

opinion

Del Gustafson:

# The Word Unheard

Editor's note: Del Gustafson is a senior in political science. If his column does not outrage us too frequently, it will run every Friday.

To those few incoming freshmen who are genuinely concerned with affairs of the mind and who rapturously envision that this university will provide the free and stimulating exchange of ideas from which sweet and delicate Truth will blossom:

Be advised that your time could be more profitably spend watching reruns of the Mickey Mouse Club.

Conformity reigns on campus and nowhere has the stifling hand of the tyrant been seen more clearly than in the pages of the Daily Nebraskan. Last year in particular the Nebraskan reached new, dizzying heights of conformity.

Day after predictable day, the Daily Nebraskan has maintained a simplistic, isolationist approach to U.S. foreign policy, an unfailingly liberal approach to domestic

policy and what might generously be termed a skeptical attitude to religion on campus.

Compounding this is the fact that all students were and are required to support the Daily Nebraskan. It is odd that those who decry any belief in objective, absolute Truth generally are the quickest to require that all people support their positions.

It was my loathing of the Nebraskan's ideological conformity that prompted my application to the paper as a columnist.

Before applying last spring, I was an unsuccessful candidate for ASUN president (if you're wondering what ASUN stands for, take it from me—it stands for nothing). In my campaign, I advocated policies and made bold and courageous statements against the Daily Nebraskan.

In spite of this, I am now a columnist, and in this weekly column will attempt to serve as a voice of incandescent political and social Truths heretofore almost ignored at the University of Nebraska: a voice of the word unheard.



ASUN President Jim Say

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## ASUN Opinion

Welcome to the UNL campus, whether you've never been here before or whether you are an age-old veteran of campus life.

If this is the first time on campus for you, the approaching semester might be vastly different from what you have experienced before.

At first glance, there are countless buildings, lines and procedures. For a few, this might seem too much of a change.

But even those of you who keep coming back might take a while to get accustomed again. New sidewalks have been built, parking areas may have slightly changed and building construction has miraculously, or tortuously, progressed. Change on this campus always seems to appear, though at varying rates of speed.

As the student government of the Lincoln campuses, ASUN also has seen change even in the last few years. From being a predominately issue-oriented association in the late '60s and early '70s, it has shifted some of that emphasis to student service. Of course, it still is an advocate of student concerns, but possibly not to as great extent as before.

Rather, ASUN has found increased use of such programs as its legal services center and the book exchange in the last few semesters. With campus support, such services can continue and expand.

We at ASUN feel we can help both new and old students with most problems. Stop by our office in the Union if you can. Good luck for the upcoming year.

Jim Say  
ASUN President.

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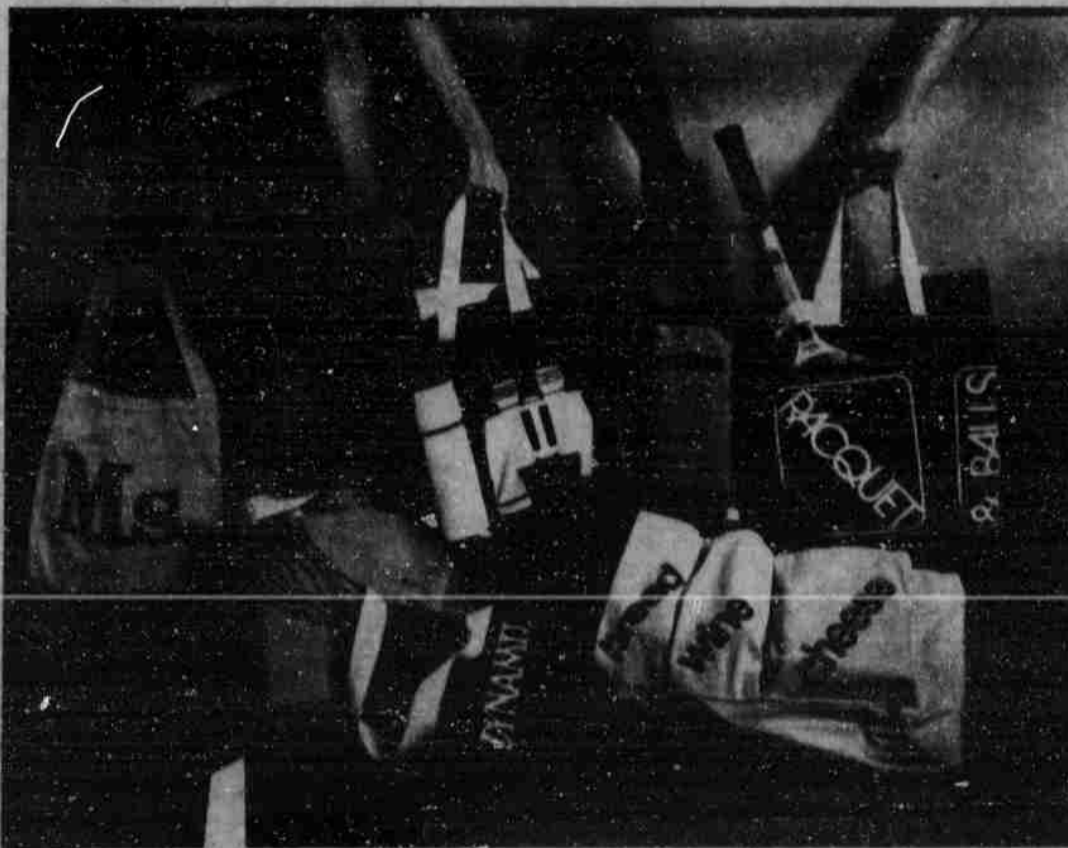
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