



# to the editor

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## Lifting tax burdens

Dear Editor:  
I would like to correct two statements that appeared in the interview story in Thursday's **Daily Nebraskan** on the 27th District legislative race. I do not advocate a "piecemeal" approach to removing the property tax burden. This is what I am against. This is the way that it is being done now—one special interest group and then another getting property tax exemptions.

The present method has worked against the average citizen, as it is the largest businesses and not the individual taxpayer who has been getting the tax breaks.

Also, it is the current tax system that is hurting senior citizens—the property tax discriminates against those on a fixed income, as it does not accurately reflect an individual's ability to pay.

Therefore I support a more extensive move away from property taxes than the current piece-meal approach. This could be done by moving to a higher amount of state aid to local schools, replacing the property tax revenues with money raised from the state sales and income taxes, primarily the income taxes.

Steve Fowler

## Corn Cob corruption

Dear Editor:  
I am a student at this University and I am appalled at the audacity of

the Corn Cobs and Tassels for charging \$25 a couple to the appreciation for Bob Devaney. First of all, who do they think they are? And who do they think we, the students, are?

For that kind of money what does the pep organization wish to finance; are they intending to spend two weeks at the Fontainebleu in Miami for the Orange Bowl, all expenses paid out of their treasury, or are they trying to run somebody for president?

I appreciate the job Bob Devaney's done for the football team and I had planned to attend the appreciation dinner when it was first announced. It is my hope that these organizations will reconsider charging the prices they first set and reduce them to a more affordable charge.

Christopher Roubicek

## Nixon's sex appeal . . .

Dear Editor:

Forgive me if I'm wrong, but I thought the **Daily Nebraskan** was going to concentrate on political rather than non-political issues this election year. If this is true, could you please explain to me the necessity of theorizing a "love" scene between President and Mrs. Nixon? (Friday's editorial by Hoppe.)

Wilma G. Ennenga

*Editor's note: Hoppe's column was, of course, a satire, as are the majority of his columns. Any other interpretation is mistaken.*

## . . . and his politics

Dear Editor:

It is right and proper to speak of an election using facts as a basis for making judgments about a candidate. In his Monday editorial, however, Jim Gray goes far beyond this concept in his all-inclusive blast at Nixon.

Gray is correct in pointing a finger at the scandals that have taken place under Nixon, and voters should consider this when voting next month.

However, his other statements are irresponsible in light of the facts. Considering the wheat deal, it still has not been established that grain exporters profited greatly from the sale.

In Vietnam, Nixon has consistently followed a policy that has been supported by a majority of the people



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according to all the public opinion polls.

Our supposed "soaring inflation rates" have been slowed by the very wage and price controls that most Democratic leaders urged in the spring and summer of 1971, and our inflation rate is still lower than any other western industrial nation. Gray wants his cake and eats it too, because he attacks Nixon for vetoing public works bills that would have made inflation worse.

Blaming Nixon for "worth of the dollar", unemployment, and a "sagging economy" is totally without foundation. Few presidents have ever taken as strong initiative in the world monetary system to effect a new realistic world currency, and he has been applauded in financial circles for his work on our balance of payments problem.

The U.S. economy has rebounded strongly in 1972, and economists say

this will continue into 1973. In no way do we have a sagging economy right now.

My last point concerns Gray's charge of presidential politics in Nixon's "campaigning" abroad. Every president who has ever traveled at all could be accused of this, and so could some senators (Edward Kennedy, for example). When Gray points out that the trips to Russia and China were within one year of the election, he is not criticizing the value of these trips themselves but their timing.

After an editorial that strays as far from documented fact as this one did on Monday, I hope the **Daily Nebraskan** will make equal time available.

Ken Cobb

*Editor's note: The Daily Nebraskan has run frequent columns and editorials which praised the President this year, including a three-quarters page column by John Vihstadt Sept. 20.*

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