

## Letter Policy

The Daily Nebraskan welcomes brief letters to the editor from all readers and interested others.

Letters will be selected for publication on the basis of clarity, originality, timeliness and space available. The Daily Nebraskan retains the right to edit all material submitted.

Readers also are welcome to submit material as guest opinions. Whether material should run as a letter or guest opinion, or not run, is left to the editor's discretion.

Letters and guest opinions sent to the newspaper become property of the Daily Nebraskan and cannot be returned.

Anonymous submissions will not be considered for publication. Letters should include the author's name, year in school, major and group affiliation, if any. Requests to withhold names from publication will not be granted.

Submit material to the Daily Nebraskan, 34 Nebraska Union, 1400 R St., Lincoln, Neb. 68588-0448.

THE NEBRASKA UNION AND EAST UNION ARE NOW ACCEPTING OFFICE SPACE APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1984-1985.

Applications are available in Suite 220, City Union, and the Administrative office in the East Union. All recognized student organizations are welcome to apply for space.

The applications must be returned to Suite 220, City Union, by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 6, 1984 for your organization to be considered. Any questions should be directed to the Operations Committee of the Nebraska Union Board.



## Smut on campus

There comes a time in everybody's life when they are so full of gratitude, they just don't know who to thank first. I have this feeling right now. I guess I could start by thanking Dr. Ruth Westheimer for coming to our sexually ignorant campus, and enlightening us with her infinite knowledge on sexual behavior. Dr. Ruth, thank you for turning our lives around.

But then maybe all of my thanks could just go to Lisa Davis, the sharp investigative reporter who brought the Westheimer story to front page billing of our homey campus newspaper (Daily Nebraskan, March 13). I found the piece about the onion rings a novel idea, and am hopeful that you will keep us up to date on other such games to play in our leisure.

One more thanks, and this one goes to the dear old Daily Nebraskan itself. I'll be saving more money from now on, thanks to you. I've just cancelled my three porno subscriptions. Why pay the bucks when I can now pick up free smut in every building on campus?

Tom Dierks  
junior  
industrial engineering

## Amendment not needed

Eric Peterson's column (Daily Nebraskan, March 15) did an excellent job of approaching the school prayer issue with clear thinking and sensitivity, something too often absent when this question is debated. My compliments.

As a citizen, I object to the prayer amendment as a totally unnecessary and potentially messy legality. Prayer is already our inalienable right, at school or at home. Any student can pray before class, before lunch, before a test or a game, or anytime for that matter. Those who want to pray can pray to the god of their own belief and in silent words of their own choosing. Why confuse the situation with a constitutional amendment?

As a Christian, I fear the abuses and malpractices that may occur because of the amendment would cause far more harm than good to the spirituality of youngsters. I seriously doubt that any recited prayer in a classroom will deepen anyone's personal relationship with God. Spiritual upbringing is clearly a

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responsibility of parents and the church, not public schools. If I were a parent, I wouldn't want it any other way.

Greg Berg  
graduate student  
music

## Tobacco 'offensive'

I would like to address the disgusting habit of chewing tobacco and the related revolting habit of spitting in the drinking fountains on campus.

I do not enjoy walking up to a drinking fountain and discovering gross bits of tobacco and mucus floating in a clogged drain. It would be appreciated if these offensive individuals would cease spitting in the fountains. Certainly the garbage cans are much more appropriate for the expectorant.

While chewing tobacco is offensive to those who don't it would be less offensive if those who do would have respect for those who don't. Such consideration should be expressed by allowing non-chewers to enjoy a clean drinking fountain.

Roxanne Smith  
graduate student  
geography

## Letter is 'fun time'

In response to Greg Witt's letter (Daily Nebraskan, March 15); I would like to say not all is lost, Mr. Witt. Feminists and minorities do have a sense of humor. We still are highly offended by the cartoon but we laughed at your letter. Thanks for the fun time.

And thanks for explaining the "joke" for all of us with no sense of humor who didn't understand what it really meant.

Terry Brown  
senior  
political science

## Lent not just a test

Kema Soderberg's column (Daily Nebraskan, March 15) left me with mixed reactions, but it made me stop and think. She made some very true statements. Self-denial is a way of sharing in Christ's suffering and many Catholics do take this seriously. The purpose of Lent and the practice of sacrifice is not an endurance test. Lent and sacrifice are important tools for reshaping our lives in the image of Christ. If we practice self-denial for the wrong reason or without reason, it is fruitless and absurd.

Catholics do not need to give up faith for Lent but we do need to give up our ignorance and misinformation concerning church teachings. Lent is a call to deepen our relationship with God, to bind ourselves back to the source of our life. We will not be able to offer a meaningful sacrifice until we have some knowledge of God and our relationship with Him.

Ruth Stephens  
senior  
human development and the family

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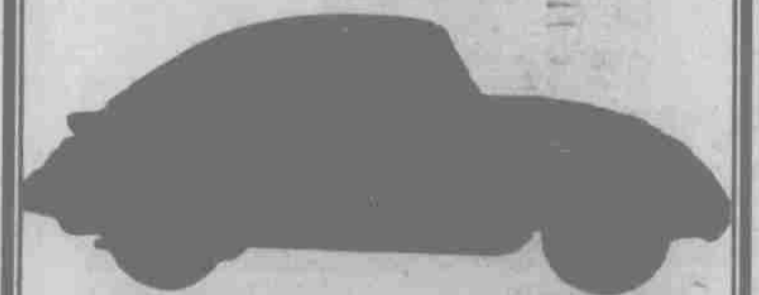
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