



Letter

Daily Nebraskan

Nominee before opponent

If I had read Matthew Millea's column, "Kerrey focuses on specific problems" (Daily Nebraskan, March 12) with little or no knowledge of the political process in Nebraska, I would have been left with a distorted view of the current state of affairs in Nebraska politics. I would have believed that Robert Kerrey is running for governor against Nebraska's current governor, Charles Thone. Millea begins his column by saying we're going to have an interesting race for governor and in the next sentence describes Kerrey as an "unusual candidate." He continues by contrasting Kerrey and Thone. In the penultimate paragraph, Millea specifically refers to Thone as Kerrey's opponent. This is simply not true.

Kerrey is a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. His opponent is Sen. George "Bill" Burrows, not Thone. Thone is an incumbent making a bid for the Republican nomination for governor. In order for Kerrey and Thone to be each other's opponents, they must win their respective primaries in May.

As a farmer and a member of the Agriculture and Environmental committees and the Revenue Committee in the Legislature, Burrows is better equipped to bring about effective solutions to the problems that Millea refers to (which dealt primarily with agriculture) than is businessman Kerrey. Of course, the column did not say that Kerrey claimed to have solutions to the state's agricultural problems, only that he believed the government could be doing more to solve these problems.

I believe a responsible newspaper, such as the Daily Nebraskan, should inform its readers of the political issues and help make the issues clear to them, not distort the issues as Millea's column did.

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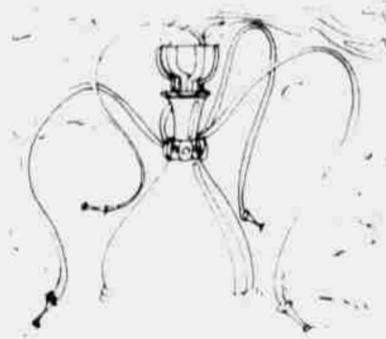
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