

# Candidates: changes could improve ASUN

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Candidates from the HUGE and TREK parties came out against a vote because students don't have the time to research the issues, they said.

In their closing statements, candidates urged students to vote and highlighted their issues.

Burke said NUdeal will use new approaches to solve existing problems.

Students should remember to vote for quality, which FROG has, Jensen said. Students should not turn the

election into a popularity contest, he said.

Pollock said Unite candidates have had previous government experience and "won't be stepping in cold." Unite's goals are high, Pollock said, but realistic.

Dynek said AIM candidates are qualified and know student needs. AIM represents all the students, not to generate support or votes, "but because it is right," Dynek said.

Showalter whipped out an American flag and said, "we have a dream," along

with other cliches to show that HUGE is the American dream.

"A vote for HUGE is a vote for fun, freedom and surfing," he said.

Porter closed with an impromptu statement because, he said, prepared statements are "90 percent show and 10 percent honesty." Some of TREK's ideas for campaigning may be strange, but they're serious about the university, Porter said. Porter then said goodbye to the crowd with the Vulcan hand greeting.

## Letter

### DN coverage shows blacks in negative light

I do not usually feel the need to comment on the productivity of the Daily Nebraskan, but over the last couple of weeks, I have been quite infuriated by a few of the articles printed. I find that in these cases the DN is making a grand effort to effectively humiliate and discriminate against black people. You have done this by not only printing certain articles, but also by highlighting particular articles.

I understand that you want to bring as much news as possible to the readers. I failed to see the necessity in printing the article on Doug DuBose's being arrested in the privacy of his own home (DN, Jan. 22).

I am very appalled that the DN approved the printing of the story of former Nebraska football player Johnny Rodgers (DN, Jan. 30). Did you think anyone at NU really worries about the

football players of yesterday? Better yet, did you stop to wonder how his son, Terry Rodgers, is reacting to this article along with adjusting to the comments made about his father?

You disappointed me greatly by printing an article last semester on Martin Luther, a person who lacked religious tolerance, and failed to clarify the difference between Martin Luther and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Another case in point is the DN's coverage of Paul Stewart, a former UNO professor, and his alleged criminal past. Each DN article about Stewart made reference to his wife. Reference to Ruth Witherspoon is irrelevant to the charges alleged against Stewart. When the DN reported on Tom Osborne and possible NCAA violations no reference was made to his wife, Nancy Osborne.

When the Daily Nebraskan reports

on blacks the story is usually related to sports or wrongdoings. Excellent articles could be printed about black people and black events but either are not covered at all or not covered effectively. For instance, the DN could write an article on Black History Month or some events that take place on campus during the month. This unnecessary lack of efficient productivity will no longer be tolerated.

In the future, I would appreciate the Daily Nebraskan's considering the consequences of printing stories that may unnecessarily cause damage to the personal standing of any individual and making an effort to effectively print the many positive facts about blacks and other minorities.

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### No presidential cover-up in 'Iran-a-gate'

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scintilla of evidence that he knew about the alleged diversion of some arms sale proceeds (now down from \$30 million to \$2 million) to the Contras; and, far from trying to cover up the facts, President Reagan quickly ordered his own attorney general to investigate them, appointed a blue-ribbon commission to review the actions of the National Security Council, and then sought and obtained appointment of a special investigator to prosecute any criminal acts that may have been committed.

That may be why the president's

enemies are hanging on for dear life to the "discrepancy" between the recollection of former NSC director Robert McFarlane that Reagan orally approved Israel's initial sale of anti-tank missiles to Iran in August 1985, and the recollection of practically everybody else in the White House that Reagan only gave the go-ahead for such sales in January 1986.

Unfortunately for his critics, nothing much (from the president's standpoint) seems to hinge on whether he gave his approval in August or January. From McFarlane's standpoint, there is a difference, since if there was no presidential approval in August, McFarlane was

apparently countenancing a technically illegal Israeli sale.

But the basic instinct of the American people in this entire affair is sound. We are being treated to yet another Watergate-style extravaganza, with the significant difference that this time there was no high-level criminal conspiracy and no presidential cover-up.

With those ingredients and a little bread, the Democrats and their buddies in the Washington media could make a ham sandwich, if they only had some ham.

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