

opinion/editorial

Undisturbed campaign is Munson's privilege

Tim I. Munson is an ASUN presidential candidate who has stirred up quite a bit of controversy the past couple of weeks. Some people just don't like the things he has to say.

But let's give him an opportunity to campaign and express his concerns about the university. OK?

Since Munson entered the race Feb. 5, he has been physically attacked at two bars and has received several threatening phone calls.

Such comments as "I'll kill you if you don't drop out of the race" are not only threatening to Munson's well being, but threaten the very democratic process in which we take pride.

This is not to say this newspaper is supporting Munson's objectives. In fact, we condemn violent demonstrations, terrorism and full-scale war. Blowing up campus police cruisers is no way to express a viewpoint.

Munson reminds us of someone from the 1960s at Berkeley, California—not a 1980 ASUN presidential candidate at UNL.

His references to religion, the Greek system, the regents and the Legislature sometimes go beyond most people's expectations.

But what better learning experience for us than the presentation of outrageous ideas to test our traditional training?

Munson has said he has never experienced such pressure. We don't doubt that pressure is well deserved. But at the same time, let's hope that pressure doesn't turn to violence.

Munson appears to be a very intelligent candidate with a purpose. What that purpose may be is beyond us.

Perhaps through the final campaign days he will more clearly define whatever it is he is attempting and the election process will evaluate his rationality. The system has worked for more than 200 years and this is no time to be questioning it.

Let's give Munson his say without trying to suppress him and leave the decision to the student body.

Harry Allen Strunk



Writer commends editor's admission

A newscast carries word of the plagiarism, your admittance, etc.

Thank you for learning in public. This way countless composers/writers will learn to translate ideas into words of their own. You have been of inestimable service to students struggling with references, compositions, etc.

A greater service is the moral and morale one. Error admission evidences an integrity that is unusual because it's the maturity mark—and rare are those who can handle this crucial aspect of widening life style. Such is the route to mental health and super mentors from the past commend it. Jesus said, "confess your errors one to another..."

Doers cannot avoid error—the thing to do is admit it promptly and go on from there. Yours is the capacity for great humane services.

guest opinion

The current public figure that cannot admit error is President Carter. He erred disastrously in the grain embargo and we need the credit of the American dollar abroad. U.S. farmers were counting on it and need it sorely—not more grain storage bins.

The overwhelming arrogance of Carter is matched by his indifference to the farmer's needs. He cares little for the economic derangements in the lives of thousands of farmers.

Where may we turn for political leadership? Jimmy was sprung to the top of the political totem pole. "Jimmy who?" is no longer an unknown quantity to the congressional traitors along the Potomac. Trying to be one of them, he takes on their camouflage, their hypocrisy. They "smile & smile" and are "villains." The morally stunted Congressional bipeds fronting for the insane acquirers continue reducing the republic to an ethical and economic shambles. (Ethics: science of conduct-morality in action & attitude).

Carter is trying to ride two horses, political acrobatics. Washington's horse, labeled disaster/war, is far ahead of the pacifists' steed. You can't do business with Hitler and the United States has lots of Hitlers. It will take someone with courage and supported by millions of us to overcome our tragic condition. Appeasing, saying yes to the bully boy warhawks, is self-corrupting.

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letters to the editor

I am writing in regard to Regent Prokop's letter in point/counterpoint on March 6, 1980. Prokop's reasoning alone seems strong enough to have him made regent for life. It is OK for the newspaper here at UNL to plagiarize because the English Dept. does not come up with anything original either. Following Prokop's reasoning, maybe we should just say its OK for all English majors to plagiarize. If our English Department is so bad I would like to know why in the hell the regents are not doing something about it, after all you seem to be well aware of the problem. Isn't UNL "Harvard of the Plains?" What kind of a joke is that? The only thing UNL and Harvard have in common is the price of tuition! Where is the quality education we are paying for?!

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Answers needed

To say the least, I found Robert Prokop's letter of the sixth quite interesting. Mr. Prokop states "some people have the concept that all work is original." Clearly our friend the regent does not understand the concept that other people's work must be respected and when used, attributed. I feel strongly that a 100-level English course would be in order and of invaluable help to Mr. Prokop.

I however must agree with Mr. Prokop in "finding it interesting that individuals (in the English department) have time to read all types of literary works such as Time." Although I don't personally find Time a "literary work" I find it hard to believe that with the salaries paid staff at this university that they don't have to use all their spare time working a second or third job in order to make ends meet. If by chance they did have spare time why would they want to read Time? Why aren't they reading Playboy, High Times or entering the world of Harlequin like normal people?

I also like the part where the respected regent says "expressing a similar opinion with regard to an issue that is important" is not plagiarism. Since I also agree with the Time essay on Afghanistan I think I'll turn it in as a paper for my international relations class. It should be OK since I have not "stolen the original work and am selling this work to someone else."

I, however, do have some questions for our pillar of education from Regents Hall. What is meant by the line "the egotists now assume control of the student disciples

of campus?" Am I, (a plain hardworking econ student) a disciple? Is Bud Cuca a ringleader of these despicable egotists? Is Tim Munson Christ? What is going on? Please explain to me why these naughty students are persecuting the good Mr. Strunk. Please, Mr. Prokop, give me answers, not more questions.

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'Laugh of the Land'

Last spring the NU Board of Regents were considering spending a large sum of money on expansion of the football stadium. Last fall the libraries were very nearly forced to cut hours due to lack of funds.

Last Monday (March 3) in the Daily Nebraskan NU Regent Robert Prokop justified Head Football Coach Tom Osborne's \$4000 salary increase by saying, "We pay for individuals that do excellent work, and not for those that are merely excelling in some area."

Regent Prokop evidently ignored the fact that there are more than a few excellent instructors at UNL.

On Wednesday, March 5, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Larry Andrews was reported to have said that the NU colleges of Engineering and Business Administration might be forced to cut programs, or even close their doors, due to lack of funds.

And throughout all of this, the quality of NU is under suspicion due to uncompetitive faculty salaries. Do we really want these buffoons, who call themselves The Regents, in public office compounding their past mistakes with fresh and exciting new ones? Do we really want people who seem to be intent upon creating a national championship state football team, while ignoring the quality of the state university, controlling much of our university? I think not.

The students' only recourse is to seek the election of a regent sympathetic to the STUDENTS needs, and not the desires of Ma and Pa Football fan.

Harvard of the Plains, indeed. Laugh of the Land would appear to be a better catch phrase.

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