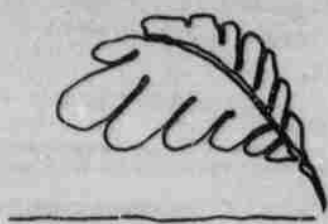


editorial / opinion

to the editor



Dear editor,

Many persons recently have expressed concern about law enforcement tactics at UNL. Unfortunately, these persons often are not aware that their student government has been active in forming committees to study these tactics over the years.

This brings me to a committee that deals with all matters relating to the police except parking. The UNL Campus Police Committee, according to the university bylaws, is designed to assist:

-in determining codes of ethics in the enforcement of Campus Police regulations and policies on violations thereof, and

-in an advisory role in the selection and review of the chief police officer, analogous to the faculty input on administrative evaluation and review.

The committee consists of two faculty members appointed by the president of the Faculty Senate, two students appointed by ASUN, one administrator appointed by the chancellor and two employees selected by the UNL office and service staff.

I strongly urge persons with questions, concerns or advice in matters relating to Campus Police to make them known to the committee. We want to represent your views constructively and can do so only through communication. Contact Mark Thurber at 435-0668 or Barb Berry at 488-9257, or go to the ASUN office in the Nebraska Union.

Mark Thurber

Outside looking in

Dear editor,

Last Friday a letter appeared from an inmate of the men's reformatory, explaining the friend he had met through correspondence originating from a plea to the Daily Nebraskan.

I want everyone to know what was left out of that letter: the experience I gained from learning about a completely different lifestyle of a fellow, needing human being, a lifestyle few "outsiders" can realize or understand. It takes this understanding by us on the outside for those returning to society to ever function here again.

I have become aware of the automatic stigma on any prisoner or his associate. It is this ignorance and close-mindedness that destroy the hopes of starting over when a man re-enters society.

By discovering that there is still a value in the lives of these men, I hope a concerned majority will care enough to take interest.

R.W.

Editors' note: We would draw reader's attention to a letter in Monday's Daily Nebraskan, from another inmate of the Nebraska Penal Complex who would like to get letters from the outside.

The letters in this column from Harry Harrison (Nov. 7) and his correspondent surely demonstrate how rewarding the experience can be for both parties.

Think before criticizing

Dear editor,

To the student who wrote the letter to the Daily Nebraskan on Nov. 6, I would like to say don't pay any attention to those people who make remarks about being deaf.

I, too, am deaf completely in one ear. This is no sin, and is something that can not be helped. You are doing a great job, in helping others who are handicapped in some way. If anyone makes remarks regarding your handicap, just ignore them.

If they knew what it was like, they would have a different attitude. Those of us who have the same problem know what it is like.

So you people who don't have any problems, like hearing, walking, etc., think before you say anything. Just thank God you aren't handicapped in any way.

Jay D. Kirkpatrick

Food Service pride

Dear editor,

As a final semester nutrition student and a part-time Food Service employee at UNL, I am responding to D.R. Kirshenbaum's and Joseph Lutter's letters.

First of all, D.R., do you realize it is your right to request smaller portions as you go through the line? If you had to work in the dishroom for one meal, you would be aware of the tremendous amount of food thrown away by students.

It's not just the pre-portioned entrees either; it also includes the salads, vegetables and bread, which you are allowed to select in any amounts you wish.

Second, that TVP (textured vegetable protein) you consume gives you your precious protein at a much lower price than that derived from meat alone. Would you like to see your food bill raised again?

And what the hell do you mean by pride?? I work with men and women who are excellent cooks and who take pride—yes, pride—in their work. I get so sick of hearing about the food not being like your mothers'. Well, let me tell you, most of these men and women are also parents,

and they cook at home for their children.

Your mom doesn't cook meals in 800-count portions, or 100 different pots and pans or 30-gallon batches, either! Neither do these people after they get home and muster enough energy to cook yet more meals for their own families.

Worst of all, I am tired of catching students sneaking away with two entrees or three desserts every night, or those who come in after posted dining hours and expect to be served anyway. They think they're cute. I think they're disgusting and immature.

Some of the best people I know work there from 5:30 a.m. on, and I enjoy learning from them. I have also gained much from supervising students my own age. Incidentally, my supervisor is just completing her masters work in food service management. How much pride do you need?

I happen to know she is an excellent student as well as a good manager and teacher. She demands a lot from her employees so they will do their best for you and other students.

I would challenge both of you "concerned" students to come and work in Food Service for even one day, but I doubt you could take the hard work demanded of the employees.

Maybe if students would take a little more pride in being good student customers, we could find still one more way to take more pride in serving you.

Amy Barr
HSS Food Service
Student Supervisor



vine street irregulars Inferior copies at 10 cents



By Michael Hilligoss

Following two weeks of undercover activity, Yossarian met me at The Pub and handed me a copy of the Vine Street Irregular's (VSI) confidential "Xerox Report." I asked Yossarian why copy machines interested the VSI. "Many people do not realize it," he said, "but the development of inexpensive, high quality copying revolutionized the contemporary research scene. This is of direct relevance to graduate students who are writing seminar papers, theses and dissertations.

"It is now possible for every graduate student to maintain his own personal library of research reports. This reduces the time spent in the library, reduces the time previously wasted taking extensive notes and reduces the chance of misquotes since the original article is at hand.

"Copying equipment has become an important research aid and, quite frankly, graduate students at UNL are at a disadvantage if efficient, quality service is not readily available.

"The question which interests the VSI," Yossarian

continued, "is why good copying machines are available many places on campus but not in the libraries, where they are needed?"

"What did you find out?" I asked. "First of all," he said, "I want you to understand that copying services at UNL are no small item. For example, the machines in the Nebraska Union alone turn out an average of 300,000 copies a year.

"It is estimated that 500,000 copies are produced each year at Love Memorial Library. At five cents a copy we are already talking about \$40,000 and this is only the tip of the berg."

"I agree with you that the copy machines in the library system leave much to be desired, but are there other agencies which provide good, efficient service?"

"Fortunately, there are," he replied. "Quality, inexpensive copy service is provided by Quickie Copy in Burnett Hall at four cents a copy (arrangements for use are made through the Psychology Dept.).

"Reducing copy machines are available at five cents a copy in the Physics Dept., at the Lincoln Computing Facility and ASUN provides a very reasonable service to all student organizations.

"This is by no means an exhaustive list," he continued, "but it does serve to illustrate that it is possible for many agencies to respond to the needs of students, while the library has not."

"What's the problem with the library?" I asked. "It is a complex issue," he said, "but the central question is one of attitude. For example, the library has contracted for coin-operated copy service which is not maintained in any way by library personnel.

"This is in direct contrast to all other copy services on campus and I think it reflects the attitude that the library does not feel a responsibility or commitment to provide quality service.

"Secondly, my impression of this attitude is further reinforced by the fact that the library does maintain quality copying equipment for its own internal use while not doing so for student users. True, you can use the library machine, but it costs 10 cents a copy, a price which effectively blocks student use."

"Is there an immediate solution?" I asked. "Since the library just signed a one year contract on Sept. 1 for its present level of service it is unlikely change will be immediate, but it is every UNL student's responsibility who is dissatisfied with the service, to make their opinions known personally to the library administration."

