



## Letters

### Prayer is personal

Cynthia Grandberry's letter (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 8) questioned whether I contradicted myself during a talk at UNL, reported in the Daily Nebraskan Sept. 30. The "contradictory" statement attributed to me in the article declared, "prayer in schools is a good thing."

Correction is required. My tape reveals that in responding to a question about prayer in school, I pointed out the very personal nature of prayer and said that neither the state nor any of its instrumentalities should be writing prayers. Prayer should be between a person and his or her God. The state should not compel any child to be subjected to prayer. My unambiguous conclusion was, "There should *not* be any prayer in school - or in the Legislature."

I hold to this view with the consistency of the Earth's movement around the sun.

Sen. Ernie Chambers  
Omaha

### Crowd entertained

I would like to respond to the Oct. 6 editorial labeling students as "dumb" for listening to Sister Pat and her two cohorts.

It's not often one gets to hear three talented comedians peddle their wares in public for free. It was great entertainment and well worth attending for anyone who enjoys a good laugh.

I really am not sure if any of the three were actually serious about what they were saying.

The only one who appeared firm in his convictions and refrained from theatrics was the man in the suit whose name I can't remember. The crowd wasn't dumb; they flocked to hear Sister Cindy because she was the funniest of the three by far.

The only people I consider a little off-base were those who actually seriously debated Sister Cindy. They were actually lending credence to her drivel and were offended by it.

Heck, when Steve Martin says something funny, I

don't argue with him, I laugh. That's what most of the crowd came to do when they saw this religious freak show.

Tom Shelton  
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### Criticize only if you care

Julia O'Gara wrote "the God of Christianity is decidedly male." That quote and others in her article (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 11) give the impression that she shuns the established Western religions.

If this is true, why does she write about sex discrimination in these institutions? Only people who deeply care about their beliefs should voice displeasure at the practices of their religious institutions.

But people who despise these religions and dislike their place in our society should not try to advocate a cause in something they would like to see destroyed.

Kay Welsh  
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### Goodman's facts doubted

I wish I were familiar with "every poll" mentioned in Ellen Goodman's Oct. 8 column.

It is a fairly bold move to state that two-thirds of the American public is against banning abortions. A more realistic assertion would be that a large majority of people are non-committed on the abortion issue and others may approve of abortion only in certain cases (like rape or incest). This is still different from the pro-abortionists' goal of abortion on demand. In any case, Goodman's figure is not reflective of public opinion polls I have seen.

One of the most amazing characteristics of pro-abortionists is their ability to fool themselves as they attempt to put one over on the American public. The most notable evidence of this self-brainwashing is their need to de-personalize the fetus by referring to it as a "blob of tissue," a "product of conception" or "contents of the uterus." They may be convinced in their minds, but their consciences are telling them different.

The failure of the U.S. Senate to pass any pro-life legislation this session will only serve as an impetus for pro-lifers to get the facts out to the public and clear the air of pro-abortionists' misinformation. Until then, the carnage will continue.

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*Friday*  
October 15

## Parade & Pep Rally

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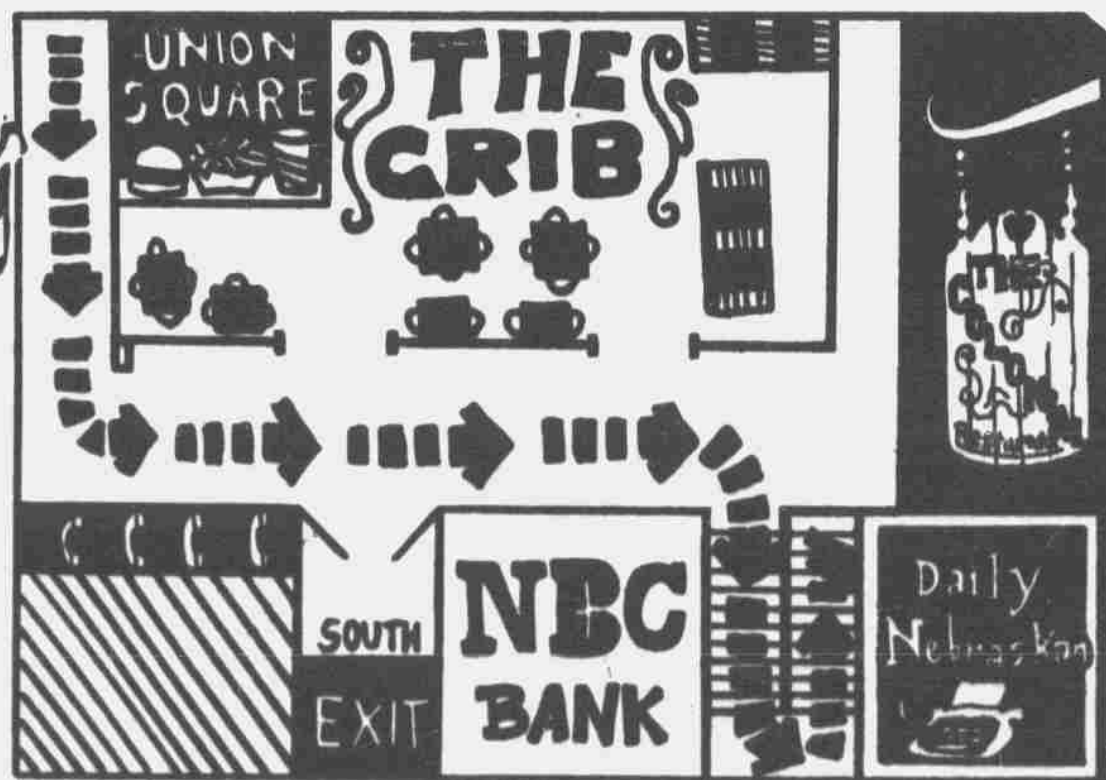
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Students interested in the Washington Center for Learning Alternatives internship program for spring semester 1983 should make an appointment with the Coordinator for Experiential Education, Oldfather, Room 1218, 472-1452, as soon as possible. Applications are due by Friday.

This Friday is the last day to drop full semester classes. After Friday, students must get instructors' approval. Friday is also the last day to change to pass/no pass.

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