

Letters

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**Commuter center unnecessary; information already available free**

In regard to the proposed commuter center (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 14) that is to be built in the Nebraska Union, I must question the need for this facility.

The services that would be available at the center already are available to students free of charge. The only advantage would be to have all the information and services in one location.

Have ASUN President Gerard Keating and ASUN Sen. Todd Duffack looked into this project? I know Duffack visited a similar center at Norman, Okla., but have any surveys been done on this campus to see if "that silent majority" wants this center? No.

Does it matter that UNL is the only

Big Eight school that does not have a commuter center? For those who are interested, UNL also is the only Big Eight school that does not have an all-university yearbook, but that did not affect Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Rudy Lewis in his decision not to support the use of student fees for the yearbook project.

The 40 cent per-student, per-semester increase for the commuter center would be a 6 percent increase in Fund A student fees.

I find it hard to support a commuter center after seeing all of ASUN's hard work to keep the legislative budget cuts from affecting the university.

Students are struggling to afford quality education; it is not necessary to charge for an "information" center when the information already is free.

The center would not be self-supporting. It would always need money to keep services up to standard.

So far, only a couple people have shown their support for the \$20,000 project. How does the rest of the ASUN Senate feel about the project? I challenge these senators to investigate this project further.

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**Budget issue deserves stronger stance**

In response to the editorial (DN, Nov. 14), my question is, who wrote this garbage?

The dictionary defines an editorial as a "newspaper article that gives the opinion of the editors or the publishers." What good is an opinion if it takes no stand? If ever there was an issue that required a firm stance this is it. This issue demands a stand.

The headline "Kerrey should leave NU cut at 2 percent" and phrases like "as much as the university could stand without suffering permanent damage" project a sense of submission.

The underlying message in the article seems to be pleading to our legislators to stop removing the excesses in our budget.

There is no excess. Any loss of money means permanent damage. The senators did not return \$1.6 million, they took \$3.4 million from us. This should be stated in clear and certain terms.

Another unspoken message is one of

helplessness in the face of our legislators and the NU Board of Regents. This is not the case.

We, as students, are not feeble pawns to be tossed about by the political whims of those who are elected to represent us. The entire student body is an integral part of the educational triad of student, administration and regent. If it were not for our desire to buy an education at this university the political questions would be considered moot.

We as a student body and student consumer have to assert our rights and stand forcefully; not as submissives, cowering and begging for the mercy of those we have elected. The money they are dealing with is our money, and we have a voice in how and where it is spent.

Jerry Roethig  
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**'Unpopular' programs should not suffer brunt of budget cuts**

I am deeply concerned with the future of our state university. My interests often lie in unpopular programs such as women's studies, minority literature and film studies.

Some prominent people suggest that the university cut the traditionally unpopular classes. If this happens, the rights of the minority, in which I am included, would be violated. The foundation of this country was based on a deep belief in minority rights.

The liberal arts and teachers' colleges should receive an ample share of

the university budget. A liberal arts degree is the ideal education for students wishing to truly understand and participate in the world today.

Many students, unfortunately, avoid liberal arts because their key objectives are jobs, money and social prestige. They are under the illusion that financial security will bring personal happiness.

A broad liberal arts education also should be emphasized in the Teachers' College. Our teachers of tomorrow

must not emerge with degrees in narrow-mindedness.

In order to produce good teachers, we need the financial and moral support of university leaders, students and concerned individuals.

I am afraid for the future of these colleges, which should be a concern for anyone who cares about the quality of higher education in Nebraska.

Dana Hirschbach  
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**Thanks to Bill Allen for his truthful Greek affairs reporting**

I would like to commend Bill Allen for his consistently unbiased reporting of the truth, especially when concerning Greek affairs.

Who in their right mind would ever criticize the Greek system or its great

test tradition: panty raids.

Beside being a great tradition, panty raids provide clothing for extra-curricular activities enjoyed by all fraternity men. After all, how did the undergarments get stretched out and torn?

I'm glad someone at the Daily Nebraskan tells things as they are.

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**One thing to say: 'Let him go: Let them all go'**

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showing up at major events to remind the world that her husband remains imprisoned in the Soviet Union for the crime of being a Jewish dissident. She was in Paris when Mikhail Gorbachev came for his official visit; she was in New York for the 40th anniversary of the United Nations. Like hope itself, she is everywhere.

It would be wonderful to concentrate only on the grand problems of the East-West conflict — arms reduction, Star Wars — as if the differences between us and the Soviets were only ideological and, in terms of any real conflict, exclusively prospective. But

Avital Scharansky always brings you down to the small, the human and the immediate — to the plight of her husband, his 13-year sentence on the preposterous charge of being a U.S. spy, his suffering, his headaches, his worsening health.

And by extension she reminds you of the plight of all the others the Soviets have jailed for what the West calls "crimes of conscience." They include Ukrainian nationalists like Vasyl Stus, who died in a labor camp, Russian Orthodox Christians like Boris Razvevayev, Lutherans, Baptists, atheists with the wrong politics, and Jews who unlike Scharansky have no politics, not even

dissent, but whose crime is the fierce determination to teach Hebrew to children.

Avital Scharansky smiled at my greeting and nodded in recollection of our last meeting and then, not knowing what to say, I stupidly blurted out, "Keep up the good work," which of course she will. So I quickly said goodbye and headed off for my lunch. There had been so much to write and then, suddenly, there had been only one thing to write:

Let him go. Let them all go.  
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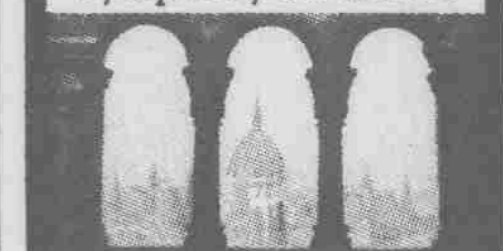
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**"IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME TO HAVE MY CONTACT LENSES FITTED PROPERLY."**

Like most people, I'm on the go alot. I tried contact lenses a few years ago and was never really happy. Wearing contacts helped my vision but they became a hassle because of the mild discomfort and occasional fuzzy vision.

I asked several of my friends who wear contacts to recommend a specialist, and most of them recommended Dr. Powell at the International Contact Lens Clinic.

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