

Editorial

Words kill idealistic coalition

Recent statements by Louis Farrakhan, one of presidential candidate Jesse Jackson's most visible and vocal supporters, have received a great deal of coverage in the political centers of the country like Washington, D.C., New York, and Chicago. However, on the campaign trail the comments have caused nary a ripple.

For those out in the Nebraska hinterlands, Farrakhan's comments merit repeating. *Newsweek* magazine provided several of Farrakhan's quotes in its April 23 edition.

"...the Jews don't like Farrakhan," *Newsweek* quoted him, "so they call me Hitler. Well, that's a good name. Hitler was a very great man. He rose Germany up from ashes...Now, I'm not proud of Hitler's evils against Jewish people. But that's a matter of record. He rose Germany up from nothing..."

The magazine also provided quotes of Farrakhan threatening Jackson's Jewish critics ("...If you harm this brother, I warn you in the name of Allah, that will be the last one you do harm."), and Milton Coleman, the reporter who revealed Jackson's famous "Hymie" gaffe.

In addition, the *Washington Post* two weeks ago quoted Farrakhan as saying singer Michael Jackson was a bad influence for young black men because he was "sissified."

Despite this type of fiery, racist, homophobic rhetoric, Jackson has yet to denounce his friend's words. This then, is the real tragedy of the entire affair.

Jackson's candidacy had the chance to form a "rainbow coalition," as he called it; a chance to give political voice and credence to a number of groups who too long have been considered politically insignificant by the major parties.

Unfortunately, Farrakhan's words cast serious doubts as to Jackson's sincerity in pursuing this goal.

His "Hymie" remark early in the campaign season could be dismissed as one of those errors that can occur in the heat of battle. However, Jackson's unwillingness to denounce Farrakhan's words cannot be dismissed so easily.

When Ronald Reagan stands idly by as his long-time crony James Watt slanders minorities, that's one thing; you kind of expect that from Reagan. Jackson's candidacy on the other hand, was supposed to be about love and brotherhood and lofty ideals like that.

Maybe it is a double standard to expect so much of Jackson and so little of a man like Reagan. However, in Jackson's campaign there actually was hope; hope that through involving the oppressed in the political process, this country's shameful history of bitterness and racism could be put to rest once and for all.

Farrakhan's continuing role as a Jackson spokesman destroys this hope. Again, it's a shame because Jackson's rainbow coalition could have been a wonderful reality. Instead, it's destroyed by the words of an ignorant man.

Oh well. Just wait until '88.

— Mike Frost



Letters

What about home ec?

Yes, East Campus is on an oasis (Jann Nyffeler's editorial, *Daily Nebraskan* April 19). The headline caught my eye. I started to read because I've taught on East Campus for 12 years. But I didn't read anything about home economics! Surely I missed that paragraph. But I read again. Disappointment! Not even a mention of home economics which represents Jann's own description of East Campus. "People tend to be pleasant and friendly...somehow East Campus reflect the true spirit of Nebraska. Hard work. Common sense. Respect for life, resources, and other people. And a love of life and fun." Yes, that's home economics. Come visit us on East Campus; we have much to offer everyone.

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Allen cast first stone?

To Bill "Anti-Greek" Allen:
I recognize your name from somewhere in the past. Weren't you the one who cast the first stone at the adultress?

Tim Shanahan
sophomore
business

have one for you. Try being funny without slamming the Greek system.

Bill Buntain
Beta Theta Pi
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management

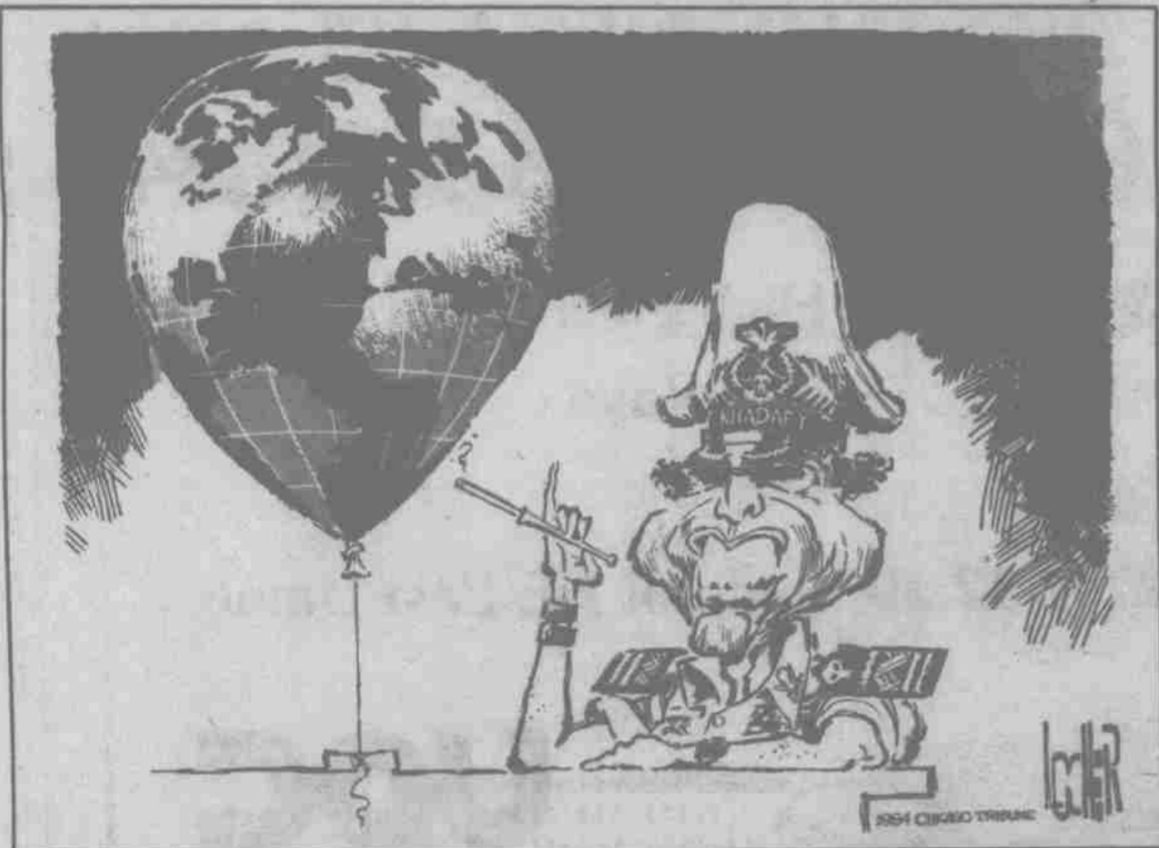
Rhonda Greder
Gamma Phi Beta
senior
Teachers College

One word — boring!

I get a little tired of all this carping about the Greeks, and in particular Bill Allen's column. I'd like to take issue with a couple of events in his so-called Greek contest (actually, I'd like to take issue with the whole column).

First, Stereo Blaring Contest. Bill, old fellow, have you walked by any of the dorms lately? Apparently "dormies" also own stereos. Also, Sorority Make-up Contest. Come on now, Bill, do you really believe sorority women wear any more nail polish than non-Greek women? And what's wrong with having a Greek Week? I don't have a word to describe Greek Week, although Bill did ask for one. But I do have a word to describe his column — boring!

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Slams not humor

In response to Bill Allen's column (*Daily Nebraskan*, April 23):

We have spent the last four years in the Greek system and have managed to maintain our individuality. Now Bill, there seems to be a double standard here. We thought you had respect for individualism. You have categorized 3,000 young men and women into faceless personalities. The men: bare-chested, brainless and bombed. The women: Malibu Barbie gone Avon. Really Bill, your intellect stuns us. We could ramble on and write our own column, but we'll leave you with this thought.

We have a strong suspicion that you are a man who likes a challenge. We

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Campus Quotes

Are examination files OK in your opinion?



Paula Day
artist
Game and Parks Commission
"In a way it's sort of like cheating, but certain teachers think of it differently. Your focus of study would be narrowed down to what's on the quiz."



Eileen Myers
secretary
cooperative extension service
"It seems like they (students) should dig on their own, study on their own. Maybe the old exams are some important things that they should know."



Valerie Starr
freshman
food science
"No, because I think people rely too much on them. They just learn enough to get a good grade. They don't retain the information."



John Sonderman
junior
animal science
"I think it's a good idea. If a teacher wants to change a test, he can. A lot of teachers encourage looking off of their old tests."



Frank Sloup
freshman
food science
"I think it's a good idea. It helps a lot of students out. But there are good and bad points, I guess. A lot of people depend on old exams and skip class. Overall though, I guess it's a good idea."

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