

Letters

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Organization praised for questioning CIA campus recruiters

The Latin American Solidarity Committee Organization should be commended for its sponsorship of a panel discussion on CIA recruitment at UNL.

The panel, comprised of three UNL professors, was organized to protest the recent presence of CIA recruiters

on campus. The Central American Response Team lauds this effort as it does any endeavor toward peace in Central America and the world. The methods and objectives of the CIA, especially in Central America, should be questioned.

Thank you, LASCO, for your part in helping people question and understand what is really happening in Central America.

The Central American Response Team—a committee of the Lincoln Chapter of Nebraskans for Peace

Quality education, not quality buildings, makes a university

I applaud the articles written by Chris Welsch (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 4) and the letter by Tim Howard (DN, Nov. 5) on the NU budget cuts in the face of spending millions on the Lied Center for the Performing Arts.

NU Board of Regents has for buildings. Buildings don't make a university great, quality education does.

Would you rather have your university known for fine buildings or quality education?

When one thinks of Harvard University, does one think of great buildings? No, one thinks of quality education.

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Policy, press look away in Soviet defection case

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The New York Times relegated it to inside pages once Medvid was returned to his ship. Like the Pentagon's fiercest hawk, Richard Perle, the Washington Times adheres to the conviction that no agreement with the Soviets is worth a damn. They lie, they cheat and they're out to get us.

Still, a truth exists here independent of politics. Summit or no summit, a Soviet sailor attempted to defect and was stopped from doing so. Either that, or U.S. authorities so mishandled the situation that the poor seaman, confused and scared, thought better of his plans and decided to remain a Soviet citizen. The ultra-right, so wrong so often on so much, is right on this one.

Medvid was shanghaied in reverse. As apparent as all of that is, only a few right-wing ideologues are willing to say it. Contrast the present situation with the attempted defection of a Lithuanian seaman off Martha's Vineyard in 1970. After the seaman was forcibly returned to his ship, a chorus of Bronx cheers reigned down on the Nixon administration — with Democrats booing the loudest. With Medvid, though, both political parties and the press largely have chosen to look the other way. War is hell — even cold ones.

But there was never an either-or proposition in Medvid's case — never a choice between doing the right thing by a sailor or going to the summit. Arms agreements are not favors one nation

bestows on another, but products of national self-interest. The defection of a sailor could only scuttle a summit as a pretext, and in that case almost everything could do — including, of course, the now-you-see-it, now-you-don't defection of a key KGB official.

The fact remains that either by incompetence or indifference — or a lethal combination of both — the United States has sent a sailor steaming home to an uncertain fate. Medvid may be forgiven for thinking that in the end his choice did not matter. The Soviet Union is not the kind of a country that cares about a single sailor. And now, it appears, neither are we.

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Deceased architect known for NU work

By Karen Shoemaker
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The Lincoln architect who designed several buildings on the UNL campus died Sunday.

N. Bruce Hazen, 88, and partner, Marvin Robinson, designed the Administration Building, the Nelle Cochrane Woods Art Building, Westbrook Music Building and Kimball Recital Hall.

John Benson, a UNL associate professor of architecture, said the work of the Hazen & Robinson firm was clean and functional.

"I think the firm's strongest work on campus is the Westbrook-Kimball complex," Benson said. The buildings are very useful and designed well, he said.

"A lot of research went into the acoustics for the buildings and acoustically the buildings are very effective," he said.

David Fowler, Kimball director when the hall opened and faculty liaison with the architecture firm during the building's construction, said the designs

of Kimball and Westbrook were very far-seeing. Kimball was designed as a recital building, but it has worked for theatrical works as well, he said.

"We have always felt it was an outstanding facility compared to music buildings on other campuses," Fowler said. "I think one of the strongest statements I can make about the buildings' designs is that in my opinion we wouldn't change anything if we had it to do over again."

Benson said he thinks Hazen's firm was amazing because it took on big projects for a small firm.

Besides UNL buildings, Hazen also designed the Bennett Martin Library, the First Federal Lincoln office building on Cotner Boulevard and several Lincoln schools.

Hazen specialized in residential architecture, Benson said. He designed many of the first homes in the Piedmont division. Throughout his career, Hazen designed or remodeled about 500 Lincoln homes.

Police Report

- UNL police arrested a person early Sunday morning for allegedly driving while intoxicated near 16th and Vine streets. The person also was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor for allegedly giving alcohol to an underage person in

- the vehicle.
- Two vehicles were reported vandalized. One was in Parking Area 3 near Harper Hall. The other was in Parking Area 10 near Smith Hall.
- A bicycle was reported stolen from Cather Hall.

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