



to the editor

Dear Editor:

I guess I'm one of those "limousine liberals" who threw his hands up in despair at your unfortunate endorsement of Charles Thone for Congress.

It's certainly your right to endorse whichever candidate you wish, but this time you've done your readers a disservice.

Just one point—you passed over Darrel Berg because of his lack of "a knowledge of legislative processes and how to make them work for the folks back home." True enough, but how much experience did Thone himself have two years ago when he ran for the first time? If Thone has learned how to be effective in Washington, is it too much to expect Berg to as well? The issue of experience is irrelevant.

The relevant issue is, do we want another politican serving us in Washington or do we want a man who has devoted literally thirty years of his life to serving people.

Let's hope that UNL students show less political naivety than the editorial staff of your paper.

Roy Baldwin

AFROTC rebuttal

Dear editor:

In regard to a recent letter concerning the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 25) I would like to make a rebuttal.

Speaking from personal experience, AFROTC doesn't offer a free plane ride through life as suggested by Dalrymple. What is does offer is responsibility, self-improvement, a chance to serve one's country and a promising career in today's society where good jobs are rather hard to come by.

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No one I know of in the Air Force or AFROTC likes war or killing any more than such pseudo-intellectual idealists as Dalrymple. What I do know is that the present form of militarism in U.S. society today is acting as a deterrent to acts of aggression that many countries would take advantage of if given the opportunity.

Although our armed forces do have their faults, they most certainly do not glorify any facet of war. If anyone is to blame for such conflicts as those in Indo-China it is not the military, but the politicians. People sometimes forget that the military is controlled by the politicians, and the politicians are voted into office by the people.

Dalrymple talks of his deep sense of "humanity" and the "revolution," but in the context of an unrealistic, immature idea of utopian society. Well, life is no bed of roses and peace not something easily gained. Peace is a worthy goal; but must be worked for by getting involved and trying to improve a system, such as our military, from within. The fact is that people do have different values and therefore conflict, aggressions and thus militarism. Unless Dalrymple can wave his magic wand and get rid of all the unpleasantries in life, then he and people like him better do some realistic thinking and use their time more constructively in areas where they've had more experience.

The Air Force is not an inhuman, immoral system like Dalrymple states it to be. Rather is is a morally conscious, well-organized, progressive system where a person not only finds a dignity and purpose, but self improvement, teamwork and a greater concern for life. The Air Force is one branch of the service which is not only necessary to protect our society and its values, but one which I am proud to be associated with.

Jim Hollstein

East Campus apathy

Dear editor:

We feel there is no basic difference between students on East or City Campus as Ron Clingenpeel tried to say in the Oct. 26 issue of the Dally Nebraskan.

There is no way apathy can be directly measured. Clingenpeel hypothesized in a situation in which he has no real foundation. He admitted that he spends perhaps five hours per month in East Campus dorms, and no time in City Campus

dorms. What kind of basis is this to suggest we are "apathetic" more so than any other area on campus?

Clingenpeel accused East Campus students of not caring about how the University is run. Since he has spent relatively no time in our living units, I suggest he do so at times of dorm elections when over two-thirds of the students are present and voting, that he look at the figures of participation in the AUF Fast.

Ninety-seven percent of East Campus dorm students gave up a meal to make money for the drive compared to under two-thirds in other dorm living units.

In the article, it was estimated that "about one out of every 20 students from East Campus voted in the ASUN election." Upon clarification of Clingenpeel, these figures were based on all home economics and agriculture students. Less than one-fifth of the above stated students live on East Campus—a large misrepresentation of whether East Campus people were

really voting. Burr Hall on East Campus currently has two ASUN senators. That's two-fifths the allotment for agriculture and home economics. Not bad for a campus that houses less than one-fifth of the students.

An important note about elections is the national elections. Over 80 per cent of the people in East Campus dorms are registered to vote, many of them holding their absentee ballots now. The University average voter registration was much lower.

In a period of time when preservation of the environment is of great importance, the East Campus dorms can be proud that they were chosen as the University pilot re-cycling project last year.

As Clingenpeel stated in his article, "no one will hear you unless you speak, and no one will listen unless you speak with a sincere heart."

> Sharon Johnson Erna Colglazier Shelie Hartman



"Isn't he the one who said McGovern was wrong to go begging on his knees to the enemy?"