

Opinion

Letters

Architecture student replies to college merger issue

With regard to the proposed merger of architecture, interior design and construction management, I find the arguments on both sides interesting and healthy. What I object to is how the issue is turning emotional with false allegations and misinformation.

When Joan Laughlin, professor and chairwoman of textiles, clothing and design, argues that the architecture college's salary cost per credit hour is more than double that of the home economics college, she is absolutely correct. But she fails to say why this is so.

The College of Architecture must use professional architects as teachers

in many classes. Also, because architecture is not a profession, it is one of the few colleges that cannot take advantage of teaching assistants (non-professionals) for upper classmen.

Teaching assistants save many colleges the money they would spend on additional faculty salaries. The home economics college also has a larger offering of disciplines, which can balance the higher cost per credit hour classes with the lower ones.

I also think that graduate Paul Daniel's statement that architecture students don't have the same feel for design as students in the home economics college is not only untrue, but

it is also unwarranted and unprofessional.

The real issue I feel is that the university has to cut 1 percent to 2 percent of its operating budget, yet it is asking the College of Architecture to cut 10 percent of its budget.

This is unfair. I feel budget cuts should be distributed equally throughout the university system, so that no single college endures hardship and a lessening of excellence.

James Draheim
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Anti-Israel Congress members few

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The giggles you hear are coming from the U.S. Senate. In the first place, it is not likely that anyone would run for statewide office in California as an anti-Israel candidate. And second, OI' Jesse has seen the light — or maybe the green. Campaign contributions or ideology, it matters not. The senator from the Pleistocene era is now an Israel supporter.

Next on the list is Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Penn.). His letter says he has been "targeted for defeat" by a group of Arab Americans. He says he had to raise \$240,000 by March 10 — a date, his office later said, that is of no real critical importance.

Enough! The fact is that anti-Israel Congress members are few and far between. The reasons for that are obvious. Israel is admired

and liked by the U.S. people. It is a fellow democracy, an anti-communist bastion in a key part of the world. What that does not explain, the affluence and political activism of the U.S. Jewish community does. With pride and affection, it has made Israel its ward. No 1986 congressional election is going to change any of that.

But that is not the impression you get from various fund-raising letters. Even where all the candidates support Israel and it is not an issue, the fund-raising letters sound the alarm.

No string is left unplucked and in the rush to answer false alarms about Israel, other concerns — civil rights, civil liberties, even integrity — get brushed aside. The only standard becomes support of Israel, and for that a politician is permitted to fish in the Jewish community's money pond.

In Washington, a community sometimes united by cynicism, fund-raising letters are excused as a bad thing you are forced to do on the way to doing so much good. They are designed to alarm, to excite, to scare and, like pornography in film, it does not matter that they bear little resemblance to real life. It's the emotion that counts. Passion brings in the bucks. This is true whatever the cause.

But there are few issues in which the backdrop is the Holocaust and the feared prospect is yet more deaths.

At stake in this election is not the security of Israel. More and more it is the credibility of those who claim to be its friend.

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Cohen writes an editorial column for the Washington Post.

DN not at East Campus hearing

I was alarmed that no one from the Daily Nebraskan covered the March 12 meeting of the ad-hoc budget review committee on East Campus.

This meeting provided the opportunity for the College of Home Economics to present their views concerning the plan to move the interior design program to the College of Architecture.

Did the DN staff think the event wasn't important enough to send someone to cover it? Was it because of the rain that day? Didn't anyone think the "reasoning" for this move, given by Dan Stewart, could be disputed? Or was it just because it was the College of Home Economics?

The news article in the March 14

issue of the Daily Nebraskan was an after-the-fact telephone interview coverage of a truly important meeting.

I would like to hear the rationale for not having a DN reporter at the hearing. Since Feb. 10 the DN has encouraged student involvement at these budget-cutting hearings.

DeLoris Clouse

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agricultural communications
Editor's Note: Because of ASUN elections and other schedule conflicts, no Daily Nebraskan reporters were available to cover the budget hearing. Thus, the only option was a followup story.

Voters should look at candidates, not just their place of residence

I am concerned by the various "battle lines" that have been drawn among living units because of this year's ASUN election.

I encourage voters to consider only the qualifications of the second vice presidential candidates, not their places of residence.

The intention of the parties this year

was to create coalitions of voters from various places to strengthen voter turnout. This is an admirable intention, but not if the result weakens the ability of the elected body to serve.

Chris Scudder
president-elect
ASUN

Homosexuals ruin use of library

This letter is a response to the article concerning the homosexual activity taking place in Love Library (DN, March 17).

Along with thousands of others, I was shocked at the news that such action could take place and take place so close to other American college students. It simply isn't safe to go to the library restrooms.

The risk of coming into contact with

the deadly AIDS virus increases a great deal when sexual activity takes place in public places.

It is bad enough that people would actually do those things, but doing them in public facilities, where normal, healthy, innocent American people are threatened, is insane.

Dave Clare
freshman
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