

Letters

Alcohol at ball contradicts policy

I was very upset when I read the article in the Daily Nebraskan on Nov. 24. The article stated that the Inaugural Ball Committee has contracted to rent the Bob Devaney Sports Center for Kay Orr's inaugural ball. This is a great idea except for one thing: They have also filed a request that the regents pass a resolution allowing alcohol to be served.

I'm sure this is standard procedure to serve alcohol at the balls, so I'm not criticizing this administration for doing something different. I only wish they would reconsider and change the policy.

It is a rule at UNL, and I might add an excellent one, that alcohol is not allowed to be served on campus.

Regent Robert Koefoot voted against this request, stating that "UNL students would see this decision as a shoe in the door to change UNL's alcohol

policy" — and by all rights they should feel that way. I praise Regent Koefoot for taking a stand, but I have other reasons.

President and Mrs. Reagan have announced an all-out war against drugs, including alcohol. This war can only be won if we all join the battle.

Alcohol is one of the most abused drugs, if not the most abused drug, in our country. I feel that we "older folks" (30 on up) need to be the role models for the younger generation. There is definitely a double standard here, a "do as I say — not as I do" attitude. Since the law on campus says that no alcohol will be served, there should be no exceptions anywhere on campus, including the sports center, Sheldon Art Gallery and the Wick Alumni Center.

College students, many of whom are of legal drinking age and all of whom are young adults, are hearing that we

don't think they're mature enough to handle alcohol but we so-called grown-ups are. Alcohol is a drug at any age, and if you need it to have a good time, you have a problem.

If we hope to instill values in our young people, we need to start living them. Role models are the greatest teachers. There is no better place to join our fight against drugs of all kinds than right here at home. The young people are looking at you! We can show them we care by example.

The inaugural ball can be a spectacular event without alcohol. Not serving alcohol would eliminate the problem of alcohol partakers getting behind the wheel of their cars and driving home after the ball is over.

Drinking and driving don't mix!

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Constitutional question remains at the wayside

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bull ring or, before that, observing a fight to the finish between a Christian and a lion. It is the heart-thumper that has brought civilized men to lynching bees. There's some of that in the air now, and though the dissimilarities between the problems of Richard Nixon and those of Ronald Reagan overwhelm the analytical apparatus, still there is precisely that resemblance to Watergate made now in the wrong context. Whereas there is nothing in the existing record that suggests that Reagan and Nixon were in similar, let alone identical, ethical quandaries, there is the similarity that, after a while, what

seemed to matter was that Nixon should be impeached, never mind the solidity of the evidence.

You say, well, nobody is talking about impeaching Ronald Reagan! To which the correct observation would be: Few people responsibly situated are talking about impeaching Ronald Reagan, but the atmosphere is being generated that encourages apocalyptic thought.

Consider. On one of the television shows Sunday, Sam Donaldson acted out one of his reductionist exercises with single-minded ferocity. Look, he said. There's a law, see? Reagan broke it, see? Laws are made not to be broken, see? And if broken, there is one thing to do to the malefactor. Other-

wise — wouldn't you agree — David? George? Morton? — we would live in a lawless society. And if he can break a law, why can't we all break laws? It is simple. But it ought to be simple only for Sam Donaldson.

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