

Letters

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Everybody stand up and support NU!

Red balloons, blue balloons, protests, phone banks, petitions... What does it add up to? Concern. At last students are acting, not just reacting when it comes to budget cuts.

Blue is the traditional color of the education profession and wearing blue would show a sign of interest. Students are saying, "We want you to see that we care about our education."

Whether you agree or disagree with the type of events planned doesn't really matter. What matters is that all of us — students, faculty and staff — visibly show our support. Write or call your state senator. Wear blue. Carry a balloon or pass out stickers. What you

do is not as important as the fact that you are doing something.

As a freshman, my concern is that all the courses necessary to complete my major will not be available if the proposed 3 percent budget cut is approved.

Let's not wait until spring semester to complain because a course section that we need has been dropped, an excellent professor has left or a program has been eliminated. Don't wait — act now.

Sandi Svoboda
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NRA cartoon misrepresents organization

This letter is in reference to the cartoon depicting National Rifle Association dollars at work (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 4).

I would like to express my concern with your decision to print something that is such a gross misrepresentation of an organization and its goals.

The NRA is concerned with preserving the right to keep and bear arms for use by law-abiding citizens and also supports and sponsors several organized shooting events and hunter safety programs for people for all age groups.

In no way does the NRA support or

encourage the unlawful use of firearms. They have fought for tougher penalties to be imposed upon criminals who use firearms to commit a crime but anti-gun groups still choose to direct their efforts toward the gun instead of the criminal who uses it.

The cartoon reflects a biased and distorted point of view and shows little responsibility. I hope that in the future you will review the validity of such items.

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Pro-lifers build wall against family planning

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There is no rational explanation for this attack on Title X unless you assume that the anti-abortion people are committed to ending contraceptive practices."

It's time, past time, to assume just that. The "pro-family" line is more overtly "anti-family planning" every year. At a Planned Parenthood workshop in Seattle this fall, Jo Ann Gasper, the deputy assistant secretary of HHS, hinted that HHS was reviewing so called "abortion facts" like the IUD and perhaps even the pill.

That's the party line now: the pro-life party line. Judie Brown, president of

the American Life Lobby, has said, "We are opposed to all forms of birth control with the exception of natural family planning." Joe Scheidler, the founder of the radical Pro-life Action League, put it this way in an interview: "...I think contraception is disgusting..."

In this carefully styled assault on Title X, pro-lifers describe themselves as architects for a "wall of separation" between abortion and birth control. But what they are trying to build is a wall that would separate families from planning.

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UNL student will model outfit in national contest

By Jody Beem
Staff Reporter

A UNL home economics student will compete this month in the final round of a national sewing competition.

Jenny Dickey, a junior fashion and textile design major, will model a suit she made in the National Grange Fraternity's Grand National Sewing Competition to be held Nov. 20 through 24 in Eugene, Ore.

The National Grange is a fraternal organization geared toward families, specially rural families, Dickey said. The organization provides aid to farm families, works with the deaf and sponsors annual competitions.

Dickey, who has been sewing since she was 7, entered her suit in district competition last April. Then her entry went to the state and national contests. Dickey said she will compete against 1,000 people at the national level.

Contestants are divided into four age groups. One winner is chosen from each age division and these four people compete to be named overall winner.

Garments are judged in three areas: construction, fashion statement and fit, Dickey said. Each contestant is required to use a pattern made by Simplicity.

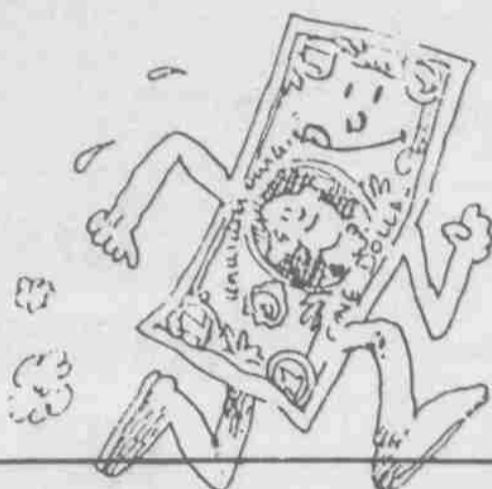
She said the overall winner will receive \$1,000. Singer awards a sewing machine to each national winner. Simplicity, Bloomenthal, Dritz, Offray and Pellon offer various bonds to winners, she said.

Dickey won the national contest last year in the 15- to 19-year-old division. This year she is competing in the adult division. If she wins the overall competition, she said, she can't enter the contest again.

She said it took her about eight days to make her outfit. The suit cost about \$120 to make, she said.



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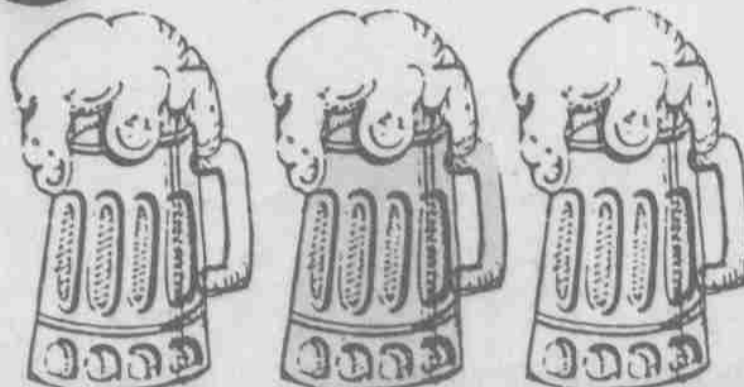
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