

## letters to the editor

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I will just ask the reason why Mr. Belt pursued this case with such fervor. Was Mr. Belt that concerned about our rights, or was the *real* reason that when Mr. Belt helped count the ballots and saw the results of the first ballot, that he realized his candidate had lost? I do not know the answer to this question, but I thought that before the public draws a conclusion concerning "law" students, all the facts should be made public.

Thank you,  
James E. Bachman  
Senior  
Law School

### Housing praised

We, the undersigned, firmly disagree with ASUN resolution 41, which dealt with current student situations in Heppner III.

Having heard debate from students in housing government, university officials, and students of Heppner III, we feel that the housing office took the appropriate action and are in total support of their decision.

After the students developed a reputation for disruptive behavior, they did receive numerous warnings from housing officials: they chose not to make any effort to remedy the situation. Opportunities were given for meetings of the students with housing officials, however, the situation was not resolved. We realize not all students on Heppner III were involved in activities which made it difficult for members of the floor to live in a reasonable academic atmosphere. These disruptive and physically destructive actions have intimidated many of the students of the floor and of the dorm to a point where they will not disclose the responsible parties involved.

We feel through these written warnings and floor meetings with housing officials, the due process deserved of the students was given. Also a definite housing contract violation was established.

Therefore, since specific students cannot be identified in this situation, university officials have been forced to relocate members of Heppner III to relieve the disruptive and destructive environment which seems to perpetuate itself. We firmly support this action in contradiction with senate floor action on resolution No. 41.

John Kelly  
Brian Dunbar  
Outgoing ASUN senators

### Move unnecessary

Maybe we aren't politically involved, but we are concerned about some friends and the battle that they have just taken on. They are being denied the right to appeal a supposedly "non-disciplinary" action, or is it disciplinary? With four weeks of school left, why move 26 guys to separate dormitory floors? The hassle these guys have to go through to move is tremendous. Many of them don't have cars and have to move as far as Harper. These has been a notice posted that these guys moving out of the complex must have their val-dine pictures retaken. How much study time does this take, running back and forth to administration when, by the time you get the new val-dine, you may use it only once? We can't say that there has been no damage to the floor, but if 26 guys wanted to do damage, would the floor still be standing? Probability says that maybe five or six guys (or maybe one or two) did the majority of the damage, but why punish their friends? Moving is also a hassle emotionally. If they do get settled enough to study, there may be problems with re-adjusting to a new roommate thus grades will suffer . . . if they haven't already . . . House authorities . . . can your consciences handle this, and if you can, how human are you? Students, speak up!

Students, speak up and help these guys regain their rights as students. Isn't it innocent until proven guilty? How can you prove yourself innocent unless given the right to present your case and appeal?

Vanessa Moore  
Sophomore/Arts and Sciences  
Janet Chung  
Freshman/Business

### 'Too many blamed'

I would like to clear up some of the issues stated in a recent article on Heppner III. First, I would like to clarify the facts that we aren't trying to justify our actions by blaming it on poor living conditions. The vandalism occurred, it was needless, and we realize that. What concerns us is that this vandalism has been laid upon the shoulder of the whole floor, rather than just upon those that have participated in the destructive acts. This is guilt by association. Up to 10 people that have never participated in vandalism, have never been written up, are being arbitrarily moved. We have been told that the only way to stay on floor is if we turn in the names of the people who destroyed University property. Once again, many of us simply don't know. Even though some people have not been involved, Dr. Zatechka has told us that no appeals of his decision will be accepted. The right for a student appeal is guaranteed in the Student Code of Conduct. This right has been denied. Without this appeal, we will have to move by Friday, with four weeks of school left. I'm sure that changing into a new environment, surrounded by strangers, is not going to be conducive to study. I think that it is unnecessary to inconvenience people that weren't involved, when just moving the people that were involved would solve the problem. It seems to me that by removing the tumor housing is taking a lot of healthy tissue with it.

Bob Krueger  
Freshman/Music Ed.  
Heppner III

### UNL no vacuum

In reviewing Mr. Belt's guest opinion of March 26th an ominous feeling overcame me. Mr. Belt's criticisms center on the Student Court's dealing with a "real life" problem on a "real life" basis. It seems that someone should remind Mr. Belt that the halls of academia do not exist in an ivory-towered vacuum. It is a "real life" world out there Mr. Belt! Any decision made by the Student Court is subject to suit in "real life" court and therefore, the tenets of law are ultimately applicable.

As the student government is dedicated to representing and protecting the students of the University, it would seem logical to follow the rules of law of the locality wherein those students reside. To protect the students with those "technicalities" which serve their purposes, e.g., the right to appeal an alleged injustice, but to condemn other, equally applicable "technicalities" which do not meet some individual's approval, is an act of hypocrisy more frequently performed by a dictatorial government than the representative government A.S.U.N. professes to be.

Insofar as the accusation that the Student Court Justices were "probably getting laughed at by their buddies across town," this contention is both wholly inappropriate and erroneous. Regardless of whether each individual agrees or disagrees with the Court's decision in this particular case, the Justices of the Student Court are to be commended in attempting to protect both the University and its students in a very complex and controversial issue.

Donald L. Kahl  
College of Law

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