

# Editorial

## Scudder and Aim will face task of making ASUN work

It's over. The ASUN election that almost everyone thought would end in a runoff turned out to be a landslide for the Aim Party.

Although the Daily Nebraskan did not endorse a candidate this year, it offers a hearty congratulations to president-elect Mark Scudder, his first vice president, Curt Oltmans, and his second vice president, Paul Edens.

Aim is to be commended for the professional manner in which it conducted its campaign. The party's near clean sweep of the senatorial races proves how successful the campaign was, but more importantly, Aim avoided making accusations against other candidates. ASUN would be much better off if all future campaigns were run this way.

Aim's sweeping victory was no small task, but the hard part of the job — fulfilling the pledges made during the campaign — still lies ahead.

Scudder's goal of working closer with the Legislature on university-related business is logical. One of ASUN's roles is to serve as an advocacy body for students. In fact, it is the only connection most students have with the Legislature and the NU Board of Regents.

But the new ASUN leaders should not spend so much time being an advocacy body that they forget their role of providing student services. Such things as a typing center may seem insignificant, but anything that ASUN can do to provide a convenience for the students should be implemented.

The incoming officers would be wise to continue the projects started by the current office holders. The development of student legal services, especially, has been beneficial and should gradually be expanded.

More than anything, however, the new leaders face the difficult task of bringing ASUN the credibility and interest it needs to be effective. Scudder's desire to increase student involvement with ASUN and to see that senators become more involved with individual colleges and other campus organizations is a worthy goal. He must now fulfill his commitment and develop an effective strategy for achieving that goal.

Considering the apparent lack of student interest in ASUN, Scudder and his party members have a huge challenge ahead of them. It's a challenge we hope they accept.



"The same reasons that justify condemnation also justify impeachment." — Sen. Don Wesley.

## Communist threat an excuse for big business exploitation

As the saying goes, those who forget the mistakes of the past are often forced to repeat them.

What this old cliché fails to mention is that learning the wrong lessons from history sometimes can be worse than learning none at all.

A timely example is Latin America. The Reagan Administration would have

man that Hitler created and thrived on in the 1930's.

The United States justifies its intervention in Latin America on the basis of Soviet expansionism. However, the history of U.S. intervention in the region actually predates the establishment of the Soviet Union and the growth of communism.

If communism is not the reason for U.S. interference in Latin America, what is the real cause?

The best answer comes from a former Marine commander, Major General Smedley F. Butler. In 1935, this war hero wrote the following:

"I spent 33 years and 4 months in active service as a member of our country's most agile military force — the Marine Corps. I served in all commissioned ranks from second lieutenant to a major general.

"And during that period I spent most of my time being a high-class muscle man for Big Business, for Wall Street, and for the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer for capitalism.

"Thus I helped to make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba decent places for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in . . .

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## Letters

### Re-elect Reagan

It seems that anybody that can write anything comes down on President Reagan. As an American, I must say that I'm glad Reagan is in the White House. I remember when he came to office. The hostages were in Iran, the country seemed unsteady, inflation was increasing. In three years, he has made some great changes. I pray that he is re-elected. We need someone in the White House who is strong, who is going to keep our country strong.

Richard Jenkinson  
Lincoln

### State was negligent

To editorialize is: 1. To express an opinion in the form of an editorial. 2. To introduce opinion.

I, like most citizens, realize the need for freedom of the press, but not at the distortion of facts. All citizens of Nebraska would agree that the failure of

Commonwealth Savings Co. lies clearly with its own mismanagement.

The state Banking Department's role is not one of service to the banking industry, as you stated in your editorial (Daily Nebraskan, March 5). Its role is one of regulating against violations for the protection of all citizens. Its action in failing to enforce state statutes certainly was not an error in judgment, but a deliberate act of gross negligence.

If you haven't read the Meyer work-out plan proposed for net asset realization, I would suggest you look at it. If there was ever a proposal for turning a bad situation into an acceptable one, this is it.

The funky transactions of our attorney general and unfactual editorials are not going to restore the badly needed integrity that is lacking in our banking industry.

Robert A. Webb  
Lincoln

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### Krishna Madan

us believe that the problem there is Soviet expansionism.

Reagan's message is that we have got to stop the communists from taking over countries in the same way that the Nazis should have been stopped before World War II broke out.

Actually, Reagan is correct in drawing a parallel to Europe of the 1930's. However, the lessons that he draws are the wrong ones.

The real lesson to be drawn from Nazi expansionism is how the Nazis were able to gain control of Germany and much of Europe through raising fears of a "red menace."

The Reagan administration is merely trying to resurrect the same old bogey-

## Campus Quotes

Did you vote in the ASUN elections? Why or why not?



Jodeen Figger  
freshman  
food science

"No. We were going to leave to vote and we had some candidates (with Aim) pressure us. They said, 'come on with us, we'll show you how to vote.' So we just got mad and said, 'fine, we're not going to vote at all.'"



Tom Sorensen  
freshman  
animal science

"I just voted because I knew some people that were running. I didn't know that much about any parties."



John Langemeier  
senior  
agricultural honors

"Yes I did because I think ASUN does have a role...as long as they realize what they can do is limited and that they seek to achieve those obtainable goals."



Jamie Card  
senior  
agricultural economics

"No, I didn't. I guess I just didn't know they were taking the votes yesterday. I have voted in other years though."



Pat Murphy  
junior  
pre-vet

"No, I had to work all day."

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