



to the editor

Dear editor:

Your article on Arab investments in America (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 20) contained many interesting and provocative facts. There was, however, one glaring error which must be pointed out.

You grouped Iran and the Shah of Iran with the Arab countries. Iranians are not Arabs. They are Persian and have a marvelous history and tradition which dates back over 2,000 years. Their only ties with the Arabs are religion and oil production, thus they are willing to sell oil to Israel.

Earl D. Wilson

Two-way street

Dear editor:

I was shocked at A'Jamal Byndon's article in the Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 17. I can understand that he would be upset at his fellow floor member's question, but to publicly belittle him and to use his article to let off his frustrations was going a little bit too far.

I too am a member of the white race, as is his floor member. That may color my opinion somewhat, but I believe his article was completely unfair. Although I realize that blacks (and other minorities) have a tough time at this university, A'Jamal seems to be taking the stand that "because a few whites are bad, they all are." I ask him, what would happen to a white, outnumbered 100 to one, at a black university? Probably the same things that happen to blacks here.

Admittedly, a few of my fellow whites are ignorant rednecks, liberals and bigots. But there is another side. There are also a few ignorant, rednecked, liberal bigots that are members of minorities too, but they aren't publicly degraded because of their ignorance or beliefs.

I am of the opinion that all humans are created equal and, as such, should be treated equally, but if a black person calls me "honky," I'm not likely to react favorably. Brotherhood's a two-way street, A'Jamal.

Denice Hoppmann

Heated in the cold

Dear editor:

We are writing in regards to the Coliseum seating policy during the home basketball games. We were told that it is Coliseum policy not to save seats. When we inquired why Tassels and Corncocks, Nebraska band and N-Club could save whole sections of seats, we were told by a member of Tassels that they pay extra for their section of seats.

However when we contacted Jim Pittenger, Nebraska ticket manager, he said they do not pay extra money to reserve these sections. They pay the standard student admission price of three dollars. We feel this policy is unfair to the fans who arrive early and have to wait outside in the cold for a half an hour to purchase their tickets only to discover that the only seats available are "10-yard-line seats" or "end zone seats."

We feel that the Coliseum seating policy for courtside seats should be "first come, first served." And if the Tassels wish to sit in these

seats, they too should come early and stand out in the cold rather than arriving 30 minutes prior to game time and getting a "40-yard-line seat."

Kraig Anderson
Colleen Hegarty
James Mulvaney

Name fame

Dear editor:

As a junior in criminal justice, I'm disgusted with the idea of attending UNL throughout my college years and having to graduate from UNO. Anyone in this situation would feel the same.

Why there should be any distinction between schools in the first place is beyond me. If the university is a system, there shouldn't be. The diplomas should be engraved: University of Nebraska, period. However, if they are going to separate the schools, where you attend is what should be engraved.

The situation can be viewed from a different angle. I've paid fees semester after semester for the use of UNL facilities, not UNO's. I've purchased parking permits for use at UNL, not UNO. And I've purchased football tickets for watching the UNL team, not UNO's. For all intents and purposes, I'm a member of the UNL community and fail to see the reasoning behind having to graduate from UNO.

One of the reasons for attending UNL is the nationally-recognized name. So in response to Breckenridge's statement, why should the engineering majors attending UNO complain? They'll receive the name of UNL upon graduation.

Although I feel there should be no distinction between schools, if there is no change I believe that those of us in criminal justice are entitled to be graduated from UNL instead of UNO.

Colin Andrews

Nuclear time bombs

Dear editor:

In this period of energy crises, LB439 (nuclear moratorium bill), which will appear before the Public Works Committee for hearing the afternoon of March 6, deserves every citizen's attention.

At the present time, nuclear power plants supply less than ten per cent of our electrical power. Carl J. Hocebar, an ex-AEC safety expert, has stated, "Unresolved questions about nuclear power safety are so grave that the United States should consider a complete halt to nuclear power plant construction while we see if these serious questions can, somehow, be resolved."

Some of these unresolved questions include the threat of low-level radiation leakage, the risks associated with long-term storage and disposal of radioactive wastes and whether the nuclear plants are the most economically feasible way of producing energy.

The nuclear industry has little faith in itself as shown by its failures to accept full responsibilities for the potential damages that their plants may cause. Through the Price-Anderson Act, the nuclear industry has limited its liabilities to \$560 million while it is estimated an accident could cause up to \$17 billion in damages.

These reasons, among others, are justification for a moratorium on nuclear power plants until their safety can be proved. Nuclear power plants are a potential time bomb. Let us make sure that nuclear power plants are safe before we increase our dependency on them.

John R. Gulick

Nuclear energy danger discounted

Editor's note: The following is the opinion of Ray Allen.

In the hope that State Sen. Steve Fowler and Rob Aiken, ASUN Environmental Task Force chairman, are unsuccessful in their attempt to thwart nuclear energy in Nebraska, I write this article. Unfortunately, I cannot speak out against this bill on March 6.

The reason: everything I have learned and experienced (in spending three years aboard a nuclear-powered submarine) has been classified in the interests of national security. Speaking of actual knowledge would set me up for 10 years of room and board at a federal institution.

What I can say is I have absolutely no fear of nuclear power. It is simply another method of making steam. In three years of living and working within 100 feet of a reactor, I received a total dose of zero measurable radiation. Zero radiation—anyone who works in a granite structure eight hours a day (i.e. the Empire State Building) receives at least a measurable dose from the granite. Any measurable radiation is greater than zero.

Fact: Radium dial watches are not allowed on nuclear submarines. If one should get such a watch close enough to one of the sensors, it would shut down the reactor. Background radiation is less than the watch radioactivity. And I have to assume that better shielding is possible in a fixed location than a mobile reactor.

As far as emergency cooling of the core is concerned, I should hope that particular phase of operation is never needed. The possibility of its use is conceivable, but only in an emergency. It assumes failure of all other safety features connected with reactor operation. Any disaster of enough force to cause the vessel to lose water and restrict all other automatic shut offs will without a doubt also eliminate any possibility of emergency cooling. In a natural disaster of that magnitude, radiation will be the least of my worries.

Sometime in the future the western third of California from San Francisco to Los Angeles will become an island through a massive earthquake. While living in San Francisco, I never worried about it and still don't.

