

Preoccupation with force dictates policy

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fundamentalists might revolt at fighting their co-religionists, and, in particular, a leader such as Qaddafi, whose anti-Israel credentials are hardly in dispute. A combination of poverty, religious extremism and anti-Americanism could produce a fifth column. Even if the Mubarak regime survived, it might find itself once again isolated in the Arab world. Would it then be forced to assert its pan-Arab bona fides by repudiating the peace with Israel?

The U.S. plan for a joint operation might have made military sense — but that's about it. It was drawn up in a strategic vacuum as if short-term gains were everything and nothing mattered but what the Army likes to call "the mission." The reason it is worth citing is that it is

similar to other recent Reagan administration actions in which legitimate questions were brushed aside in a rush to use force in the name of the Reagan Doctrine.

For example, is it worth allying ourselves with Jonas Savimbi in Angola since he himself is allied with the racist regime in South Africa? Is it worth giving Savimbi stinger missiles if the Soviets and the Cubans respond by giving their Angolan allies even more sophisticated weapons? Is it worth supplying the same stingers to the Afghan guerrillas and risk them turning them over to other Moslem zealots whose enemy is not the Soviet Union — but the United States or Israel?

You could ask similar questions about Nicaragua: What happens after the Contras are trained and ready to really fight? How lengthy a war will

we support? What happens if the Contras can't do the job? Will U.S. soldiers have to? Is Nicaragua that important, and maybe more important, can such a war ever be won? Will the hills forever belong to the guerrillas?

The answers to these questions are not only not forthcoming, it's not clear they are even being asked. Complex problems are given to the military to simplify, and courses are charted that will take years to change.

A short-term "September Song" mentality has seized the administration. In foreign policy, it's no longer morning again in America. It's December.

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Groups reunite for fall election

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Individual members have to take the initiative if they want to work on a campaign, Savage said. The Young Democrats give interested students names and telephone numbers of campaign managers, she said, but the executive officer will not work as a group for one candidate.

"In the general election, that will change," said Savage, who supports former Lincoln Mayor Helen Boosalis for governor. "We will provide more direct support for our candidates, but that cannot happen during a primary."

Brent Toalson, UNL manager for former Lincoln Sen. Chris Beutler's campaign, said he has freedom to announce his group's activities during Young Democrats meetings. Most of the help "Students for Beutler" get, he said, comes from Beutler's statewide campaign rather than the YDs.

The College Republicans supply student campaigners with membership lists and contacts in chapters at other colleges, Pigg said. Most of the statewide leaders of the college campaigns, he said, come from UNL's chapter.

"That speaks well for all of us because it shows we're capable of doing something on a grander scale," he said.

The Nebraska Republican Party has been more helpful to State Treasurer Kay Orr's campaign than the College Republicans, said Chris Gunderson, UNL and state manager of Collegians

for Kay Orr. But Gunderson said he understands the need for the student conservatives to stay neutral.

"In order to establish the best unity after the primary, it's best in their behalf to do no more than they're doing," Gunderson said. "Their job is to put the party back together after May 13."

Pigg and Savage said their groups' impact on the primary cannot be measured easily. The Young Democrats are quite valuable to the candidates as a source of manpower, Savage said.

Because the primary election falls after the end of the semester, Gunderson said, the student Republicans have trouble gauging their effectiveness. But when Hoch ran for the Senate, Pigg said, she attracted much support from college students.

"I'm sure it didn't hurt that she was a regent," he said.

Each of the three major Republican candidates for governor — Hoch, Orr and former GOP State Chairman Kermit Brashear — has at least one supporter on the College Republicans' executive committee, Pigg said. But about 80 percent of the membership of UNL's Republican chapter is working with Orr's campaign, Gunderson said.

Much of the Young Democrats' membership supports Beutler in the primary, said John Hilgert, who joined the group last year after two years with the College Republicans. Hilgert supports Norfolk's David Domina.

Letters

Brief letters are preferred, and longer letters may be edited. Writer's address and phone number are needed for verification.

Birth control is responsible action for loving partners

In response to Mark Maresh's letter (Daily Nebraskan, April 14):

The decision whether to engage in sexual activity is a decision for individuals and their partners. The choice to use birth control is a responsible action used for the prevention of an unwanted pregnancy.

Maresh wrote that "basically what is being said between a couple who uses a form of birth control is, 'I love you, except for your fertility.'" That isn't true.

The couple who chooses birth control, whether married or not, is saying that if and when they choose to have a child it will be wanted and planned,

not a "mistake" that they would be unprepared for mentally, emotionally and economically.

Maresh also says he fails "to see how the pill or any other form of contraception lets humans 'be fruitful and multiply.'" Sexual activity is more than an act of reproduction. It is a sign of your love and caring for one another. Birth control gives a couple the time to prepare for a child, so that when they do "multiply," the choice will be theirs, not something that "just happened."

Maresh also says that "there is only one form (of birth control) that is 100 percent effective (as opposed to the pill's 99 percent effectiveness) and

that is abstention."

That may be true, but that also is his argument against pre-marital sex. The decision whether to have sex is a decision each of us is faced with at one time or another.

I am not saying pre-marital sex is good or bad, only that I am glad I am part of a campus that offers students the pathway to responsibility for their actions and doesn't pass moral judgment on such a decision, an example that all of us should note.

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Law-abiding citizens become more scarce at UNL

Whatever happened to the law abiding citizen? or even respect for others' property?

Almost every day I see police reports of hit-and-run accidents in university parking lots, and I wonder what kind of person could damage another person's car and just drive away.

Recently I found out first hand. My mint-condition 1969 MGB was the vic-

tim of a hit and run. More than \$800 worth of damage was done to the front end.

Maybe I expect too much, but I actually did expect to find a note in my car from the person who backed into me, or at least from someone who witnessed the accident. But, whoever hit me must have had more important things on his mind than the law, or

responsibility, because I'm stuck with the bill.

Maybe some day someone will damage the car of the person who hit me, and leave his name. Then at least one of us will benefit from the ever-scarce law abiding citizen.

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Side tunnel to be used for picnics

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ture, said Maybin, who grew up playing 'hide and go seek' in the caverns.

Visitors still can see the spot Native Americans once used as an entrance. Grooves in the main cavern ceiling show where the water formed and shaped the stone. Part of the brewery foundation still can be seen in several spots inside the

cave. But the beers are gone and won't be returning, Vi said.

The Scarboroughs plan to let groups rent one of the side tunnels, originally used as a party room, for picnics and birthday parties.

The cave is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays. Admission is \$4 for college students, and \$5 for adults.



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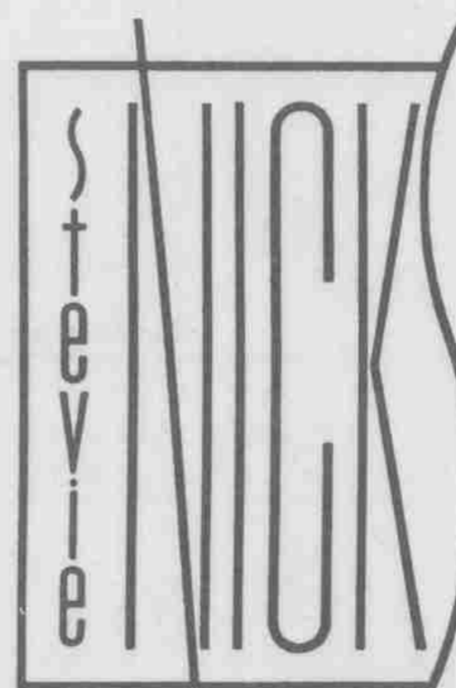
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