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**to the
editor**

Dear Editor,
I have never before questioned the use of student fees for the Daily Nebraskan, but I vigorously protest the use of these funds to print the radical propaganda of John Vihstadt.

I am an independent and believe a college newspaper should present a forum of ideas and issues of importance to the student body, but I am becoming increasingly upset over the lopsided amount of coverage given to Vihstadt and the Grand Old Party.

I respect Vihstadt's thorough research and ability to present one side of an issue with authority, but I think your readers deserve an account of the other side's position.

It might be of interest to some readers that Nixon was nearly dropped from his party's ticket in 1972 due to charges of corruption. He also was attacked in 1964 on the basis of a \$205,000 loan from the Hughes Tool Company, a major defense contractor during Nixon's term as vice-president, to his brother. This was one of the issues that cost him the election for governor in his home state of California.

Another note of interest is that it cost Nixon \$24 million to be elected in 1968, a record figure, and that big business has contributed heavily to his campaign since his early days in California politics.

Add to this the Watergate episode, the ITT fiasco and the "secret" contributions of \$10 million and the red, white and blue picture of Richard Nixon becomes a little discolored. It is a credit to his committee for re-election that Nixon has been

white-washed cleaner than Gene McCarthy. This would indeed seem to be a monumental task.

Larry Bobciz

Editor's note: Vihstadt's column runs weekly in the Daily Nebraskan. The newspaper has two more liberal columnists, Arthur Hoppe and Michelle Coyle, who also appear weekly. Editorial commentary runs daily and guest opinion columns and staff opinion columns run on a weekly basis. Letters to the editor usually run twice a week.

Harmless prank?

Dear editor,
I noted with some interest your comments about the "harmless prank" foisted off on all of us by the card section last Saturday. I agree. The messages were harmless. But the results certainly may not turn out to be so free from harm.

In the first place, the person who designed the card show that was supposed to go on last Saturday initially was blamed by many who had no reason to believe that he had not designed the flashes. His reputation, however great or small the injury to it was, was besmirched.

We in our band try very hard to maintain the best of relations with other bands in this conference, so that when we visit their campus we can at least hope to get civilized treatment. Whatever the Marching Mizzou thought, if the card show in any way was in the nature of ill will, our band was to some extent injured.

If those jerks who pulled this prank hadn't done it in the first place, then Kiewit's mouthpiece would have had nothing more than usual to disseminate round the state on how many long-haired, hippy, radical anarchists are trying to take over our beloved University or disparage Big Red.

What if next time they spread f-k all over the card section in bright red letters 40 rows high on a bright yellow background? Now that might not offend you. It offends me. But what you or I think doesn't make a whole lot of difference.

What is important is a lot of those wonderful Big Red fans who gripe when they think they're going to have to put out those tax dollars for an addition to academia around here, are going to be offended.

Harmless prank? Look beyond your nose to all the possible ramifications. Clearly, we can't allow this to happen again.

Tom Simpson
UNL band

Ecological zeros

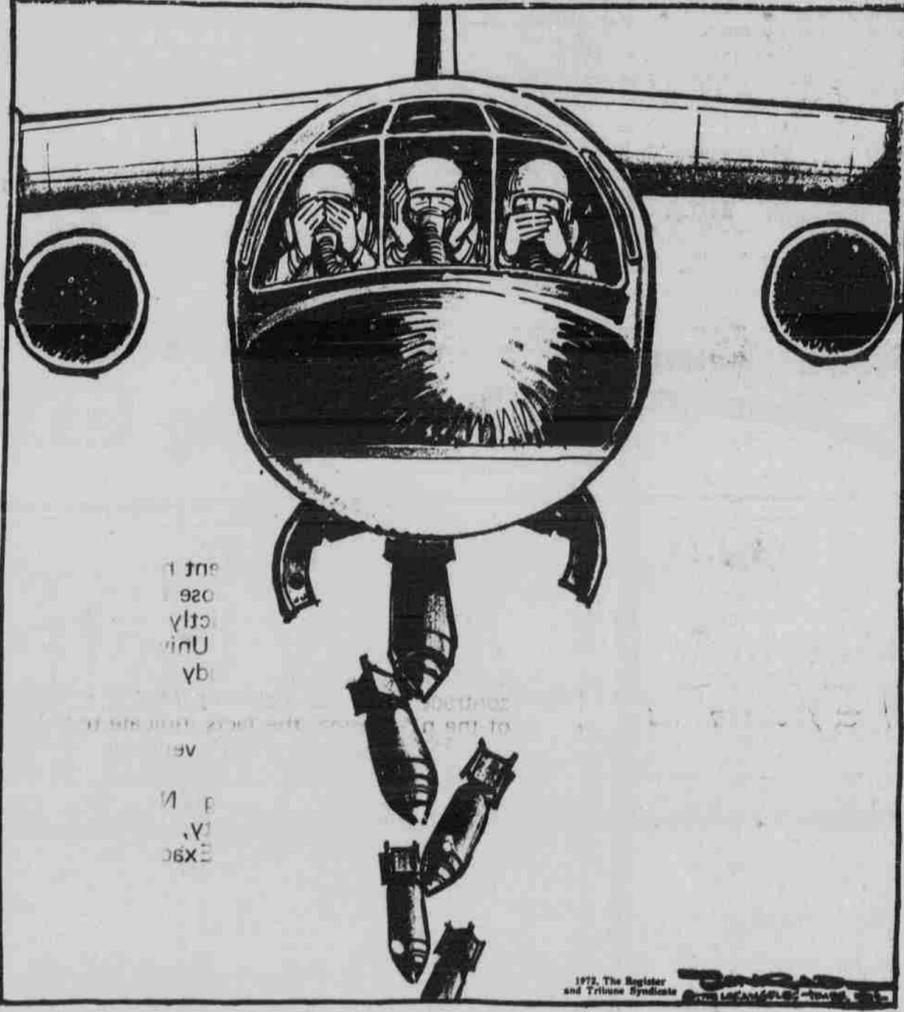
Dear editor,
I do not understand why any of the college age voters would want to vote for the incumbents in the congressional delegation or the state legislature.

A recent issue of "Outdoor Life" magazine ranked the Nebraska congressional delegation at the bottom of the barrel nationally because of the delegation's attitude in the areas of conservation and ecology.

But, leave it to uninformed Nebraskans to stand in apathy while their most beautiful scenery is completely wiped out in projects that will provide welfare for the rich at the taxpayers' expense—projects introduced and fully supported by Curtis, Hruska, Thone, Martin and McCollister.

Although voting out the present state and federal senators and representatives would be a negative approach to the problem, it would set the stage for selecting conservation and ecologically-minded state and federal representatives from both parties in the next election.

Loren W. Wilson



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