

Students should combine education, issues—Nader

By L. Kent Wolgamott

Students should interrelate their education with issues and problems in order to properly prepare themselves for life outside the university, according to consumer activist Ralph Nader.

Nader spoke at an overflow crowd of 1,200 in the Nebraska Union Ballroom Thursday night, on consumer issues and their relation to students. He was paid \$3,500.

Nader urged students to "link factual materials to real-life problems?"

"Then you have something that challenges your value systems and intellectual curiosity and you don't get bored," Nader said.

Students have advantages in organizing their efforts on issues because they can communicate and gather together easily, are in the peak of their idealism, and can "double-track" their education and "citizen skills," he said.

When studying the issues, Nader said, "the consumer function is the ultimate evaluation of an economic system," a fact not well-recognized by most economists.

In order to make judgments, he said, consumer information is necessary as a beginning, "to know what you are buying."

Consumer organizations, to represent consumer interests in both the private and public sector of the economy is the second step suggested by Nader.

Consumer cooperatives for necessary goods and services make up the third step.

The final step for students Nader listed is to increase attention paid to representatives in government.

The study of individual Representatives or Senators would enrich the political dialogue in a state, allow for a more thorough evaluation of political candidates, while at the same time being more meaningful to the student than a normal college class.

Nader cited a study of the Educational Testing Service as an example of student involvement in consumer issues.

"I thought it was about time that students as customers or victims study the Educational Testing Service," he said.

"They define what intelligence is and



Photo by Ted Kirk

Ralph Nader

allocate millions of student careers."

"What are you going to do to make sure this kind of power is not exaggerated?" Nader said.

Nader also attacked two of his traditional adversaries, the automobile industry and the food industry as examples of corporate power influence and abuse.

Nader said corporations have all the rights of individuals with privileges and power not available to private citizens.

"You couldn't relieve yourself in the Detroit River but corporations do it all the time," he said.

Nader also urged students to evaluate television as consumers.

"Morris the Cat has more access than the American people have, through T.V.," Nader said.

In a press conference before his speech, Nader had a critical opinion of Nebraska Sen. Edward Zorinsky.

"He is a nihilistic demagogue. He doesn't believe in anything."

"He is clever enough in political slogans against Washington which gives him some popularity in Nebraska."

"The sooner he is replaced the better for Nebraska," Nader said.

On anniversary, Vietnamese recalls takeover of Saigon

By Rex Henderson

This weekend marks the anniversary of what, for many Americans, was a tragic moment in history.

To Nghiep (Nip) Huynh it marks the demise of a country he defended and the beginning of his new life in the United

States.

Nip (an "American" nickname he was given by friends) is now a UNL actuarial science major. Three years ago today he was a 20-year-old warrant officer in the crumbling South Vietnamese army, scrambling to leave his country as the North Vietnamese Army and the Viet Cong

marched nearly unopposed into Saigon.

Nip said that he and the other 35 Vietnamese at UNL will spend Saturday night together, remembering their homeland.

They have memories not easily dismissed. The hardest to forget, Nip said, are those from the month preceding the fall of Saigon and months following his flight

from Vietnam. "I remember every minute of it," he said.

Nip's ordeal began March 28, 1975. He said he was stationed on a road on the outskirts of Da Nang in command of three tanks. He recalls that he waited for the expected attack by the North Vietnamese. The attack never came. But at 1 a.m. on the 28th, Nip heard a radio broadcast which reported that Da Nang had fallen.

There were no orders from his superiors. They already had fled. Nip said he found himself on his own. He and the soldiers in his command held their position until 5 a.m., then moved toward Da Nang.

In the center of the city he said he found total confusion. Many people were armed, he said.

Fearing mass reprisals and murders by the communists, they were trying to escape and were willing to do anything, including killing each other, to find a place on a boat or plane leaving the city, said Nip.

Nip made his way to the harbor, where he climbed aboard a barge pulled by a small riverboat and headed south along the coast to Nha-Trang.

There were thousands packed on board the barge, he said. There was no food, no drinking water and no space in which to sit or lie down, Nip added. He spent the next three days and two nights aboard the barge.

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Lincoln Vietnam war protesters in the early 70s.

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East campus special food passes issued

By Paula Ditrack

City campus residence hall students whose work or class schedules require that they eat at the East Union may obtain a special pass exempting them from paying a 50-cent surcharge.

Doug Zatechka, UNL housing director, said a pass will be issued to a student who shows evidence of such scheduling needs to their residence hall food managers.

He said he asked East Union cashiers to make exceptions this week to the surcharge rule if a student claims such a schedule conflict.

Zatechka admitted the surcharge is a removal of privilege for city campus dwellers who pay the same rates as east campus students. East campus students can eat on city campus residence halls without paying a surcharge.

"There is legitimate discrimination and illegitimate discrimination," he said. "I don't feel there is anything illegitimate or illegal" about the surcharge.

Robert Lange, Student Legal Service attorney, said several students had contacted him concerning the surcharge. He refused to comment about the legality of the surcharge. He refused to comment about the legality of the surcharge until he examined a housing contract.

However, he said, "a contract can be as loose or as detailed as you want to make it. Flexibility is a nice thing because it can work both ways."

He said he suspected that the housing contract had been carefully written and probably had been reviewed in the past by authorities.

Zatechka said that besides the legal question, he had to consider such criteria as ethical, moral and educational questions.

"Nothing is ever going to be 100 percent fair to every student," said Zatechka, adding he wants to make things as fair as possible.

He admitted he has many unanswered questions concerning the surcharge, which he called an experiment. Records kept of the number of persons eating at the East

Union will "serve as a base for evaluating" the surcharge.

He said he will decide sometime this summer if the surcharge will be continued. He added that he would consult student representatives before making the decision.

East Union employees and Residence Hall Association members agreed to the surcharge.

"I'm not going through another year of spiraling costs," he said. The surcharge was imposed to reduce costs and ease crowding caused by as many as 700 students eating dinner at east campus.

Zatechka said an "excessive" amount of money is being transferred to east campus for food service. He said this is not fair to the students who never eat there.

Money from this surcharge will be used to help pay increased east campus cafeteria costs, he said. The Housing Office has estimated transfers cost the office some \$70,000 annually.

Zatechka said the number eating at east campus has been "vastly reduced" since the surcharge was imposed on Tuesday.

Sports Complex site of Eighth Cornstock

Cornstock will be inside the UNL Sports Complex today from 1:30 to 5:45 p.m.

The eighth annual outdoor concert sponsored by the East Union Program Council was moved from the East Campus mall because of rain.

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