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Letters

Motives questionable

I would like to add some things to Eric Peterson's column (Daily Nebraskan, Dec. 9). I have checked numerous books on teacher certification and it seems that almost all states do require teacher certification. The Nebraska Supreme Court found that the current law was not unreasonable to the Rev. Sileven's beliefs.

I would like some answers from Sileven. Is it impossible for a teacher of his faith who could meet certification requirements to be found? Why does his particular group of people feel they do not want certification? Is the implication being made that there is something immoral about the law and even the entire state? How does teacher certification contradict the scriptures?

I am skeptical of their situation. I can see a movie of the week or the next national bestseller looming here and I don't like it.

It makes me wonder about the true motives behind these ministers and the groups they are associated with. I am not sure their ideals are as good as they would have us believe.

Dale Hayer
senior
English

Clergy must obey laws

Hurray for Bill Allen. He finally found a subject to talk about that I agree with. I'm referring to his editorial on the Faith Christian School in Louisville (Daily Nebraskan, Dec. 2). Why some people think they're above the law I'll never know.

These schools claim that their students receive higher scores on tests equivalent to tests taken in public schools. Therefore their teachers must be doing a good job. If this is the fact, then why don't these teachers just go get certified. I'm sure they'll have no problems at all receiving their certification, if they're so good.

I'm in full support of the law that all teachers must be certified. Those parents of the Faith Christian School children should have been irate at the school for allowing uncertified teachers to teach their children. Instead they let their beliefs blind them into supporting their minister instead of their child's future.

Darren Theesen
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Election sites practical

As a faculty member of the ASUN Electoral Commission, I have been surprised (perhaps naively) to see the recent Electoral Commission decision on polling places turned into a Greek-Residence Hall Association "war". Perhaps the following information will clarify a few matters raised in recent days.

1. The decision to reduce the number of polling places was motivated by reasons of practicality, economics and efficient operation of the election.
2. After our review of past election history, we found no correlation between the number of polling sites and the number of votes cast. In fact, in the past decade or so, the largest number of votes were cast in an ASUN election with only two polling sites.
3. Most UNL students live neither in Greek houses nor in residence halls.
4. On Wednesday, March 14, we presume most students will be on campus for class, necessitating no great effort to stop at one of the unions to vote.
5. Matt Wallace, ASUN president and, I believe, a fraternity member, vigorously opposed the change adopted by the Electoral Commission.

My personal view is that the RHA-Greek inferences drawn from this decision are wholly inappropriate and irrelevant to the issue. Two "neutral" polling sites have been designated, accessible to all students. Given that decision, I hope students will wage election campaigns which attract sufficient interest in cause those two polling sites to be fully utilized.

Jerry L. Petr
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ASUN Electoral Commissioner

RHA input needed

The dispute between RHA and ASUN regarding the residence hall polling places is becoming more and more intense, despite the good wishes of David Spencer, ASUN Electoral Commission director, and Bob Wolz, RHA president.

In Spencer's letter (Daily Nebraskan, Dec. 13) he mentions that this past summer his commission met with Wolz and decided to have a representative of RHA sit in on all Electoral Commission meetings. If that is true, however, Wolz failed to tell the RHA Executive Committee or the RHA Council about that meeting, and by his neglect the post was left unfilled. Had RHA been represented on the ASUN Electoral Commission perhaps such an idiotic decision regarding the polling places would not have been rendered.

If Spencer still wants an RHA representative at his meetings, I am more than willing to serve in that capacity. It may be too late to resolve the polling place dispute fairly, but in the future hall residents must have a voice on the ASUN Electoral Commission.

Gary Aurand
chairman
RHA Election Commission

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Crystal C. Coleman
member
UNL women's basketball team

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