

Intellectual honesty urged

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It's time to set the record straight concerning the "intellectual" environment of the University of Nebraska. Every so often someone registers a protest concerning the relative amounts of time, energy and money (especially the latter) spent on football to the detriment of the academic improvement of the university.

That's exactly what it would be, academic. Until the people of the University of Nebraska, both professors and students (the "intellectuals" in particular), are willing to be intellectually honest in their approach to education and to reality, there isn't going to be any real education, much less an improvement.

What, specifically, am I getting at? For example, there's just no approach to psychology other than behavioral—that is until you take a course in ethology or psychobiology. The point being that we're busy learning theories without being told they're theories. Hence, the "fact" of evolution. (If you don't believe there are valid arguments to the contrary, I suggest you take a little trip to the land of intellectual honesty and read C.S. Lewis's book *Miracles*.)

The best example of all is the case of Christianity. (If you're still with me after that last sentence, maybe there's hope that you're not quite beyond the gist of what I'm saying, hope that maybe you don't like to take the preconceived notions of someone else who in all probability never based them on anything like logic or honest intellect either.) Just ask nearly anyone about the factual, intellectual basis of Christianity and they'll give the obvious answer—there is none, or what remains is riddled with contradictions. Ask that same person what he or she bases that judgment on and they'll say. . . See?

guest opinion

In conclusion, I'm going to challenge anyone honest (or courageous) enough to hear a logically-based, intellectually sound speaker on Christianity. Attend one of the lectures given by the infamous Josh McDowell. He's spoken to more college students than anyone else in the nation in the last few years and if you're actually having an intellectual problem with Christianity, then he's the man to hear.

If you have doubts or just plain don't accept this "Jesus" thing and don't investigate, then you're a case in point: The typical UNL student playing the typical game of hide and seek with the logical realities around him. So don't go if you don't want to. That way you'll prove me right.

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Frameable ASUN constitution for only a song (original, that is)

Editor's note: Mark Hoeger and Scott Svoboda are ASUN senators.

Let's get the record straight. No bones about it. It's time for a change. On the eve of America's 200th Birthday, we must reassess the function of ASUN. First, let's begin at the beginning. Let's go back to the "Good Ol' Days" when student government began.

Student government was originally set up like student council. You remember Student Council from high school, don't you? Student Council taught students how to hold meetings with **Roger's Rules of Order**, to make big decisions about where the student migration will be, what group should play for the homecoming dance, whether girls should wear jeans (to school) or if guys could comb their bangs down to their eyebrows.

Student behavior, was, in the 1960's, almost too rational for the students' own good. Students got the wild notion that there might be a real world outside the University.

Instead of a Student Council they created a student "association" that worked on such issues as protesting Vietnam (and the draft), environmental concern, the 18-year-old vote and student regents.

Good Ol' Days

The idea of the "association" was that it was not a student government but a special interest group that worked for the benefit of all the students. But thanks to alcohol and drugs we know now there is no real world. The "Good Ol' Days" are back.

Today student government is concerned with such topical issues as whether students should migrate to Iowa State instead of Boulder to save gas, whether there should be a Homecoming Queen or Homecoming King and whether boys and girls can stay together all night in dorms.

As unbelievable as it may seem, students don't

seem to care about returning to the issues of yesteryear. The divisive '60s have soured the student body and government.

Come together

What we need is something to bring us together. Something inspiring. Something to bring out the best in all of us, something to bring "that hope that springs eternal within the human breast." (A la Casey at the bat).

What we need is a song. Yes, that's right, a song. A song that will put a lump in your throat and/or a tear in your eye.

We're happy to announce the First Annual ASUN Inspirational Songwriting Contest. This year's theme is "Hand in Hand We Work Together."

ASUN opinion

Come up with an original tune or use such traditional favorites as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" or "Onward Christian Soldiers" with your lyrics. And don't be shy about it, there's a little Francis Scott Key in all of us.

Entries

Entries should be sent to ASUN, 334 Nebraska Union, postmarked no later than Feb. 14 (Lincoln's Birthday). Winners will be judged on quality and inspirational value.

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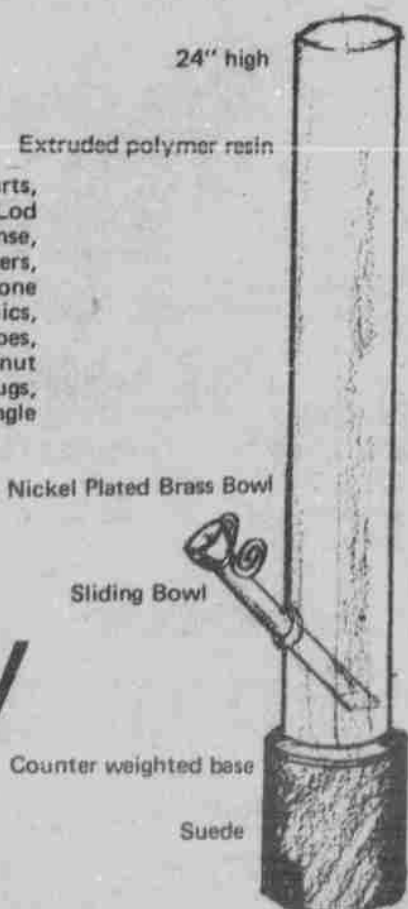


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