

# Editorial

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## General debate

### Candidates lack specific answers

**A**SUN presidential candidates from Unite, AIM, NUdeal, FROG, HUGE and first vice-presidential candidate from TREK served the students several generalities and few specifics during yesterday's debate sponsored by Mortar Board.

And if anyone had to pick a winner, NUdeal's Richard Burke provided the most realistic answers to the audience. But remember, one debate does not an election make.

The candidates were asked to respond to the following four questions:

●What kind of concrete changes would you incorporate to make ASUN more acceptable to the students if you were elected?

●Why do you want to be ASUN president?

●Since the Legislature has shot down the so-called student-regent vote, what approach would you take?

●What will ASUN do under your leadership to improve the quality of UNL academic programs?

All the candidates provided well-thought-out answers to each question, except HUGE candidate Steven Showalter. He provided comic relief.

The answers seemed vaguely familiar to those of last year's candidates. That's only because the questions haven't changed much from last year.

*How will you increase ASUN respect?*

*How will you obtain a student-regent vote?*

Very good questions without concrete answers.

Unite's Andy Pollock told the students ASUN needs to help in stopping the budget cuts. How? Lobby the legislators. It's not working so far.

AIM's Greg Dynek said he is against videotaped classes in the business college, but offered no suggestions for replacements.

FROG's Doug Jensen wants to increase teachers' salaries but didn't say where the money would come from.

TREK's Jeff Porter wants better facilities on campus. Again, where is money going to come from?

Burke told the students ASUN needs to use its resources, and he is right. ASUN has a budget and has access to the leaders and media, he said. If ASUN expects to earn respect and accomplish reaching goals, they need to use these resources.

## Letters

### A humble prayer of thanks to god Bob

O, most benevolent Bob Devaney, god and holy creator of the state religion of Nebraska, Big Redomania:

We thank thee, O great one, for making known in thy holy scriptures, the sports pages of the newspapers, thy commandment that the proposed student recreation center will not be used for more than 25 percent of the time by thine apostles, the most venerable football team.

We, the 20,000 of so despicable sinners who are not thine apostles, most reverently praise and honor thy name. We are ever thankful that this less than 1 percent minority of the student body will only be using the facility less than 25 percent of the time. We gleefully submit to thy will and are indeed thankful that thou hast been so kind as to allow us such a large portion of time in thy personal sacred temple.

Please forgive us, and be ever mindful that we are mortal and sometimes our vision becomes blurred in our greed to have what we wrongfully feel to be ours. Help us, O great one, to be

generous with our Fund-B tithe that we present for maintenance of facilities. Help us remember that what really matters is that this, thy glorious church, have a professionally trained and prepared apostleship that is ready to take on the wiles of the enemy during the great spiritual battles in Memorial Stadium. Help us think of ourselves as scum, as the athletic department does, so that we not become too arrogant and expect parity on a person-by-person basis rather than on a congregation-apostleship basis. Sometimes we mistakenly assume that some people are here to study rather than to honor thy magnificence.

And finally, benevolent master, help our beloved brethren, the athletes who are not football players, to cheerfully accept thy will that their sports play a much less significant role than the apostleship's in thine eternal Kingdom. Amen.

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### Rec center shows misplaced priorities

When the idea of building a multi-million-dollar recreation center first surfaced, I questioned the rationale and timing behind this proposal and never dreamed it would come to pass. However, after seeing the high-pressure sales and propaganda that NU officials, businesses and some students have created, the "infamous" rec center is becoming reality. This leaves me with one question for those that favor this: Where are your priorities?

Let's consider the academic welfare of this university over the past years. The legislature repeatedly cuts the budget, good teachers are leaving for higher-paying jobs, and many colleges' enrollments are dropping. These are just a few of many problems. Obviously, the academic concerns of the univer-

sity are not as important as recreational concerns. Why, just once, don't we hear of a business contributing to the academic welfare of the University?

I am not implying that support for the rec center indicates a lowering of the present academic standards. These are unrelated issues. Nor am I against having a recreation center for the students — it has been proven that we are in need of one. Also, if the football team needs an indoor facility (which would cost considerably less), one should be built. But the timing for this proposed rec center is terrible, and priorities need to be determined.

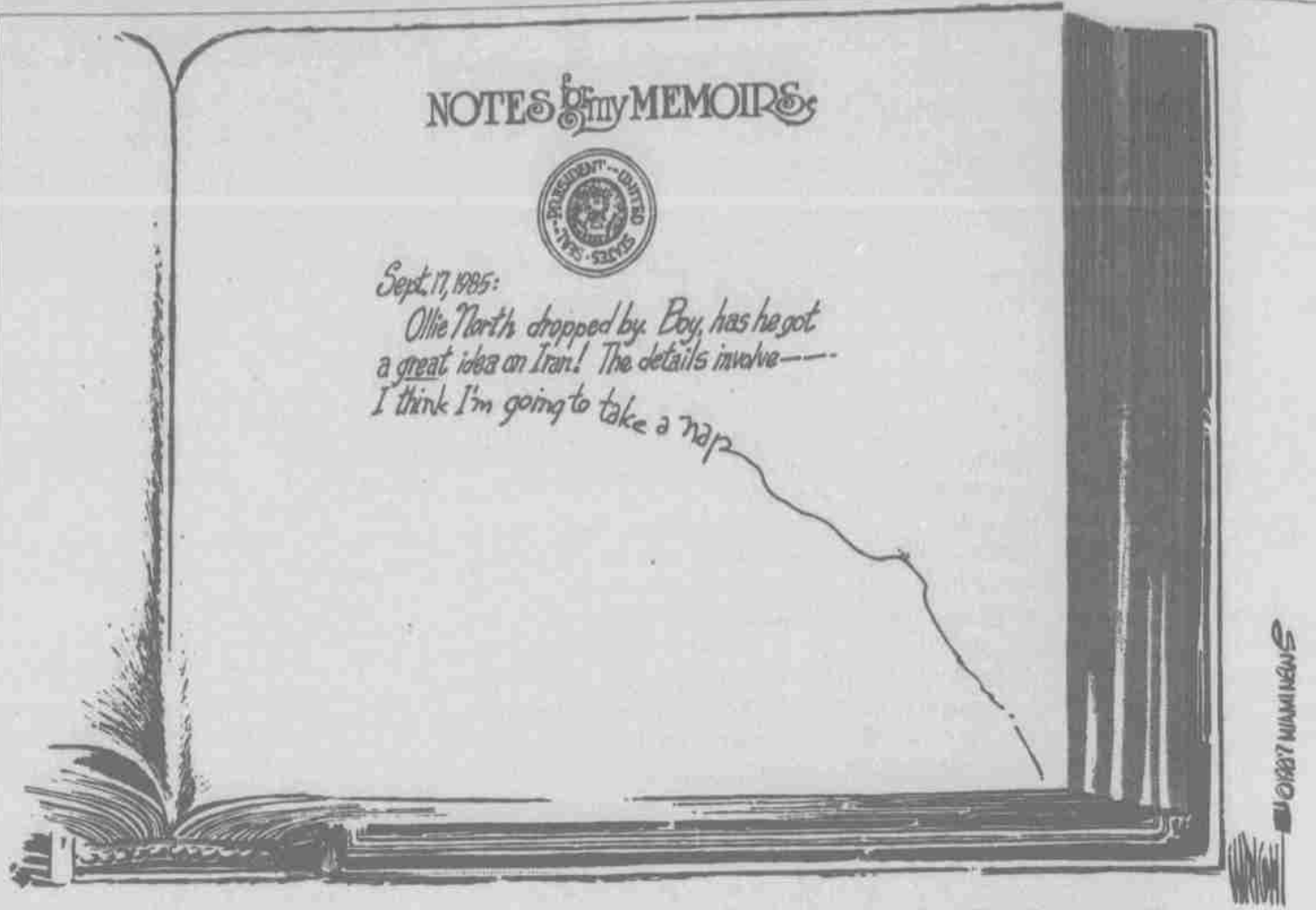
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## NOTES of MY MEMOIRS



Sept. 17, 1985:  
Ollie North dropped by Boy, has he got  
a great idea on Iran! The details involve  
I think I'm going to take a nap



## Catching it in the classifieds

### Some students taking chances on getting personal

**W**hat kind of person would invest \$3 in a stranger? Gamble on love or friendship or even respond to an anonymous plea to "girl in brown jacket" or "guy near Broyhill Fountain."

Nobody believes in the stranger across the crowded room anymore. Nobody climbs all aboard for the "Love Boat" on Saturday night. It was cancelled and Gopher's a congressman now.

But people like to observe and analyze the predatory process. They watch soap operas and laugh at the rude insults and innuendos of the "Love Connection."

But some do take chances (more than 30 in the Daily Nebraskan this semester). They look for the man they saw in the car, the girl in the library or in the union. Or anyone else who might want to share something with them. The personal-ad writers.

They, in some ways, are the true believers in the magical magnetism. They risk connection or rejection publicly, hiding behind simple descriptions or nicknames. Some are light-hearted jokes. But others are serious and at times seem tragic. The personal column saga is usually only seen in its classified type. But there are stories behind the ads.

Bill Crawford, 24, a broadcasting major, calls himself a "hopeless romantic." He sometimes sends flowers and personals to girls he doesn't know. He recently put an ad in to a girl he saw in the Women of Nebraska Calendar — "Miss June."

"I really wanted to meet this person," he said. But all he got were prank phone calls. Crawford, who includes in his ad that he's in a wheel chair, hasn't given up hope.

Lee Carhart, a freshman business major, put a personal in "just for the fun of it."

His personal was a parody of a song about personals.

"If you like pina colodas, gettin' caught in the rain, not into yoga and you like the taste of champagne. If you like makin' love at midnight in the dew at summer's cape. I'm the love that you've looked for, write to me and escape. Lonely Guy."

"I've always been somewhat of a class clown," Carhart said. "I always liked the song. I just felt like doing it."

He got two responses and called one. Now, he says, he's made a friend out of it.

"It was fun, not a waste of money. I read it in the paper and got a good laugh out of it," he said.



Lise Olsen

Things didn't work out so well for Lisa Fernau, 20, an undeclared sophomore. She was looking for a guy named Mike that she met driving on O Street in January. He was in a yellow Monte Carlo.

"He just pulled up beside us," she said. But then he disappeared. She didn't know how else to get in touch, so she put in a personal.

"I was terrified. I thought I might get 10,000 Mikes calling me. I usually don't do things like that," she said.

Keith, 22, a sophomore agriculture major, said he couldn't believe it when he recognized his description.

"The guy working at the Admin. Bldg. degree application window 11:30 Friday. Thanks for helping me spell 'Bachelors'. Did I make the time limit?" — Lynne."

He remembered the incident and the girl, so he wrote back and included his phone number.

"I don't think I would have if I wouldn't have known who it was." Lynne and Keith "Office Boy" have been dating ever since.

The ending was even happier for Cindi Herdt Clarke. After about a year of meeting men through dating services and answering a few personal ads Cindi read one in the personal column of the Lincoln Journal Star that sounded ideal.

"26-year-old male would like to meet female for friendship/dating. Enjoy tennis, movies and nature." She wrote back to the P.O. box number and included her phone number. Conversations led to a lunch and then to eight months of dating. In August 1984, Cindi married her "personal" friend and added his name to hers. In December, the anniversary of their meeting, she put another personal in the Sunday Journal Star.

"I read your word here three years ago and today you're reading mine. Now we are husband and wife and together sharing my life."

She keeps both personals, along with pictures of them and their two dogs, in a frame on the wall in their house.

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## Reporters press open Contragate to find unimpressed audience, critics

**P**ublic opinion polls indicate that the American people are not greatly impressed, or even transiently much fascinated, by the Iran/Contras revelations. This reaction is greatly to their credit. These combined Democratic/media productions are becoming as stylized as the mating dance of the whooping crane, and only a dullard would fail to notice the ritual similarities.

There must, for one thing, be a new sensation practically every day. With the whole Washington press corps working overtime to generate them, this is not terribly difficult. A good example was Don Oberdorfer's breathless report in The Washington Post the other day, to the effect that Secretary of State Shultz had ("sources say") a "tense" confrontation with President Reagan in the Oval Office last November,

on discovering that proposed testimony by CIA Director William Casey to the Senate Intelligence Committee was "false." The fact that Casey never actually gave the alleged proposed testimony was downplayed in the Oberdorfer story, along with the significant point that Reagan promptly directed Attorney General Edwin Meese to initiate the investigation that quickly established the essential facts.

William A. Rusher



Ultimately, in the ideal "scandal," some allegedly criminal acts ought to

be uncovered — else why all the hullabaloo? In view of the tangle of federal legislation governing the gift or sale of U.S. arms to foreigners, this surely ought to be possible in the present case — though the masters of these revels will be disappointed indeed if they have to settle for a highly debatable charge that Ollie North somehow "unlawfully" encouraged private military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras during the brief period when Congress was barring the use of public funds for that purpose.

What the "scandal" squad is really after, of course, is Ronald Reagan's scalp, and the truly big news is that they aren't even close to getting it. The president's motives throughout were depressingly honorable; there isn't a

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