### Four years of living (and learning)

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would wait until we hung up. Then the lecture would begin.

"Don't you know what she's thinking?" they would ask. "You're being an incredible jerk. How can you say something like that to her?"

The remarks were appreciated. I don't think I am a very sensitive person, and it's good to be reminded of in bed anyway." that sometimes.

Double-dating also helped. When I wanted to know how someone felt about me, I would take her out on a double date with Luanne. At the evening's end we reverted to juniorhigh antics.

'Well, do you think she likes me?" I would ask. And we would pour a diet women's expectations in a relationship. The chats gave me insights I wouldn't 'in front of Cindy's guests. get from talking with Steve. They taught me that sensitivity in a man can be cool. And that machismo sets off red

dating. Sometimes Luanne would drop her normal and natural tough-as-nails personality and adopt a more passive "Oh-I'm-a-weak-little-woman" tone to her voice. Then it was my turn to give advice.

"Luanne, if you can't be yourself in front of the guy, he's obviously a jerk. Dump him. He only wants an easy romp

You lose a little modesty living with women. You learn your sexuality isn't dirty and you quit hiding it. You learn that maxi-pads and menstrual cycles aren't naughty, disgusting things, but symbols of simple, necessary human functions. You begin to wonder why we deal so heavily in euphemisms.

Cindy doesn't mind slipping on her pop and chat all night about the tight tights for aerobics; Ad doesn't mind parading around in his underwear

Living with the opposite sex also gives me access to resident fashion expertise. Nobody know what looks warning lights in some women's minds. more appealing on a man than a It was also fun seeing how Luanne woman, and vice-versa. I've also learned

and Cindy treated the guys they were a new vernacular: Pumps. Flats. Teal. Living with women makes an interesting lunchtime topic with friends.

"Oh that would be nice," a female friend once told me. "It would be great because I would feel safer having a man around the house."

"Protection?" I replied, laughing. Then I told her that Luanne was the karate expert in the family. One time she threatened a guy at a party who was about to bash my face in.

Through it all, we lived purely platonic relationships. The only sex was oral sex: We talked about it.

I leave in December. With me I take some extra knowledge and extra respect for women, simply because I've lived with them. We lived as equals. We all carried the heavy packages from the car. We all had to cook and clean the toilet.

It was a four-year lesson in equality that should last a lifetime.

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# Letter

#### NSSA campus coordinator: We are all in this together

As campus coordinator for the 17). I think since I was there in a non-voting capacity I saw some of these others did.

First off, you say that NSSA places the blame at the feet of the UNL delegation. This is incorrect. The blame for any problems that arose does not lie with any delegation. It lies with the accounting I took, 90 percent of the delegates at the assembly were new to NSSA. The students, at times, seemed unaware of how or what they were voting. There was a problem with everyone knowing parliamentary procedure.

Nebraska State Student Association, I concerns that are similar to those of capped, gay, non-traditional or foreignwould like to reply to the editorial other campuses. I differ with you here, student interests. entitled "Motto Unfulfilled" (DN, Nov. since UNL, in conjunction with Peru State, founded NSSA five years ago. I do not believe the problems facing the problems a little more clearly than campus have changed that much that UNL and its student body can call itself that much different than the others. Students everywhere have many of the same concerns; this has been shown in the successes of the past five years.

I also would like to point out that fact that many of the people there were NSSA stands for the concerns of stufor the first time experiencing an dents as a whole, not for individual assembly of NSSA. According to an campuses. You say the delegations (especially UNL's) were supposedly representing student concerns and that the delegates represented their constituency well. Here, I would like to point out that UNL and a few other campuses had no representatives or voting dele-

Next, you delcare that UNL has few gates to stand up for minority, handi-

Lastly, I wish to address the statement of UNL's uselessness in participating in NSSA. As I said earlier, UNL founded NSSA. It was formed so that a statewide, consolidated view could be formed and presented to those who should know the interests of students. NSSA has often worked and plans to continue working with the GLC and ASUN. UNL is different in many senses, but it also is a campus full of concerned students, many of which are similar to those of other campuses. UNL should be a leader in finding solutions for those concerns, but it should not have to do it alone. As it was said before, "We are all in this together."

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### **NSSA** motto suffocates some says a member of the board

It is unfortunate that an NSSA board member feels the need to lash out unjustifiably against UNL's delegation with unfounded logic and falsity, when supposedly the NSSA board members are working to better the organization with the motto "We are all in this together."

### **Guest Opinion**

I refer to the letter to the editor (DN, Nov. 17) in which Wayne State's Mike Soltys charged that the NSSA policy platform (the statement which governs the group's actions) should be a list of objectives that benefits the organization. But I think Soltys should realize that NSSA is not set up to benefit the said organizations, but to benefit higher education in Nebraska.

Then Soltys writes that the policy platform that was passed by the NSSA Assembly favors one campus, but of course he cites no examples to support this accusing statement because there is nothing in the passed policy platform that points to a particular campus. Furthermore, Soltys claims that UNL was given a majority of delegates to do these dastardly deeds; in fact UNL has four votes short of a majority if the other member campuses would actively pariticipate.

And what really digs to the heart of Soltys' argument is that UNL used its alleged majority power to control and mastermind all of the issues before the NSSA Assembly, but in fact the vote for all of the amendments brought forward were either handily defeated or accepted by nearly a two-thirds vote, not just a majority. Moreover, when the vote to call the question on the entire policy platform was called, the tally was 38-12, well over the needed two-thirds vote to end discussion on the entire matter.

The point is that the state colleges and UNO, instead of trying to air their differences in student newspapers across the state, could have offered further amendments and ensued the discussion if they truly had a problem with the issue before them, but some 38 chose not to. And for some reason unknown to me, Soltys wanted the UNL delegation to vote against the policy platform that they drafted and presented to the rest of the NSSA member institutions two weeks

ahead of time and received no feedback positive or negative from any campus until it hit the floor of the Assembly.

Soltys then shifts gears and claims that his campus voted to benefit all of the member institutions and that the UNL delegation should reevaluate its decision and give up its identity to benefit all the campuses. What Soltys does not understand is that the NSSA Constitution charges the NSSA delegates to represent their particular institution on that road to improved education. I guess that is part of the reason why we called and voted as the UNL delegation.

Another key to this argument is that the Wayne State delegation made an amendment to strike the language in the policy platform that dealt with giving a student-regent vote and a State College Board student vote. I know that the Wayne State delegation is looking out for the best of all of the campuses, but I do not think the UNL delegation was wrong when it did not agree with the Wayne State philosophy that students don't have the knowledge or the experience to be represented as voting members on the boards mentioned above. This illustrates the need for each delegation to represent its campus before trying to pass judgment on the actions and beliefs of another.

I hope, as the NSSA board member from UNL, that my fellow board mebmers would not fault the UNL delegation for standing up for what they believe in and representing their respective institution. Further, I hope that UNL would not be faulted for bringing its full and justified membership to the Assembly, not to mention its insistence that the rules and guidelines put forth in the NSSA Constitution be obeyed to the letter and not manipulated to meet the needs of an ill-prepared member institution or the central office of NSSA. There is certainly a glimmer of hope still embodied in NSSA as long as it can be realized that the member institutions are uniquely different and have specific roles and responsibilities, according to Nebraska statutes, that cannot be suffocated by the motto, "We are all in this together."

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