

Writer to exhibit 'independence'—at all costs

By Patti Gallagher

Editor's note: The following article contains opinions of the author.

Four score and some odd years ago, someone established this university, in this city, conceived from behind rosy glasses, and dedicated to the proposition that all men (sic) deserve an education.

However, our founding fathers did not predict an inflation rate in double digits nor the fact that not all parents foot the collegiate bill.

It has therefore become necessary to complete the following document. A committee will be appointed to study it.

THE CONSTITUTION OF LOW-COST LIVING

We the people of UNL, in order to form a more perfect university, establish residency, insure entry into the college of our choice, provide for the common decadence, promote life free of fare, and secure the blessings of the almighty NU Board of Regents do ordain and establish this Constitution of Low-Cost Living.

ARTICLE I. We do hereby give up eating. In order to provide ourselves with additional income with which to pay our tuition,

buy our books and bribe our closed-mouthed sources, we will forego all material means of sustenance. Consider that the Harvest Room special consumed today will only be composted tomorrow, and the sacrifice is worth the gain.

ARTICLE II. We do hereby give up parties and all other fabricated means of mental stimuli. Thus we put to rest our outlawed pipes and crusted beer steins. And yet we can continue to attend Biology 101 lectures and remain within the guidelines prescribed above. The financial savings from abstinence of ale will be more than enough to purchase a new *Christopher Columbus Discovers America* film for the department of life sciences.

ARTICLE III. We do hereby establish low-income housing. All residence halls, Greek houses and co-operatives are to be condemned as inflationary and roach-infested,

effective immediately. Undergraduates are to report to the stadium to take up residence. All graduate students are formally summoned to Regents Hall. Straight-backed chairs and rubber rooms will be provided.

ARTICLE IV. We do hereby enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope in all correspondence to the homeland. Accordingly, we will sniff, shake and discard all university mail.

ARTICLE V. We do hereby eliminate all university extra-curricular activity, hence eliminating all student fees. Farewell to committees, and committees of committees. Goodbye, dear, precocious political activist groups. Bon voyage student government. A parade and tea party will be held next week in their honor. The event will be financed by the collective pool of Fund A refunds.

ARTICLE VI. We do hereby establish the common lavatory. For means of eliminating all expenditures on personal toiletries we will create and utilize the common pot. Mass quantities of Prell, Crest and Soft and Pretty have been purchased for your use. You will be billed on your tuition statements—no refunds allowed.

ARTICLE VII. We do hereby allot our entire lives savings into the common pot. (Not to be confused with the contents of Article VI.) The administrative ladle, in its infinite generosity, will spoon out rations biannually to suffice our needs.

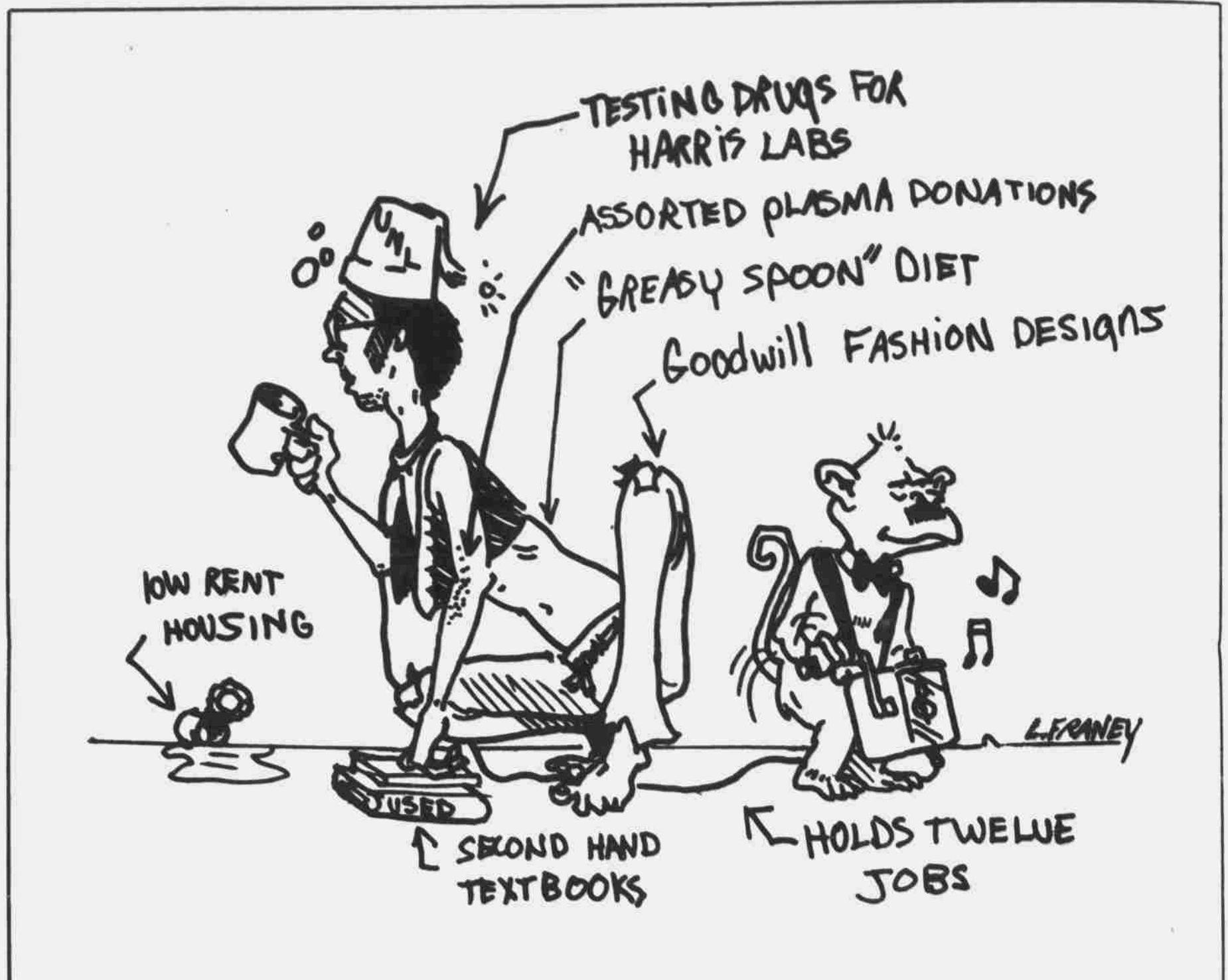
If and when our administrators should scrape the bottom of the pot, we will then turn to the kind and just legislators of this good state, with a song in our hearts (i.e. "There is No Place Like Nebraska."), and a smile on our lips.

(Ratification pending installation of a permanent chancellor.)

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