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to the candidate to vote for legislation in favor of the PACs' special interest.

Because of this growing influence, even if my vote manages to help elect my representative, I would not have the same rapport with him/her as would an official of say, Mutual of Omaha, whose company may have donated several thousand to their campaign. Large donations from wealthy individuals have the same effect of giving a disproportionate voice to the rich. A representative is much more likely to lend her ear to a person who has made a large contribution than to one who is merely voted or contributed an unnoticed \$10 or \$25.

Student criticizes prayer in school

I am writing to submit my view on the subject of school prayer in our primary schools. I feel that it would be a mistake to have public schools attend to the spiritual needs of children. The spiritual faith of a child should be practiced in the home and at the child's place of worship. This would allow the child to ask questions of adults who are bringing him up in his particular faith.

I feel it is just a bad attempt to put more of the burden of responsibility of a child's upbringing onto the school system. I also feel that it is a violation of rights. What about little atheist children, huh? Should they have to waste school time watching others pray or meditate?

If the child wants to pray or meditate, he can do it before school or on his own time during school. Besides, what if the child only prays while chewing on marijuana or something?

Peter Soukup
sophomore
undeclared

The editor believes the vote will decide not only leaders, but also issues. This is not always the case. Polls have shown repeatedly that most Americans favor a mutual and verifiable nuclear freeze agreement, yet the majority of our elected officials refuse to pass it. An incident fresh in Nebraska history demonstrates that citizen participation in deciding issues is not always wanted.

An impressive grassroots effort collected 32,000 signatures to put a non-binding nuclear freeze/MX referendum on Nebraska's November ballot. The Nebraska Supreme Court on June 17 voted

to disallow the petition because it was "...nothing more than a non-binding expression of public opinion and not a proper subject for the initiative in Nebraska." Three of the judges felt it was a "proper subject," but because they were out-voted, we Nebraskans have been disenfranchised from the right to even express opinion in an official way.

So vote, yes. But don't be deceived into thinking it will necessarily affect your world in any significant way.

Glenn Simonsen
senior not majoring in anything

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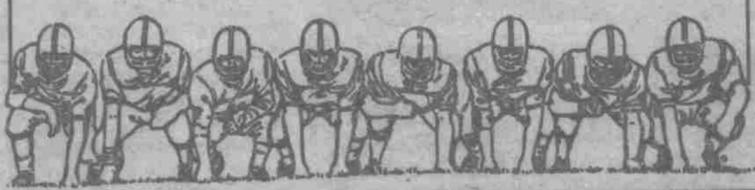
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