

editorial

Next on the menu: Fork over 50 cents for transfers

It looks like feast or famine for diners at the East Campus Union, and city campus residence hall students now have to fork over 50 cents to partake of the feast.

Effective yesterday, the Housing Office imposed a 50-cent surcharge on all transfer evening meals at the East Campus Union.

The surcharge, housing officials hope, will provide revenue to offset the rising labor costs caused by transfers and will make students think twice before transferring to east campus, thereby cutting down the evening meal overload.

We fail to see how a 50-cent surcharge for the next two and one-half weeks of the semester will raise enough money to offset many labor costs.

However, we do agree with Housing Director Doug Zatechka that this problem has grown to the point where something simply must be done. It is admirable that he made a policy change while students are still around, instead of greeting students next fall with new rules for eating at

east campus.

Zatechka said there is the possibility that the surcharge will be continued next semester.

We hope this will not be the case. Students will fork over \$1,335 next semester for room and board, and a 50-cent surcharge for wanting to eat at the dining room of a student's choice is too much of a bill for students to foot.

At most, students will pay about \$8.50 for transfer evening meals the rest of this semester. But when this 50 cents is multiplied over an entire academic year, the cost runs into the three-digit range.

This is exactly what the housing office wants to do—hit students in the pocketbook until it hurts enough to make them give up their habit.

We don't think students should be penalized for wanting to enjoy an occasional meal at east campus. But we do think something should be done to discourage every city campus diner from overdosing at the East Union.

Perhaps a better solution would be

one that would deter transfer diners through non-monetary means—such as imposing a limit on how many transfers will be admitted each night. That way, on a first-come, first-served basis, students may think twice before going out to battle lines at east campus.

The best solution of all, however, is one that would put the city campus dining rooms on par with east campus's dining room.

Perhaps the money generated by the surcharge could go to make aesthetic changes in the city dining rooms.

East campus food service personnel supposedly have been working with the food service people on city campus to coordinate more closely menus and food preparation.

Perhaps they can make good use of the summer months to further expand this exchange, and hopefully avoid continuing the surcharge.

Strong role models guide attitudes on homosexuality

*The fox went out on a chilly night
And he prayed for the moon to give him
light*

*For he had many a mile to go
Before he reached the town-o
For he had many a mile to go
Before he reached the town-o.....*

Traditional

I used to hear that song a lot 11 years ago. The words were pretty much a jumble with all the other old English folk music that my teacher sang to us. He played a fine folk guitar, fine enough at any rate to be much in demand around the other classes in the school. Out of all the music he played, "The Fox" is the only song I remember, but my impressions of it are as crystal clear as they are ironic.

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My 5th grade teacher was gay.

Just out of 4th grade, I didn't know what that meant. I found it hard enough to understand why late in the first half of the school year they pulled him from class and immediately processed he and his roommate off the island of Puerto Rico.

At the time he had been a breath of fresh air at the school. He had brought in a new approach to teaching abated by an extreme knowledge of people and the subjects he taught. He had a way with the comotose-shy students at the military base school, and by all consensus, he was an outstanding teacher.

I get these last details from my parents. I had to call this morning to sort out some of the shady details of the whole affair.

My mother, who had been aware of what was going on, had taken me down to the school to say goodbye.

He was cleaning out his desk when we got there, and we only stayed briefly. She explained in very simple terms afterwards why he was leaving.

That was in 1967, and after all these years it is very gratifying to look back and finally understand and appreciate my mother and father's strength.

They are conservative, coming from strong Italian-Catholic backgrounds. Politically, we seldom agree, but that is

hardly a crime. What they have given me is a notion of moral good heartedness and a strong common sense.

They are not flag wavers. There were no causes in our household. Nor was there any desire to hurt anybody unnecessarily. They have learned to accept people and things in that peculiar way that people with a strong belief in God have.

In this way I envy them.

I bring this up because of the strong contrasts that turned up in the paper last week on the issue of dealing with our homosexual community, and the timely appearance of the Anita Bryant interview in this month's *Playboy* magazine.

The anti-Anita movement hardly needs anymore spokespeople. In fact I have been rather hesitant to support a boycott of Florida orange juice because it always has struck me as slightly misguided. I would feel much more comfortable boycotting them for their abuse of migrant workers, but that as they say, is another story.

Anita Bryant is obviously a very sincere individual. I have never doubted it. What comes out of her interview are the very blatant facts that she is also incredibly naive and uninformed. It is appalling that anyone with such a national voice on *any* issue could be so ignorant and so out of touch with that same subject.

I encourage you to read the interview with a clear head. It is an education. If after reading her verbatim answers to direct questions you still find some sort of cohesive intelligent argument to support the woman, you are beyond any sort of debate.

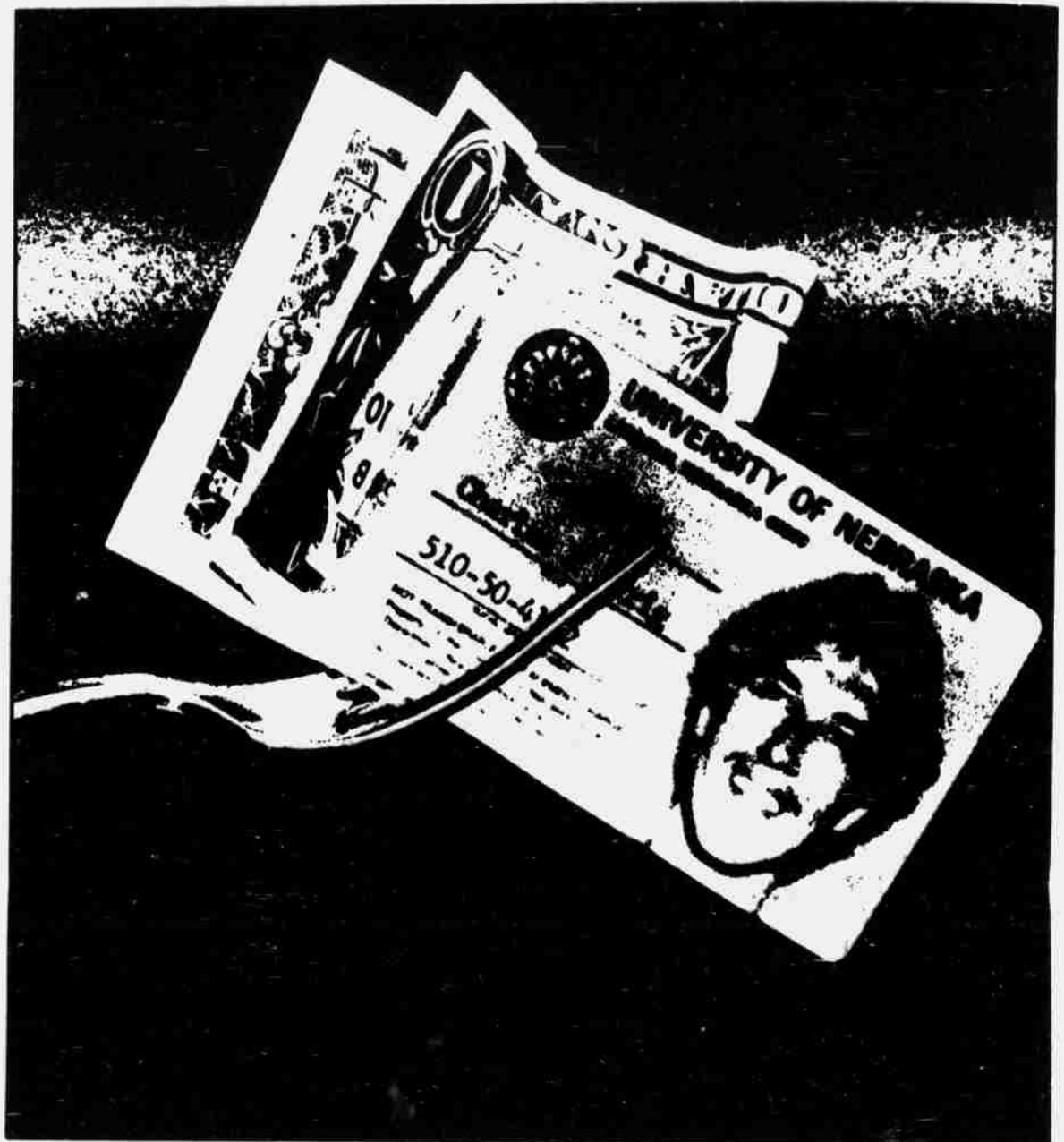
As for the Christian didactic that seems to be the crux of her issues—the one that excludes gays from being Christians and accepts the individual who sits around patiently waiting for Charlie's Angels weekly—I have very little respect for that tract.

Bryant can talk about "saving our children" all she likes, but so will I. Save our children from intolerance and ignorance. Let her scream until she is hoarse about role models in the schools, when the real models should come from the home.

I don't know what Bryant is afraid of, or why she isn't confident enough of her own bases to deal with reality.

I do know that the more of her irrelevant garbage I see, the more thankful I am for my own strong role models—good teachers and parents strong enough to see with their heads as well as their hearts.

And I love them for it.



letters to the editor

I must agree with Anne Federson (Letters, April 14) that it would be easy for me to completely ignore the issue of gay rights and just be myself, but I feel compelled to voice an argument against the gay movement.

It's great that this country professes freedom for all, but the problem is that everyone today is so concerned about one's right to do whatever one pleases, that we forget our responsibilities.

What will come after gay rights? Exhibitionist's rights? Rapists' rights? I guess a man has a right to shoot himself in the head if he wants to, but my point is that some things just aren't right.

Anyone who believes in God can say that homosexuality and lesbianism are wrong. I have never heard that enjoyment of sex for procreation is immoral; indeed, if it were not enjoyable, our race would soon die out. But it is sad that so many people in our society think we are here just for the fulfillment of our every desire.

The Romans (hopefully) taught us that a hedonistic society is doomed. The simple truth is that homosexuality, like fornication or adultery, is a sin and that fact will never change. No matter what one's preferences may be, there is and always will be right and wrong, even if social trends indicate otherwise.

I am not trying to tell anyone how to live, but I strongly oppose the gay movement because it scares the hell out of me to think that I might have to raise children in a society that considers homosexuality to be normal.

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The Women's Resource Center has a

\$1,000 budget for the current fiscal year. (The UNO Women's Resource Center has an \$8,000 budget.)

On this amount we provide a library, magazines and extensive file material. We publish a newsletter, sponsor rap groups for men and women, and hold workshops on such topics as Women and Alcohol Abuse, Older Women, and Music and Healing. We offer Self-Defense and Self-Health workshops.

We also offer assistance to other groups. We did the publicity for the Women and Science Symposium. That is a lot of service for not a lot of money.

The Gazette is no longer sold in the WRC because our bylaws prohibit anything being sold in here that is not specifically be for or about women. (The bylaws are devised by our advisory board which consists of faculty members and representatives of various student organizations.)

Once again, we are not pro-abortion. I have never encouraged any woman to have an abortion and have never heard any of my co-workers give such advice.

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It seems only fitting that the last of the mandatory fee money for speakers should be wasted on a clod-populist like Ralph Nader. This only convinces me more that YAF is probably correct on its speaker stand. I think the regents should be commended.

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