

Don McGinlry for Lieutenant Governor





Don McGinley of Ogallala is a lawyer, cattle feeder, and as a former State Senator and U.S. Congressman, provides a balance of experience and geography to Bob Kerrey's candidacy as Governor.

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Americans only looking out for No. 1

We live not in the midst of fighting, nor guerilla warfare. A dictatorship government does not loom above us. We have ample food. Our newspapers are not censored. We know what is happening in our country and abroad. We choose our occupations freely. We attend schools of our choice and if we can not afford those schools, we get government assistance. We choose our

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own entertainment. Our society welcomes foreigners and grants political asylum to those who wish it. We can protest peacefully, with no repercussions. We read accurate accounts of what our government is deciding.

Yet amidst this freedom, unique to the universe, we hear bitter criticism that our country is failing. Americans are quick to point fingers at the culprit, trying to blame someone besides themselves.

We are addicted to the idea of getting more and more. We live better than any civilization, but that is not evident by listening to the people. We are quick to point out what the government is not giving us. "My God," we quip, "the country is in shambles." As long as this attitude prevails, Americans will never be satisfied. Running the risk of being a typical American, I will attempt to put my finger on the problem.

American leaders are dealing with a new breed of society. Americans are greedy, they have number-oneitis. They cannot understand why everything does not go their way. Americans have lived relatively easy since the Depression. The United States has shown great progress through modern technology since that time. Thus, the average citizen increased his income, had more children and bought more luxury items,

Advertising and television told society to drive a new car, wear designer clothing, drink imported wine and own a 35mm camera. Soon there was no balance between luxury and necessity. The simple life was surrendered to competing with the Joneses. America came to believe through a social process that the good life was something that they richly deserved. The thought of living without the second car was appalling. The world of personal glory and bigger paychecks was here to stay.

Then the economy tightened up again. Americans turned to government and said, "Get us back on our feet again: we want things back to normal. Accomplish what the last president could not." Realistically, Americans are demanding the impossible. Citizens must accept that the economy is in a lull of its cycle. Government can attempt to bring back fragments of their dreams, but society's expectations are just not plausible anymore.

The buck must stop with the American consumer. The narcissistic lifestyle they demand is a utopian dream. A compromise is the only solution. It will take time to reform the American value system and time is something that this society doesn't seem to have much of.

I dare those whose live for bigger and better to step back and look at the big picture. Things are not that bad, folks. Ask the mother whose family was killed in Lebanon or ask the starving boy in Africa - I am sure they would love to live in this "shambled" country.

My outlook may not be fashionable in this hedonistic society, but as candy-coated as this may sound, I feel lucky to have the privileges of an American. In the fight to get ahead, we often forget how good it really is.

> Mary Sue Hergert senior, journalism



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Police Report

The following calls and complaints were received by UNL police from 7 a.m. Wednesday to 7 a.m. Thursday.

1:30 p.m. - Hit-and-run accident reported on East Campus. Victim didn't know where damage occurred. 1:51 p.m. - Two-car accident reported in Area 21 west of Memorial Stadium.

1:51 p.m. - Two-car accident reported in the Regents Hall parking lot. No injuries were reported.

2:50 p.m. - Two-car accident reported at 733 N. 16th St. 3:51 p.m. - Two-car accident reported in the Col-

lege of Dentistry parking lot. 9:12 p.m. - Wallet reported stolen from a backpack in the Nebraska Union.

10:11 p.m. - Accident reported at 12th and R streets. No injuries were reported.

10:30 p.m. - Loud stereo reported at 519 N. 16th St., handled by officers.

11:59 p.m. - Disturbance reported at Harper Hall. Officers arrested one person for minor in possession of alcohol and another for procuring alcohol for a minor. 3:50 a.m. - Disturbance reported at Nebraska Hall, handled by officers.

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