



Letters

Student is first at ACS

I would like to reply to Larry Elgbrett and his associates' letter (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 29). I work for Academic Computing Services, the department committed to the computing needs of students. Believe me, ACS is not deaf to your complaints. The reason for the early closing hours at the College of Business Administration facility is because later hours hadn't been secured through Campus Security yet.

There also have been numerous complaints on the availability of the new VAX system. The reason for its being "down" since Saturday is because there was a fatal flaw in the system software. This was, obviously, beyond the department's control.

ACS on the Lincoln campus was started in mid-August when it split from the original Computing Services Department. Since then it has furnished and staffed three remote sites, brought up the VAX system and taught students how to run the new system. Clearly, students do not realize what a tremendous task this was.

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Timing inconsiderate

I believe that as members of the university community, we must show consideration and respect to other members of the community. The timing of the Phi Psi 500 activities displayed a gross disrespect toward a significant portion of UNL students.

The activities began Sunday morning, at a time when several university chapels are conducting worship services. This discouraged Phi Psi 500 participants from attending worship — an activity that normally is a part of their week.

There are enough chapels in the near vicinity of the place where Phi Psi 500 activities were held, that I believe this is a legitimate concern. Future planning committees for this event would be well advised to move their activities — even an hour later, in order to show reasonable consideration for the Sunday morning worshippers of the university community.

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Act was disrespectful

This is the second year I have lived in Selleck Quadrangle, directly across from one of the fraternity houses. This has resulted in a number of problems. This past weekend was no exception. Sunday at 7:30 a.m. I woke to the theme from "Rocky" blasting through my window.

Later, when I had enough of Rocky and was "feeling strong now," I proceeded to investigate what was going on. To my surprise, I got to the street and found fraternity members bailing hay, right where I had parked my car the previous night. I asked them what was going on. They told me about some tricycle races that would be taking place later in the morning. The tow-truck drivers, who were busy towing other cars, told me that for \$20 I could get my car back. Then I questioned a police officer overseeing this entire affair about the legality of it all. It turns out that the fraternity involved did have a permit to use the street. However, its "no parking" notice was quite insufficient, to say the least. Supposedly, a few small signs were taped over the already posted parking signs on Friday, but they were taken down sometime between Friday and Sunday morning and then put up again. Whatever the case, it's incredibly funny that I didn't double-check the sign Saturday night when I parked my car there to see whether it had changed from what it has always been. I usually do.

I believe it's important for us all to re-examine the purpose of fraternities. My impression, which I must admit is not totally objective, seems to indicate that they are places for college students to re-experience early adolescence. Apparently the toll of going to classes during the week or being away from home is a bit too much for some individuals and therefore it is necessary to revert back to more wild and crazy days. College is a time of learning responsibility, growing up and hopefully where one learns to better understand one's self. Some fraternities do not appear to be promoting this philosophy. Drinking, obnoxious behavior and peer pressure can lead to dangerous situations, deindividuation and, most importantly, disrespect for others. To me, this behavior is much too apparent in these types of groups. I do want to say that fraternities do involve themselves in some very admirable activities. The profits from the tricycle races Sunday went to a very worthwhile cause. This gives them all the more reason to improve their act in other ways.

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