

opinion/editorial

Shutdown may cause problems

Today is the last day to register early for next semester's classes. With the problems administration officials foresee for the spring semester, those students who haven't already registered probably should do so.

Because the university will shutdown for 10 days during the semester break, general registration will be delayed causing some problems. Normally registration is on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before school starts, this year instead, general registration will be on the Friday and Saturday before school and on the first day of school.

This presents several problems for students. Students arriving Friday may get time appointment cards for Saturday or even Mon-

day. And those who still have holds on their registration for unpaid library fines, parking tickets or nonpayment of tuition will have to wait for Monday to register anyway.

On Saturday, the rest of the university will be closed and students who need to talk with instructors will be unable to do so. Those who must register on Monday may encounter problems getting classes which have already been filled.

Usually 85 percent of all students register early for the following semester. This means that about 3,000 students go through the general registration process. This is a relatively small number of people, but by registering early they can save themselves and the university a lot of hassle.

Ombudsman post not for men only

Despite what the advertisement announcing an opening for the Ombudsman's position says about what "he" will do, be assured that the position is a non-generic one, anyone, or anything can apply.

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The deadline for applying is Monday, Nov. 19, and that also is the deadline for applications for the Editor in Chief position. As of this writing there has been one application submitted for each of these positions, but I am told that more are expected. Evidently the tradition is that people put off applying to the last possible minute. Maybe they hope they'll change their minds. Who knows?

For my own part I would like to see an aggressive person go for the Ombudsman's post. Again we have a semantics problem with the office's title, the *man* tagged on to the end of it makes it seem like a sexually exclusive office, which it isn't. I might mention in passing that the grand majority of complaints that have gone through this office have been concerned with women's issues. If for no other reason, I would encourage a woman to apply.

Another note on the political personals. There is a fine line between political satire and rash statements that promote racism or violence. Don't cross it.

I wonder what would happen if one day a paper appeared without any typos or grammatical errors. Do you think the world would stop? Probably not.

At this writing, it is the day of the "Great American Smokeout." I spent morning vespers petitioning the Gods to not send anyone down to complain today. If I have to turn them over to a stoically non-smoking editorial staff, I fear that no one will emerge in less than two pieces.

I better quit before I get farther behind. Some days you just don't have much to say. Today is my day.



letters

To students feeling helplessness or apathy over current problems affecting all of us, including tuition increases without full explanation, loss of student control over student fee money, cut-off day-care funding, the Regents' partiality displayed for some interest groups—a reminder that your attendance at the UNL Regents meeting Fri. Nov. 16 at 1 p.m. is a good beginning at letting someone know of your dissatisfaction. Students cannot affect university policy without voicing their concerns. Be curious. Offer your presence just to listen. Inform yourself. Come to the Regents meeting whether you've observed many already or don't even know what happens there. We need student count in order to even approach accountability of this body of students!

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Reply to Roskens

Dear Mr. Roskens, Chancellors Young, Weber, and Vanselow: Thank you ever so much for commending us students for maintaining composure over the situation in Iran. Or should I say, thank you for promoting apathy on the University of Nebraska campuses.

A few concerned individuals, however, decided to express our concern Tuesday at the state capitol, a gesture that showed we do truly care for the well being of our country.

Well, excuse us! If you want us to keep quiet, we'll keep quiet. All UNL students should act accordingly with the wishes of our higher-ups. The next time a tuition increase is proposed, we'll just be good little apathetic Ne-

braskans and shrug it off. The next time another country threatens our well-being, no big deal.

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Deportation approved

America has built the best educational system in the world. One cannot receive a better college education in any other country. Our forefathers put a premium on developing superior colleges to advance the United States of America. Many sacrifices were made but they succeeded. Even now Americans sacrifice a large portion of their taxes to keep these centers of knowledge open. It is all well worth it.

The colleges of the United States should teach Americans the knowledge to advance the American way of life; to make life better for all here in the United States. The question arises: should we share with the people of for-

ign countries what we and our forefathers have sacrificed for? The answer is yes, to those nations who are not hostile toward the United States and would not use the education against us. Nothing advances an underdeveloped country more than the education of its people. It would be very foolish, naive, and senseless for us to allow the students of hostile foreign nations to take advantage of our collegiate system which we spend billions every year to keep open. That is exactly what is happening with the 50,000 Iranian students here in America. We are educating our potential enemies. They will use the education gained at our expense against us when they return to Khomeini. It is for this reason that I support the deportation of all Iranian students in the United States.

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