



Letters

Student action needed

The next 10 days very well may be as important to us as any other period in our academic careers. Of course you know what makes them so important — the election. After several weeks of intensive mudslinging, you may be cynical enough that you've already stopped reading.

The only problem with this attitude is that when one adopts it, he tends to stop participating in the political process. That is a mistake. Our vote, whether we feel it is significant or not, is our most basic access to the system. When one chooses not to vote, he says he doesn't want to have a voice in how our country, state, county and city are managed.

At the same time, he loses his right to complain about decisions. Therefore, if you don't vote, don't complain — I don't want to listen if you didn't even care enough to push a lever in protest.

Besides the election, something else is coming up that will have an even greater effect on us, at least in the short run and in the long run, too, when one considers its implications. That "something" is the special session of the Unicameral that Gov. Charles Thone is calling. The express purpose of this session is to cut the state budget. We all know what that means to UNL. The results of a cut in budget would be devastating, especially to the Agriculture College.

Last year, when the Legislature cut our

budget, it caused virtually no response from students. If the same lack of interest is displayed this year, why shouldn't they cut our budget? We obviously didn't care enough to say anything.

We as students have an obligation to our children to try and stop the decline in the quality of education offered at UNL. Students need to get mad, and then do something about it. Don't worry quite so much about your grade point average. In 30 years, you won't care that it was 3.77 instead of 3.80, but you will care that your children had to leave the state to get quality education.

So write your state senator, the governor; write letters to your hometown paper, occupy the Administration Building. Do anything, but at least do something!

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Terrorism intensified

Oct. 1, many people in South Tehran were victims of an Israeli-style mass murder. At least 60 were killed and more than 700 injured when a huge bomb (150 kilograms of TNT) planted by the terrorist organization, the Mujahedeen Khalg Organization, exploded in a parked truck on a busy and crowded street of southern Tehran.

Two buses and several other cars loaded with passengers were destroyed. A five-

story hotel was level and many other buildings damaged. Among the victims were children and a mother with her small baby in her arms. Many of the injured were taken to hospitals and are still in critical condition.

This heinous crime is only one in a series of events that is part of a campaign of terror designed by the superpowers and carried out by the MKO terrorists in a futile attempt to topple the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The U.S.-supported MKO has intensified its cold-blooded, ruthless terrorism against the people of Iran, ever since the Islamic army began gaining a great many victories on the war front last year. These atrocious crimes are clearly aimed at:

—Attracting popular attention away from and undermining popular support for the victories of the Islamic army in the war against the Baathist-Zionist regime of Iraq, who invaded Iran in a futile attempt to destroy the Islamic Revolution. Records clearly show that shortly after each victory of the Islamic forces on the battle front, mass murders have been carried out by the MKO. The recent bombing occurred soon after the Islamic forces successfully launched a major offensive against the Iraqi invaders, inflicting heavy losses on Saddam's mercenaries and freeing over 150 square kilometers of Iran's territory.

—Through random terrorist activities among the masses, futile attempts are being

made to create an atmosphere of instability and fear which the terrorists hope will undermine the Islamic Republic.

—By bombing and massacring innocent people, mostly in the poorer areas, the terrorists display their hatred and desire for revenge against those who will not support them. The liberated masses of Iran continuously have supported and fought for the Islamic Revolution while rejecting all anti-revolutionaries and agents of the superpowers, such as the MKO.

In the United States and other parts of the world the pro-Zionist media, in support of the MKO, has been spreading false stories about the executions of MKO agents in Iran. The media have tried to distort the heroic struggle of the Iranian masses who fight to remain free of the West and East and safeguard the Islamic Revolution.

The masses of Iran have responded courageously to the MKO terror and have helped arrest many of their armed agents, many times while acts of crime were taking place. The Islamic Republic of Iran is much stronger today than it was a year ago, and the Muslim people of Iran have proven many times over that neither the U.S.-backed invasion of Saddam's mercenaries, nor the mass murders of innocent people by the agents of imperialism will be able to destabilize independent, free Iran.

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