

## editorial/opinion

# Center drowns in student rights issue

"Geysers of controversy" currently gushing over the proposed Campus Assistance Center (CAC) promise to develop into a standoff between student government leaders and members of the UNL administration.

The Union Advisory Board defeated a motion made Wednesday night, "for the purposes of discussion only," to postpone construction of the CAC.

The Fees Allocation Board, also meeting that night, voted to investigate the CAC and a retail bakery proposed for construction in the Nebraska Union.

The ASUN Senate (also—need we say it?—meeting Wednesday) is continuing its petition drive to halt construction of the CAC until more "student input" can be gathered.

On the home front, a Daily Nebraskan reporter was refused admittance Thursday to a Student Affairs staff meeting where we expected the CAC geysers to be discussed—a meeting that we believe should be open.

Unfortunately, the Campus Assistance Center itself has been all but lost in the flood.

None of the students—senators or others—to

whom we have talked think the CAC is a bad idea. We happen to think it is, in fact, a darn good idea, and we would hate to see it thrown out with the bath water.

The very real questions students are asking about their role in the university's decision making can be pressed whether the CAC is built this winter or not. We believe it should go ahead.

This is not to say, however, that points being raised about how much information students are given—how selective administrators and staff are about the information they release—are not valid points.

Whatever happens to the CAC, these questions must be pursued with deliberation. The issue is not the Campus Assistance Center; rather, it is (as usual) whether students have control over their own lives.

It may be that only a few students care about whether that control is theirs. It would not be surprising to find, in a society that preaches personal rights but often does not practice them, that most UNL students accept the custodial attitudes of regents and administrators without a blink.

But the students who do care have society's

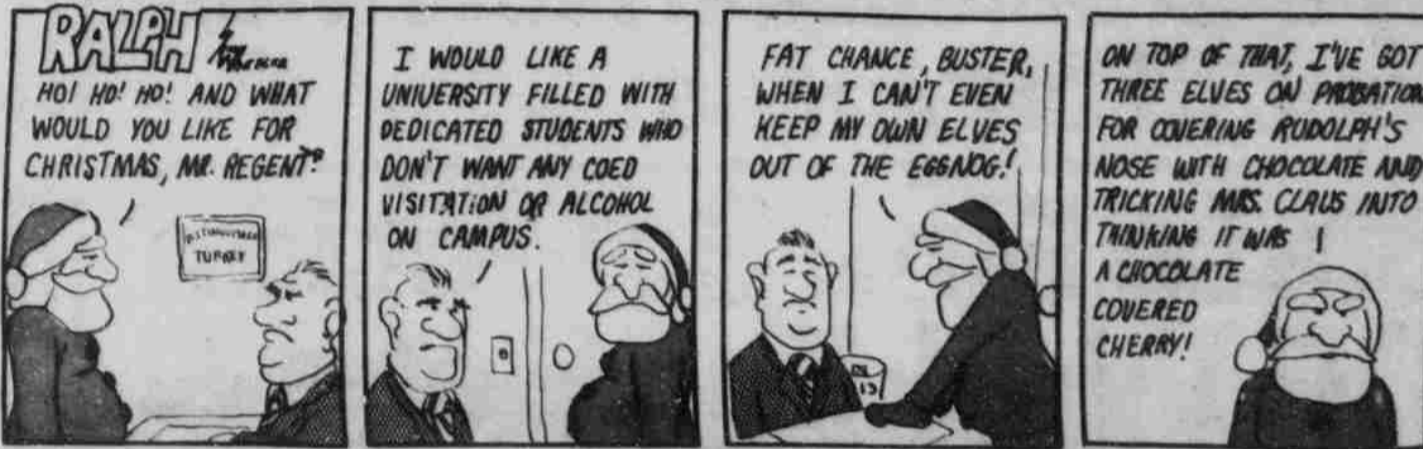
sermon, at least, on their side. We may not agree with how these students attempt to assert their rights—in the case of the CAC, for example, radically disagree—but assert them students must.

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Housecleaning Dept. ASUN has an identity crisis. The body most students know as "Associated Students of the University of Nebraska" is, by its own constitution, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska. The organization's letterhead stationery has it yet another way. The Three Faces of ASUN?

Rebecca Brite

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## 'Review' rises above gloom

the word unheard



By Del Gustafson

It is difficult to read the newspapers these days without becoming depressed: The Soviet Union, that powerful little slave state with which we Americans make detente these days, is busily colonizing Portuguese Angola (they just want it for a buffer state between them and Argentina), President Ford is holding talks with a few Chinese mass murderers and the Fords—Gerald, Betty and Susan—promise to return to the United States.

Yet amid all the gloom and dolor, there is one joyous occasion: the National Review is 20 years old. National Review, for the benefit of the unenlightened, is the conservative, political journal founded and still led by William F. Buckley, Jr., which has the consciousness of the American Right more than any American magazine.

Launched amid shocked liberal luminaries who yelped that the new magazine was "intellectually underprivileged," humorless, radical, utopian, boring, trivial and unAmerican, National Review has weathered intense ideological and financial storms to become the national premier journal of political thought and analysis.

With unflinching wit and elegance, it has uncompromisingly stood "athwart history yelling stop" as the 30-year-old Buckley promised in the first issue. For 20 years its pantheon of eminent political thinkers have pointed

rhetorical cannons at the evils of our modern age—statism, collectivism and relativism—and have mounted the battlements to defend the eternal verities of Truth, Freedom and Community. For the good of the republic, I hope "N.R." continues another 120 years; for your own good, read it.

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If you aren't doing anything some night next week, it will be worth your time to walk over to Howell Theater and attend a performance of *The Crucible*.

After depth study of this play by Arthur Miller and of the young actors in the UNL production, I have concluded that the play should be a meteoric success. That may sound rash, but bold and exciting performers deserve bold and exciting statements.

While the actors in the leading roles of *The Crucible* are without exception brilliant, rumor has it that a young actor—handsome, blond, blue-eyed, talented Redfordesque—will be making his debut on the Howell stage in a secondary role.

He will be playing John Willard, the Salem marshal who, according to some literary historians, was the protagonist of Miller's original script, which was destroyed.

It promises to be an exciting performance and I hope you will attend. I know I will be there every night.

Today they're sponsoring a tea for Phi Phi Phi sorority. On your left is the 6-month-old Mister Doughnut shop. Over there the Mount Everest Ski Shop is under construction.

"This small room will be a study lounge, now that the Program Office has been moved to the fourth floor. This suite of offices is the Campus Assistance Center built two years ago. It will be moved upstairs next summer to make room for the A & W Root Beer concession.

"This office over here is the Women's Resource Center (aside: they'd be on the fourth floor if they didn't have so much political clout).

"Here is the convenient bank. This summer construction will begin on three drive-up teller windows in the lot between the Nebraska Union and the Administration Bldg.

"This is the Colonial Room—excellent cuisine, and all but a few of the faculty and staff can afford their fare. This is the Crib. McDonalds caters food during the day and these 25 vending machines suffice for the remainder of the hours the building is open.

"This is the entrance to the Harvest Room, a fine cafeteria that has been serving off campus students for years—coffee is only 45 cents.

"Over here in the corner are the four couches and eight chairs that make up the Main Lounge. And finally in this newly renovated men's room is the TV-lounge. All males desiring to urinate will find appropriate facilities on the



second floor."

I ask you, could this be a tour of the Nebraska Union in two short years? I view the Main Lounge as my living room for ten to fifteen hours a week. I don't want it changed without someone asking my opinion.

Kirk Hemphill

### Common issue

Dear editor,

My comment and complaint are on a common issue—Campus Police. I've had many misgivings and complaints about their handling of affairs in the past (i.e. a rhino-boot for a \$2 fine) and the latest incident adds to them.

I recently received notice that I had a fine to pay on a ticket. I'm not blaming Campus Police for the issuance of the ticket, but for the delayed "reminder."

The cardboard windshield ticket blew away, was removed, or maybe never issued, in any case, I never saw it.

The ticket was dated Nov. 12, the reminder postmarked Nov. 21 and received Saturday, Nov. 22, well past the 5-day "limit," which caused the fine to be \$10 instead of \$5.

Why not send the reminder immediately? The wind can be very strong in Lincoln and I'm sure many tickets are blown away.

If all the students who have complaints would get together, maybe something could be done to make Campus Police a useful agency instead of a thorn in students' sides.

Dan Vapenik

## to the editor



Dear editor,

I am a long time Nebraska fan—that is until today! I greatly admired your football team for taking two, count 'em, two votes not to play in the "fourth class" Fiesta Bowl, if you lost to Oklahoma.

Well, you lost and the team had the audacity to vote again. How hypocritical can they be? Your team has a 10-1 football record and a 1-10 integrity record!

I am really ashamed that my friends know me as a Nebraska Rooter.

In the end, it seems good 'ole Bear Bryant decided your bowl for you.

My sympathies.

Carl Guty  
Atlanta, Ga.

### Ask my opinion first

Dear editor,

"To your left is the new Hovland Swanson bridal bou-