

# letters to the editor

As an ex-presidential candidate for ASUN, I, Denny Wurtz, rise to support Joe Nigro for ASUN president. Having been personally exposed to both the candidates and their respective credentials and philosophies, I feel Joe Nigro "soars" to the top of the list as far as qualifications for this demanding position.

Joe Nigro has experience with student government and university problems. His list of qualifications seems endless. He served as a hall president, has been an effective senator passing legislation, served on the executive committee, as well as being chairman for the community affairs committee. A position like ASUN president needs someone familiar with how the structure works, and how to effectively carry out programs. Bud Cuca's claim that he has experience with people is valid, but Joe Nigro's experience with ASUN people, UNL administrators, as well as with the regents puts Joe in a class by himself.

The party Joe ran under, SOAR, is a good example of his drive to serve all the students at UNL. Soar party elected representatives from the widest area of the university, not favoring one faction over another.

I join Ken Marienau in posing the question whether a candidate who has never been involved with ASUN could come in and immediately assume a leadership role. Bud Cuca would probably spend too much time "getting his feet wet" in the mere understanding of the responsibilities of the ASUN president. Bud asserts that his experience with people is more important than one's working within the ASUN structure. Having no experience in ASUN, what else could he argue?

I urge everyone to vote, but to vote responsibly. This would mean a vote for Joe Nigro, a person who will be an effective president from the first day elected.

Denny Wurtz

## Iranian women

A *Daily Nebraskan* editorialist has been smartly rebuked for the "presumption" of calling Kate Millet naive. It is not, I gather, presumptuous on Millet to call the Ayatollah a male chauvinist. She did not, after all, call him a "pig" as well, which shows her commendable restraint and considerable sophistication.

I agree that "naive" is an inappropriate description of her remark "Trite" or "banal" might be better terms, but I

suspect "fatuous" is the best. The word means "smugly stupid."

R. D. Stock

## Reply to Prokop

Regarding Dr. Prokop's letter: I would like to dispute a few of the claims in that letter.

First, one of the reasons the NU Board of Regents seems to spend so much time on non-football matters is that they accomplish little, in just two meetings, dealing with such matters. Little, if anything, has been done on such serious matters as overenrollment in business and engineering, educational quality and entrance requirements. Only stop-gap and buck passing seems to be accomplished. But something with high priority like discussing the football stadium captures the full attention of the regents.

Next, I wonder how most students can attend a meeting that is in Lincoln, when school is not in session. Geographically, one can assume that not all students live in Lincoln. Most of the university's students come from outstate Nebraska and the logic of traveling back and forth for just a few hours stay is unsound.

Also, we students receive very little notice as to the meeting dates. No one seems to know for sure, not even the *Daily Nebraskan* publishes the dates shown in the Friday March 23 edition, page 15, (note no mention of the date).

As to the problem of a student regent, your hypocrisy cannot be outdone. At the mere suggestion of the student regent having an opinion in the interest of students representation, the regents quickly rejected the matter. Again, your logic is unsound and unstable.

I think that rather than alienating the student from the university matters, more student representation (perhaps a voting student regent, not necessarily the ASUN president) would greatly benefit the university and the people of this state who support it.

A parting shot, if a bond can be so easily raised for a football stadium expansion, why can one not be so easily raised for things such as the renovation of the Temple Building or a Vet College? Perhaps the regents should look into this.

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P.S. If Dr. Prokop wishes to reply, I would welcome a chance to meet personally.

## Stadium expansion

In Regent Robert J. Prokop's letter of April 5, Prokop goes on record as saying he opposed the Memorial Stadium expansion on the grounds that a new stadium would have made more sense, economically. This is an admirable position to take, but he has taken this position for the wrong reasons. Prokop criticizes the Residence Hall Association for their statements that the regents spend too much time on football, saying the regents spend only five percent of their time discussing football. Perhaps it would be better stated to say the regents spend too much money on football and not enough on academics.

The overcrowded engineering college, the low instructors' salaries, the partially condemned Temple Building, and the need for building space in the College of Architecture seem to point to the fact that funds could be better used. How the economic feasibility of a new stadium costing over five and a half million dollars makes more sense than the present structure I'll never understand.

Another of Prokop's points is that the students were well represented and that there was adequate student input into the decision. I was under the impression that with the RHA's campaign, letters in the *Daily Nebraskan*, and the general student reaction, the regents would catch the hint that the students were against the expansion. Prokop mentions that the regents represent all Nebraska voters and not just the student body. Unfortunately, most

residents of Nebraska (not students) come to the university to watch football games. Only the students come here mainly for a quality education, not to watch football games.

Prokop also asks why students cannot attend meetings when school is not in session, citing that it should be easier to attend when school is not in session than when it is. His question can be answered by saying that it probably is easier—for students who reside in or near Lincoln. For those students who live a ways away it would be difficult to attend.

Prokop also questioned why the students should not pay surcharges when the general public is fleeced with them. I question why anybody should be fleeced, let alone the students. Is not the football program self-sufficient and providing a large income?

Prokop additionally mentions that students should be forced to accept seats in the new addition. To restate the students' desires, we merely want to sit in the same sections; we do not want to be forced to sit in a new addition that we didn't want in the first place.

Prokop says that "neglecting basic educational needs is a matter of faculty and appropriations utilization." A large number of students feel that this is true, and that the regents are neglecting the students by spending money on an unneeded facility when there are many ways the money could be used to help the students receive a quality education.

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