

letters

In reply to the letter appearing in the Oct. 30 issue of the *Daily Nebraskan*, Steve Wiley attempted to condemn the entire UNL Greek system as being abusive, degrading and generally carrying a negative image on the Lincoln campus.

The distasteful situation that he has presented is one that always occurs when one talks in generalities when one should be dealing with specifics.

Every fraternity and sorority on campus has its strong points (at least I hope so) and likewise their weak points. It is up to the individual house to improve its own rules and regulations to where it can be looked upon as a strong point for the UNL Greek system.

This letter was not intended to brag up one fraternity, saying that we are the best and the only true upright fraternity on campus, and hopefully it will not encourage other letters of the same manner. All that I am trying to say is that the Greek system as a whole is not at fault for the negative image when it comes to pledge hazing, etc., but rather the individual parts of that system. It is up to these parts to improve the Greek system to where a negative image will no longer cloud over any part of the Greek system.

Kent Warneke, Farmhouse pledge

Concern over misinformation

I am very concerned about the letter from "The 'R' St. Watchdog" which appeared on Friday, Oct. 27. My concern centers on the complete misinformation in that letter and with the publication of unidentified opinions which permit the irresponsible to make almost any kind of statements.

The university is already audited by CPAs and has been for several years. Management reviews and reorganization are almost a constant process. I assume it will continue to be in the future.

The two examples of the East Campus entrance and the sale of part of the Havelock Farm are irresponsible representations of times for which the Board of Regents and the State have regulations and policies which are strictly followed.

In my opinion, it is also irresponsible for a newspaper to print such a statement with no identification.

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Bottle bill

The voters of Nebraska have in the past few weeks, been deluged by such things as "Right Problem, Wrong Solution" and "put a Lid on Beverage Prices." After viewing numerous commercial ads, it is obvious to me that \$350,000 has bought various media outlets in the form of biased news stories and unobjective reporting.

We as consumers, must not be taken in by a massive spending spree supported not by the Nebraskans for Freedom of Choice, but by such sources as Can Manufacturers Institute, Washington, D.C. (\$28,119.29), Anheuser Busch, St. Louis, Mo. (\$22,650.00) and New York PepsiCo (\$19,190.00).


The anti-301 coalition claims that the bottle bill will raise the consumer price of beverages when in fact, a study of 28 cities revealed that soft drinks in refillable bottles cost about 5 cents less and beer costs 8 cents less. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission says that 63 percent of the consumers cost for beer are for the container, not the contents. Each can costs approximately 10 cents to manufacture. With a throwaway system the consumer is forced to buy a new container with each purchase.

On the other hand, returnable bottles cost about 12 cents initially but can be reused 10 to 25 times. If the bottle bill is passed, the consumer doesn't have to keep paying for the container with every purchase. For example, 10 cans will cost you \$1.00. A returnable container used ten times costs only 12 cents. A consumer savings of 88 cents.

Litter in Nebraska is most definitely the right problem and the bottle bill is certainly the right solution from the consumer's point of view. As a consumer, I would rather pay a 5 cents deposit and have it returned than pay for a non-refundable litter tax. Get the facts before you vote on 301. My vote is not for sale. Is yours?

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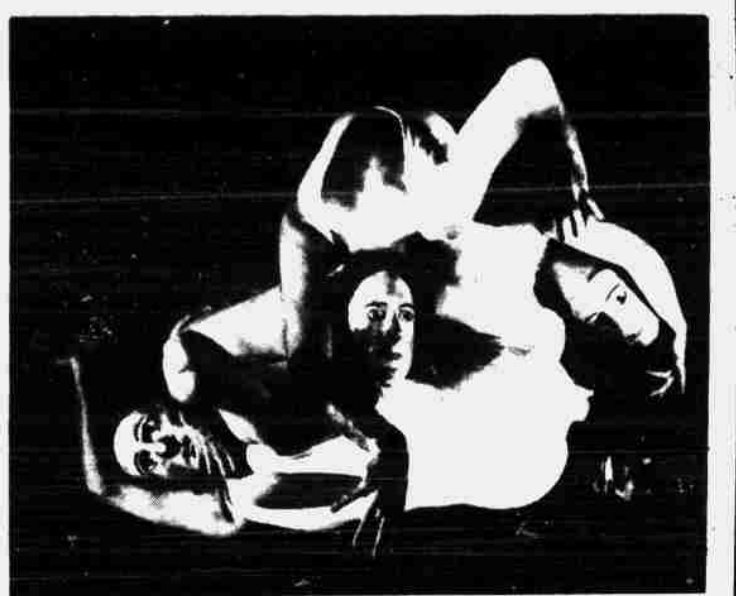
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