 1972. I find Sen. DeCamp's actions inconsistent with the honesty, truth and candor that I believe Sen. McGovern stands for.

Jerry E. Lowe

### Let's be consistent

Dear editor:

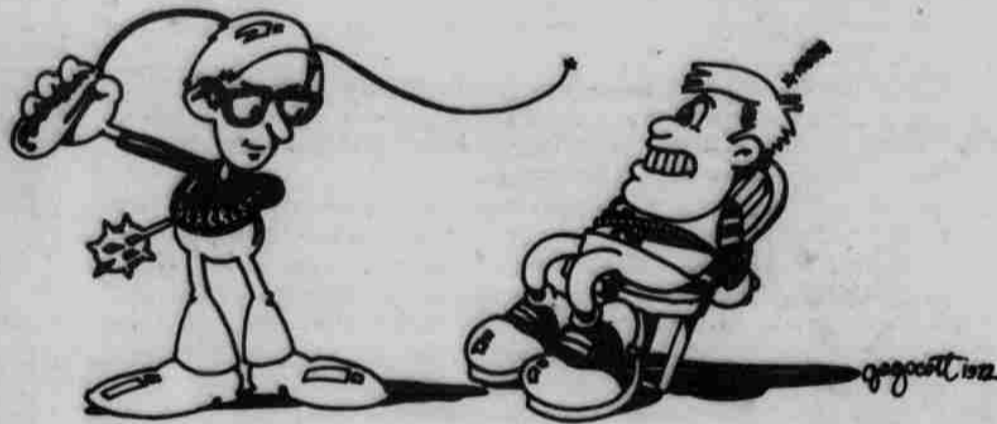
"I'm fed up with old men dreaming up wars for our young to die in..." says McGovern. Great. But, does he really mean it? I'm fed up with young and old people demonstrating in streets or making speeches about Vietnam and the immorality of our massacres; each trying to compete: who criticized first and who is going to get us out first, etc...

Meanwhile, they turn their backs and promise more phantom jets and napalm to our good old friend Israel, like South Vietnam, digging another war and killing more innocent people. War is bad in Indo-China, but good in the Mid-East. Killing is immoral in Vietnam, but burning people with napalm is moral in the Mid-East... all for peace?

Is it really war and peace or is it the votes of five million very influential and rich American Jews in New York City that concern McGovern and others like him? It seems more logical and fair therefore to re-elect the president; at least he is more consistent; he creates wars everywhere and doesn't discriminate between Indo-China and Mid-East as McGovern and others like him do.

Joseph Cohen

## now another episode in THE GREAT CHEERLEADER INQUISITION



*The authors, known to the students they serve as Ron and Linda, are employed by the University Health Center as Health Aides.*

Not one student has survived four years of University life without some health need. How many of you needed someone to talk to concerning classes, work, lack of time, family personal relationships or illness? Perhaps it was the sprained ankle or cold that required health care.

Over the last 15 years, the UNL Health Center has expanded its service to the students through the use of Health Aides. Health Aides are students living in dormitories, Greek houses and co-ops who are readily available for help concerning physical, social, emotional and environmental aspects of health.

Perhaps their most important role is communication. Health Aides serve as a liaison between the Health Center and students. The Health Aide brings to the students' attention the availability of services at the Health Center; i.e., medical, mental health, dental health and environmental health services, physical therapy and student insurance. Particular emphasis is placed on the Health Aide relating the confidential nature of the Health Center's services.

The success of the Health Aide depends on his ability to relate positively to the students. The Health Aide must advertise his presence to students and his willingness to help. Recently, Health Aides spoke at their living units' meetings, put up posters, and told their friends to spread the word. Even with this, the Health Aide must show the students he wants to help. A Health Aide's friendly smile and warm personality helps gain the trust, confidence and friendships of the students whom he serves.

The individual Health Aide is the key to the success of the program. For this reason, care is taken in their selection. Candidates are screened by the present Health Aides and the Health Aide staff for characteristics such as interest in health, communication ability and a desire to help others. The applicant must have taken a course in first aid, or similar training prior to the Health Aide training program. Through the student's one-year term as a Health Aide, he takes a public health class.

He can provide first aid service, assist with minor emotional and physical problems, assist in identifying health problems, make appropriate referrals to medical services, participate in environmental health and safety factors and promote health through educational efforts. The Health Center staff is readily available for help with any problem.

Once a month Health Aides meet in small groups to discuss problems they have encountered and determine solutions. Out of these groups emerge concerns on how to help students with alcohol problems, suicide threats, pregnancies, hygiene problems and various emotional stress, besides the regular physical concerns. Also, each semester a program concerning a health topic is organized by a Health Aide for the students in the living units. Speakers, films and pamphlets are used to broaden the students' knowledge and perspective of health problems. Health Aides receive one credit hour each semester for the public health course they take. Also, the student receives \$20 a month as an employee of the Health Center for the academic year he serves.

The most interesting aspect of this program is the new awareness that a Health Aide achieves of himself and fellow students. Health Aides comment on their learning with phrases like "It is really satisfying," or "Students do come to me for help," and "I learned a lot I can use later on."

Each year the Health Aides become more important as the population of the University increases and the Health Center's size remains unchanged. The Health Center has validated the program with statistical evidence and finds the Health Center can be used more efficiently because of the efforts of Health Aides.

The Health Aide fulfills an important role in the health promotion and health education of his peers. The program in turn offers the Health Aide many rewards.

Students interested in learning more about becoming a Health Aide should call 472-2102, Ext. 216. Selections of Health Aides to serve during the 1972-73 school year are almost completed at this time, but some vacancies still remain.

Being a Health Aide can be an opportunity to help others and make new friends. We feel the Aide's usefulness is unlimited and we encourage students to use their Health Aides and serve as Health Aides—to benefit themselves and their fellow students.

# guest opinion