

letters
to the editor

Almost every morning I walk by Morrill Hall on my way to class. And, every time I do, I see the same disgusting object on "display" there.

I am referring to the Apollo space capsule that sits bleakly on a makeshift display stand.

The capsule itself doesn't disgust me, but, rather, the sad state of condition it is in.

That Apollo capsule is a national treasure, out-of-date, but a treasure.

There is no reason why it should not be treated as such by the people who are in charge of its upkeep.

Might I make the suggestion that it be moved indoors so for better viewing and to give the capsule the respect and dignity that it deserves?

If UNL cannot handle the responsibility, then I suggest that you give it to someone who can or give it back to NASA.

But, please, do not just forget about it or put off its renovation while it slowly falls apart—it's much too valuable.

Douglas Engh
Junior English major

Slapstick tribunal

Is anyone as outraged as I am at the cancellation of the *Three Stooges* in favor of Merv Griffin?

Why have another talk show with a four-week rotation of guests?

The Stooges were, and still are, a classic example of slapstick comedy. Now they have taken that away from us.

USTS (United Students for the Three Stooges) wants you to add your signature to its letter complaining of the change.

We would like to stamp out bad taste in television (i.e., Merv Griffin), but we need your help.

If you feel like we do, contact USTS, Cather Residence Hall 401 or 472-3832.

Randy Musselman
Senior political science major

Fees petition

I am writing concerning a petition being circulated supporting the retention of mandatory fees for student groups.

This petition has been circulated in two classes of mine with the consent of the professors and I believe this is unfair for several reasons.

I have been informed that this petition is being paid for by the students fees in question.

ASUN might legitimately allocate funds to conduct a poll in order to determine how many students favor and how many oppose the retention of these student fees, as long as the poll is honest.

However, this is a situation in which an interest group has access to public funds not available to other groups on equal terms.

No student fees were given to YAF to circulate a counterpetition.

If the Nebraska Legislature had allocated public money to pay the cost of a petition in favor of, say, the death penalty, while not giving an equal amount of money to those opposing capital punishment, it would be the political stink story of the year.

This action of pro-fees groups is the equivalent of ASUN conducting a poll in which only favorable voters are counted.

In addition, in the past YAF has been led to believe that circulating a petition inside classrooms and residence halls is against university regulations.

If YAF were to circulate our own petition, we would have to break regulations or be at a disadvantage.

Since larger concentrations of people are found in residence halls and classrooms, it is easier to collect signatures there. Do the rules apply to everyone or not?

Finally, I have my doubts that all those who signed the petition have had a fair chance to consider their choice.

Since the petition came to them in the classroom environment, many students may look upon it as carrying the approval of the university.

There was no debate conducted in either of my classes on the subject of the petition. And I believe if I had argued at the time, fewer people would have signed it.

However, 15 seconds before class is no time to start a complicated argument.

My stand on the fees issue is that no political group has the right to receive money forcibly collected from all students to further its goals, since not all students agree with one set of political views.

I also am concerned that much of this money has gone in the past to people who can only be classified as extremists, including Black Panthers.

Stephen Daly
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