

 letters to the editor

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U.S. nuclear forces are adequate. Our shortcomings are in our ability to wage conventional warfare. Recommitment of the United States to such projects as the B-1 bomber along with a general updating of all other non-nuclear equipment can restore the U.S.-USSR military balance.

The U.S. military does need to be stronger. Reinstatement of registration and the draft would certainly result in this. However, there are alternatives of equal benefit which need to be considered.

It should be remembered the war for freedom is not being lost. According to U.S. News and World Report, the past year saw more people than ever on the list of the "Free World". Some 1.6 billion.

America has a responsibility to protect its allies and its interests. While this may include Saudi Arabian oil, it does not commit us to the mountains of Afghanistan. If approached intelligently, we can protect ourselves, our allies and the rest of the free world. (While the Republican Party is committed to a strong national defense, the above views are, as always, my own).

Clark Ackerman
President UNL Young Republicans

Must show Soviets

Having spoken with Shelley Smith on two occasions, I can attest to her articulate and intelligent grasp of current topics. I believe, however, that her editorial "Nyet" to Olympics act of hypocrisy" is lacking in its breadth of vision.

Although I would agree that keeping politics and the Olympics separated is important in allowing the games to survive, there are certain instances in which world affairs cannot be ignored. As Miss Smith correctly pointed out, the games were cancelled during World War II because of the immensity of the world crisis. Now, with the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, we face another threat to world peace and the possibility of WWII. To avoid that rather unpleasant situation, we must show the Soviets that the United States and the

world will not allow them to ride roughshod over the Afghans without severe consequences.

An Olympic boycott might not save any Afghan lives, but it would deal a monstrous blow to Soviet prestige. The summer games in Moscow will have a tremendous propaganda message tied to them and if the United States and other nations, mainly the People's Republic of China, boycott the Olympics, the games will be a political washout for the Russians. The Soviet citizens, too, will be wondering where the Americans are, and the Chinese, etc. There is nothing the Kremlin fears more than the questioning of their system by their own citizens. I'm sure a certain man in Gorky would agree.

James Rice
Junior, Marketing

Works both ways

Being East Campus students, we would like to respond to Steve Slogel's suggestion that "East Campus students should take the bus to City Campus."

Why didn't Steve include City Campus students who attend classes on East Campus as well? We pay \$35 each year for the privilege of parking—this includes East Campus and City Campus lots. Those of us who are East Campus students feel we have the choice to ride the bus, drive or travel as we please.

We would assume Steve has never ridden in a bus from the statement he made. As experienced bus riders, we have accepted the fact of an overcrowded bus and being packed in like sardines. So why not drive down and take advantage of the parking space we paid for?

From Steve's suggestion that we ride the bus, our parking fee should be reduced and more buses made available during the noon-hour rush. Just because we didn't live on the "main campus" shouldn't exclude us from our rightful privileges. So Steve, we suggest riding the noon or the 2:35 bus to City Campus.

Debbie Radil
Joanie Pick

Director Heins receives APA board certificate

Dr. Robert Heins, mental health director at the University Health Center, recently received board certification from the American Psychiatric Association.

In order to receive certification, Heins said he had to demonstrate basic knowledge of psychiatry and neurology in a series of oral and written examinations. He also was judged on examination of patients and relationships with them.

Heins said that board certification is not required for licensed psychiatrists, however, it proves knowledge of basic standards of psychiatry and neurology.

Heins has worked with the University Mental Health Center for five years.

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