

# d.n. soapbox

## word unheard

### Gripes petty, ethics dubious in ASUN election campaign

By Del Gustafson

The biggest single issue in the ASUN election campaign appears to be the "famous Council on Student Life (CSL) controversy." In case you have forgotten, that was the Herculean battle which erupted when the impotent ASUN Senate attempted to assert its legal superiority over the impotent CSL.

After the last spark had smoldered and died, CSL had won a smashing inconclusive victory, and ASUN was petitioning Interim Chancellor Adam Breckenridge to please rid the campus of that nasty, semi-independent body, CSL.

Most candidates are advocating the forging of new "lines of communication" between ASUN and other campus organizations. Devising new lines of communication surely would be exciting (two tin cans and a connecting string can work wonders); but does the student really need to concern himself with ASUN this year? Historically, a legislature with no control over the purse has a clout roughly equal in force to Jean Pierre Coopman's right.

ASUN is, at best, a forum for the expression of student views on issues of real student importance such as student fees, and at worse, a place where petty minds can engage in petty discussions about the control of CSL.

Annually, \$35,000 is a large price to pay for a debating forum. But I am not aware of any party or candidates promising, if elected, to turn down the share of the student fee spoil allocated to ASUN by Big Brother Bader. I guess I'll obey the apathetic imperative, and refuse to vote for ASUN Senate.

## letters to the editor

The latest farce in the ASUN elections is the big stir over the slating of the Greek candidates. People are running around like chickens with their heads cut off. What's the big deal? The Greeks are acting like big-time politicians when they haven't the slightest idea about real political life.

What is all this garbage about factions? Am I supposed to be impressed by this arrogant and ridiculous tradition of a stale and powerless past? ASUN Senate is ridiculous, the Greeks are ridiculous and the murky faction is ridiculous..

Games, games, games.

### Sorry Charlie!

Amazing, amazing, amazing. What does a UNL sophomore know about being a Regent. Charlie Krig doesn't stand a chance of being elected and even if he was elected, how would he know what to do?

I know many students may disagree with me, but I prefer to have business professionals as my NU Board of Regents members. I don't know many students who could do a decent job as a Regent. Let's let our elders take control where they know what they're doing. Sorry Charlie!

Pamela Perkins

### Love it or leave it

I agree with the guest opinion of Neidfelt and Geisenhagen (Daily Nebraskan). If people do not like a school, they leave. If a person does not like a neighborhood, they leave. If one does not like a city or state, they are free to leave.

So, if someone does not like America, love it or leave it. We don't need a bunch of militant minority groups in the melting pot that is America. We could also do without the peaceniks and the shiftless.

No one can force another to forever live in the United States, so if you don't appreciate what our forefathers died for and what our presidents stand for, then please get lost, pretty please.

A Student for Patriotism

### Minority services—a front?

I am strongly at odds with the editorial opinion of last Friday dealing with the possible cutback of minority services.

# Slate's goals lost in secrecy

Draw your own conclusions. In the end, that is all one can ask of participants in any system that bears the name of democracy.

And those conclusions are what students will hopefully take with them today when they journey to the polls.

The Daily Nebraskan has devoted much space to exploring the ramifications, realms and motives of the supporters of the Greek slate in the ASUN elections.

That coverage has not been inappropriate. It has served to help the students realize that they could not be coerced into one line of action, be they Greek or independent.

No one can quarrel with an organized effort to stimulate voting, if it is done in an open and

honest manner. No one can dispute the importance of getting a bigger student election turnout, thereby increasing the credibility of student leaders' requests.

No one can criticize an endorsement of candidates as a symbol of support. Yet everyone should question the Greek slate on all of those points.

Under closer examination, such fine goals may seem maligned by the supporters of the Greek slate.

If interest is to be stimulated, then why not involve people from the beginning? Why shroud a movement in secrecy that only invites speculation about motives and purpose?

If a larger, more intelligent student vote is the point, why insult student voters by refusing to tell them, in an intelligent fashion, just what is going on? Isn't it more than a game?

If endorsement of candidates is the purpose, why not let everyone know, in ample time, who is being endorsed?

And more importantly, why are they being endorsed? What qualities and ideas do they have that set them apart from the pack, be it Greek or non-Greek.

If those kinds of questions seem unimportant, then fine.

But everyone has to draw their own conclusions.

To which another point is related. The Daily Nebraskan has been criticized for endorsing candidates in Monday's editorial.

The Daily Nebraskan, like college papers nationwide, has always endorsed election candidates. We do so not to dictate who one should vote for, but to promote discussion. We have no qualms about printing the opposite point of view, as evidenced by Mr. Gustafson's column on this same page.

We realize that as the sole print media outlet on campus, we must provide a forum for all opinions. Yet we would be cheating students if we did not provide an impetus for starting discussion, through the editorial page.

The opinions do not stem from an exaggerated view of a newspaper's own importance, but rather from purposeful observation of campus events—which is part of our job.

Vince Boucher

Last Monday, the leaders of the Daily Nebraskan, in an editorial on the ASUN elections, showed themselves to be all-seeing defenders of the public morality. They condemned the "Watergate-like" activities of the Greek slate: an alleged non-partisan list of Greeks running for ASUN Senate seats. While no one physically will be compelled to vote Greek in the election, and while no money was wrung from anyone to support the wicked slate, the editorial charged the Greekhouse leadership with unethical coercion.

Later in the same column, the Daily Nebraskan announced its support for the NSC slate of candidates. The Daily Nebraskan currently is financed in part by money forcibly exacted from 20,000 students; some of whom are Greeks, some of whom are people opposed to NSC, and some of whom are people sickened by the smell of Daily Nebraskan hypocrisy.

The ethical standards of the Daily Nebraskan are certainly skewed. It always has been acceptable in a free society for groups to circulate, either secretly or publicly, slates of candidates they support. It is, however, ethically questionable for a public organization to publicly support candidates for public office.

With ethical Brahmins, like the leaders of the Daily Nebraskan, venting their spleen upon groups so sinful as Greeks, it becomes obvious why election slates are circulated in secret. Perhaps the next hypocritical Daily Nebraskan editorial also will be circulated in secret.

I feel that the Minority Affairs people should be accountable for the distribution of their monies and I think their finances should be monitored and perhaps investigated.

I do not think that eight people are needed in that department. I'm afraid it is another social service front that is bilking the public trough. I may be wrong, let's have some cost-accounting and find out!

Perry Harrison

### Ignore Title IX

I am perplexed as to why the Corncocks and Tassles are following Title IX of the federal law. If the members do not particularly want to have a single organization, then they should disobey Title IX. No one is going to enforce Title IX at UNL, so why not just ignore it.

Laws are made to be reinterpreted and reapplied (and broken), so why not set a precedent by refusing to obey dumb laws like Title IX that do not apply here at UNL. Not all laws make sense.

Steve Pershing

### Helping the handicapped

I noticed the fine photo-story on the problems of UNL's handicapped. However, I do not think that it is worth the cost of the renovation to improve the facilities for these people.

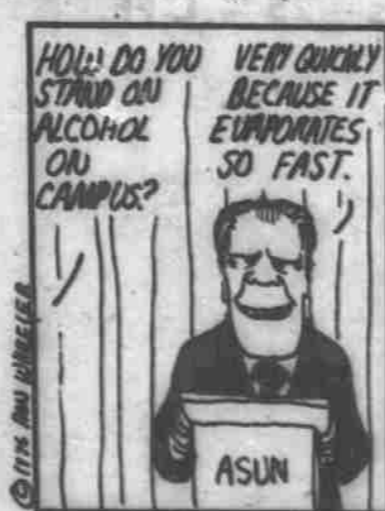
There are not that many handicapped students at the university. I do not believe that so much construction money should go toward the benefit of so few people. Others should be willing to help them manually maneuver around campus. The buck stops here!

Mark Weber

### Expensive women's sham

I am curious about the University Women's Action Group's Health Program for Women. Nobody is going to learn anything about health if it is just going to be a

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bunch of amateurs sitting around discussing each other's "problems."

Such a program will be an expensive sham unless concrete advice is given by health care professionals. Pamphlets and "rap sessions" do not illuminate one's mind on practical female physical and sexual difficulties. If expertise is not available or appreciated, then don't wander in the dangerous darkness.

All or nothing

### Red-hot blues

I can sympathize with certain Black leaders on this campus who refuse to celebrate the Bicentennial. Two hundred years of oppression is nothing to stand up and cheer about.

Although I am not Black, I too belong to an oppressed minority. My hair is red.

Redheads are always the first to get sunburned and the last to get dates. Being called "Red" by strangers on the street is almost as hard to take as being labeled "boy."

When my Irish ancestors came over a century or so ago, they were immediately given the worst of jobs. Picking cotton can be pure hell, but twelve hours a day in a sweat shop is no picnic either.

Redheads constantly are stereotyped by society. Everyone knows Irishmen have quick tempers, drink a lot of beer, and are not exactly bright.

Despite all our setbacks, nobody comes to our rescue. And what can a redhead do? We can't tapdance, play football or basketball particularly well, sing or be comedians.

Instead, we must resort to drastic measures, such as a redhead friend of mine, who recently decided to try to get into law school. His LSAT score was pretty good, but instead of admitting him, the school decided to accept a rich Black kid who scored quite a bit lower than my friend did. Is that anything to celebrate?

Red Hot