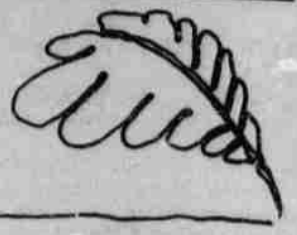


# editorial / opinion



## to the editor



Dear editor,  
The Daily Nebraskan story on my firing from KFMQ-FM (Oct. 26) contained two errors.

In the story it was said I had refused to work on Women's Strike Day. This was not true. Neither did I say, as implied in the article, that Jeff Taylor was quitting KFMQ in support of me.

I told the Daily Nebraskan reporter that I knew Jeff had given notice well before my dismissal and that his quitting was in no way related to my being fired. It was not my intention to imply that the incidents were related.

Ann Perkinson

### guest editorial

## Anti-BGS rationale questioned

Editor's note: Art Alexander is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences. For more information on the Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) proposal, see Monday's Daily Nebraskan, page 1 ("General degree proposed.")

By Art Alexander

Friday I attended the Arts and Sciences faculty meeting at which the Bachelor of General Studies was discussed. The discussion ran primarily against the BGS.

I am not particularly in favor of the BGS, but I found most of the rationale used against the proposal to be questionable.

More disturbing than the quality of the discussion, was the attitude toward students evidenced.

One question raised was the value of a BGS degree to the "mature student" (those in continuing education.). Neither side of the argument defined "mature student." The question of whether such distinctions should exist at all, in this age of stopping out and dropping in, was never raised.

I would like to know what would qualify me as a "mature student" as opposed to a long term dropout. It was evident at the discussion that we "regular students" are not as deserving of academic freedom as are "mature students."

Also at issue was the fact that the new degree would allow a student to take about 60 hours at the 100 level. One faculty member said this in effect allows a student to take "60 hours of nothing."

He evidently believes instruction at the 100 level is substandard. If that is the case, why have it? Surely a better line of reasoning is to improve the quality of 100 level courses, if they are of as little substance as suggested.

Other arguments centered on the fear (despite

statistical evidence to the contrary) of a massive desertion from bachelor of arts and science programs.

I grant that some students might attempt to use BGS to avoid group requirements, but I fail to understand why the worst usually is expected before the best, when an issue involving students is considered.

A phrase freely tossed around by those opposing BGS was, "This is not the '60s."

It was as if the faculty members no longer felt any need to be concerned with students' academic freedom.

Evidently, faculty concern during the '60s was not based on acceptance of the validity of the student voice, but on fear. Now that students are less vocal, student opinions apparently are of less worth.

How sad it is that those who educate us to go out and help the world have so little faith in what they teach. Sitting down and reasoning together must be what someone does only after a brick flies through a window.

If I have unfairly criticized the Arts and Sciences faculty members, I apologize. But I base my comments on what I heard at the meeting.

Before this issue is voted on, I hope that every faculty member can explain to inquiring students what BGS entails.

I hope they can explain why they vote for or against BGS.

Most of all, I hope they can find time, before they vote, to discuss BGS with their students.

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### Eat protein meals

Dear editor,

In response to D.R. Kirshenbaum, I would like to say it is much easier to study and have fun if you are not perpetually hungry.

It is better to eat protein meals than to eat smaller portions and starve. Although I agree Food Service should take more pride in their work, smaller portions definitely are not needed.

Joseph Lutter

### YAF for capitalism

Dear editor,

Re: George Rubagumya's letter in Monday's Daily Nebraskan.

In a Daily Nebraskan interview with an official of Young Americans for Freedom concerning IBM's deal with the Soviets, some statements, when removed from their context, appeared to demonstrate YAF's opposition to capitalism. This is certainly not the case.

YAF believes free enterprise to be the best economic system as it steadfastly maintains the liberty from coercion which is demanded by man's nature, and defends the private property which arises from the exercise of that natural liberty.

It is the certain knowledge that a computer system as comprehensive as the kind IBM desires to install in the Soviet Union will be used to further squelch human freedom in the Soviet Union that fires YAF's opposition to the IBM deal.

Del Gustafson  
Chairman, UNL YAF Chapter

### Howling block heads

Dear editor,

Around midnight Monday, we were interrupted in our studies by a howling mob of blockheads in the Harper-Schramm-Smith courtyard, shouting obscenities back and forth with children in the dorms.

We were filled with remorse and embarrassment, not only at the language, but also at the fireworks, spotlights and loud stereos used by a few inconsiderate individuals.

We would like to thank and commend Campus Police for their superb work in ruthlessly seeking out the sources of the disturbances, bringing peace and quiet to HSS, and allowing us to return to work.

Jeffrey Klopping  
Mark Sullivan

### 'Students with Disabilities'

Dear editor,

Recently I was involved with a new campus project, "Students with Disabilities." I went because I am a student with a disability who is interested in working with other disabled students.

To me, the idea of this project was to ease the adjustment of the disabled individual to a normal student life. Sure, there would be students involved without noticeable disabilities, and that is a good idea.

This gives other students a chance to work with, not for, a disabled student. I have seen people so lost in the cause of doing good for the handicapped student, they ignore whether it is what the student wants.

At the first meeting, I didn't announce the fact that I have a disability. Probably no one except me noticed it. I am totally deaf in one ear. This may not seem a great disability, but it does change my lifestyle as a student.

At times I am very frustrated because I want to follow normal patterns just as most people who see me expect me to. I hope that by working in such a group I can break down some of the barriers of my frustration and reach an understanding with people as to what they can expect from me, even if they don't know what my disability is.

Are You Hearing Me?

Michael Hillgoss and the Vine Street Irregulars, tied up this week in a secret VSI investigation, will report back to Daily Nebraskan readers next Wednesday.

We encourage student and faculty feedback on the proposed Bachelor of Graduate Studies degree.

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