

# Editorial

## Good luck, ASUN

Well, another riveting ASUN election is over. No more signs, buttons, suckers or giant banners to contend with. No more petty disputes or campaign violations, either.

Although ASUN's power is limited, it can, and occasionally does serve the students of this campus well. Matt Wallace played a key role in keeping the libraries open on football Saturdays. Mark Scudder successfully requested a delay in the construction of the new bookstore to allow student input. He also organized a meeting with administrators and regents for any interested students.

Those kinds of accomplishments aren't earth-shattering, but they help make life at UNL somewhat more comfortable.

We hope the new ASUN administration will be successful in attaining its goals, and in representing the interests of the students of this university to administrators and to the regents.

## Local student aid needed to survive

Cuts in the federal budget necessitate the funding of some programs by the state and local governments of this country.

President Reagan's philosophy is that local governments should have more responsibility.

State legislators have an opportunity to provide needed money for students in state colleges and universities — money that will become increasingly needed if planned cuts in federal loan programs become reality.

LB133 would create a state work-study program. The program would provide work for state college and university students at local non-profit and state organizations. The students would earn up to \$1,800 a year. Employers would pay 30 percent of a salary, the state the rest.

This program is a fairly inexpensive way to provide funding, and experience, for Nebraska students.

Deb Chapelle, executive director of the Nebraska State Student Association, wrote the bill. It was introduced by state Sen. Tom Vickers of Farnam.

The bill was introduced last session and it failed.

This year, it's more important than ever. Federal student aid has decreased by 20 percent since 1981. Student loans are harder to get now as well.

Don Aripoli, director of the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at UNL, said LB133 would do more than just create financial aid for students. He said work-study gives students a chance to "test out" career areas. LB133 would bring more funding to the university through tuition. Aripoli also said research has shown that students who work perform better academically.

There is some debate about whether regular, profit-oriented businesses should be allowed to participate in the program. Detractors say the cheap labor would be just like state subsidies to private industry.

Allowing the private sector to participate also might displace some full-time employees in favor of cheap student labor. It would be best to leave the private sector out of the program, if it is passed.

LB133 would do much to help students — many of whom would not be able to go to school without a work-study program. We urge the Legislature to pass LB133.



## Smith's Rule makes life easy

### Unimportant worries help people forget problems

A one-two-three-four, What a dance, do they do, Lordy how I'm tellin' you; they don't need no band, they get high by clappin' their hands. Happy as a cow, chewin' on a cud, when the people beat their feet on the Mississippi mud.

Stupid isn't it? You wouldn't believe the whole song, it goes on forever. I sing it when I'm happy.

And, hey, good news, you too can bounce around town and sing corny songs just like this one. I wouldn't lie to you. I'm your friend, trust me.



**James A. Fussell**

You want to be happy? Do what I do. Follow the advice of brother Jack Smith (No, I don't know who he is either, but he was quoted recently in the funny pages of the Lincoln Journal, what more do you want?)

Pay attention, here's the advice. "A person must try to worry about things that aren't important so that he won't worry too much about things that are." Call it Smith's Rule.

It makes a certain amount of off-the-wall sense. Worry about the unimportant stuff only.

Look at me, I'm disgustingly happy and I worry about lots of unimportant stuff — every day. Stuff like whether the toilet paper is rolling over or under the roll.



## 'Bill won't threaten one-room schools'

LB662, the school merger bill, deserves the attention of all Nebraskans, including students at UNL.

However, I must disagree with the March 12 Daily Nebraskan column by Jim Rogers, "School consolidation threatens rural one-room schoolhouses."

Having attended two different one-room schools in Dodge County, I would be the first to stand up and defend the school's uniqueness and effectiveness. My teachers

And Grape Nuts. I worry about Grape Nuts. I mean, gosh darnit, it's such a cute little name for a cereal even if it does look and taste like little brown rocks and crack your molars wide open when you eat it, you would think at least it would have cute commercials.

Smith says worry about unimportant stuff? This is about as unimportant as it gets. And I'm worried.

I'm worried about their business sense there at Grape Nuts Central. Instead of cute, they throw some scruffy outdoorsman at us who impugns our soft city lifestyle and says in a haughty snit, "There's no question Grape Nuts is right for you. Question is: Are you right for Grape Nuts?"

Now there's the \$100 dollar question, am I right for Grape Nuts. I always end up talking to my TV and saying, "Nope, guess not."

It just bugs me because I know those Grape Nuts folks can do a lot better. Now, heaven knows, I'm no advertising expert, but, I mean, if you don't have a whole lot to work with in the first place with regard to your product, why shoot yourself in the foot with an arrogant advertising campaign?

I'm worried. I think I'll send them a letter. Something short and tactful, like "Dear Grape Nuts, your commercial is stinking up the airwaves. Have a nice day. Your friend Jim." Nazaa I'll work on it.

See what I mean? It's fun to worry about stupid things. It's creative worrying instead of destructive worrying, and a little of it is good for the sanity. Hey, I can't worry about Nicaragua, I'm too busy trying to straighten out cereal companies.

And contact lens wearers. I could straighten a few of them out, and how. Have you seen the guy on campus who loses a contact on a dusty floor somewhere, finds it, spits in the lens, then puts it back in his eye? Yeccccchhhh. This man must be stopped and flogged within an inch of his life.

Again, Smith's Rule. Worry about unimportant stuff. My wife, Susan, does. Heck, she even worried about what I was writing about this week.

"Oh that's gross," she said about the man who spits in his contacts, "you're not going to put that in your column are you?" She was play worrying you understand. It occupied her time and made her happy. So she did it some more.

See, she was worrying about some unimportant stuff and loving it. I wrote down what she said on a yellow legal pad. She saw me and worried some more.

"You're not going to use that are you," she demanded. "Now I have to worry about everything I say?"

"No, just the unimportant stuff," I said. "Remember Smith's Rule."

"You can fix your own spaghetti tonight," she snorted, not amused.

So now I've got to worry about what I'm going to have for dinner tonight. I guess I should have something light and unimportant. Maybe I'll go over to Bill Allen's place. Sounds like he's been eating a lot of unimportant stuff lately on his diet. And I know he's worrying about it.

Now it's your turn. You gonna worry about the big stuff or the little stuff? It's up to you my friends, it's up to you. Brother Smith will be watching — and so will I.

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## Letters

in these schools were well-trained and caring. It was a complete education.

LB662 does not do away with these schools. The bill, as amended, allows Class I school district residents to sue the district they merge with if the one-room school is not properly maintained. This amendment by Anselmo Sen. Howard Lamb would prevent the school boards from letting buildings become dilapidated so they might have to be closed.

A committee amendment would protect Class I elementary schools from being closed unless a majority of the voters liv-

ing within the original district choose to close a school. One-room schools will not be closed under LB662. It is a tax equity issue. Those Class I residents who already have ties with Class VI (high school) districts should not be penalized for taking the initiative to provide high school education for their students. Aligning Class I's with established Class VI's, a K-12 systems is in the best interest of the students of Nebraska. Most of all, it's fair.

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