

Letters

Student leaders ask for high voter turnout

Due to the overwhelming concern from state senators, university officials, and student leaders in regard to the continuously low voter turnout during ASUN elections, we challenge UNL students to be aware of the importance of the decisions made through this election.

Last year only 2,988 out of 19,168 eligible voters turned out for the election. Now, although this is consistent with past election statistics, it has made it extremely difficult for ASUN to legitimately represent the students when less than 16 percent of them are

voting.

Not only will you be deciding the fate of a large number of candidates running for ASUN positions, you will also have the opportunity to make decisions about a variety of issues that have been placed on the ballot. Your vote is the foundation on which student fee allotments are decided, and when issues such as the recreation center arise, it is imperative that ASUN be able to substantiate its views based on the votes of a majority of the student body.

Therefore, on behalf of the Resi-

dence Hall Association, Panhellenic Association and the Interfraternity Council, we would like to encourage students from our respective living units, as well as off-campus students, to vote in the ASUN election on March 11th.

Mike Baacke
RHA president

Doreen Davis
Panhellenic president

Rick Gestring
Interfraternity Council president

UNL fund-raising tactics immoral and ignorant

The great enemy at any university is not budget cuts or beer parties or mono. The enemy is ignorance. We have before us the sad and ugly case of flagrant misconduct at SMU, which has now reached to that institution's Board of Governors and into the office of the Governor of Texas. Are we sobered at UNL by this shameful spectacle? We are not.

Not content with advertising on milk cartons, the Athletic Department and the administration have cheerfully converted private offers of bribes into a public system of extortion aimed at

bidders on the new practice field and alleged rec center. The unchecked arrogance of Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne, who speak of top-rated teams as if they were a vital aim of an educational institution, has been translated by university officials into strong-arm fund-raising.

Thus, at a time when the university has seriously spoken of limiting enrollment to make the institution more prestigious, we are turning ourselves into a rather poor joke. It will not be lost on prospective students and faculty, you may be sure, that we keep our

football players warm while the library languishes and Morrill Hall specimens rot. Of course putting the bite on contractors is immoral; quite possibly it is illegal.

But beyond these things, it is sickeningly ignorant. It is time that the faculty and students of UNL admitted to themselves that their university has been stolen from them and is being turned to shabby purposes.

Robert F. Bergstrom
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English

Student admits apathy, wants help

This is not easy to admit, but the realization has finally struck me and I must confess, I am a member of the silent majority. Yes, I have sat safely in my armchair of apathy while others around me have fought valiantly for a worthy cause, the saving of the university from further budget cuts.

I realize now that I am unmotivated, uninterested and apathetic just like all those stories and editorials say, but what can I do? Remember, I've never done this type of thing before, so spell it out for me. Who do I write? Where do I go and when? If it's this important, then put it on the front page in big letters so I don't miss it.

Please save me before I slide back into my safe armchair of apathy once more.

Chris Hakenkamp
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Brittany's review offends employee

This letter is in response to Charles Lieurance's February 19 article "At Brittany's, with the law."

We who are employed at Brittany's found Lieurance's article most offensive. To begin with, Brittany's does not offer popcorn, so none of our guests could be "stuffing" it into their mouths, and we do not offer mugs of beer.

Next, we found it most offensive to be described as "frustrated," "wandering around aimlessly" and "(looking) around desperately." A bartending or waitery position in any establishment requires the following characteristics of an individual: personable, friendly, polite, courteous, likeable, organized, intelligent, inobtrusive and hardworking.

Lori S. Smith
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business

Couples break political ground

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the cult of husband-worship. It was within her jurisdiction to protect his physical well-being, but not his political well-being. That subtle distinction, that borderline between wife and dragon, was written in the invisible ink that usually accompanies the description for the non-job of first lady.

No, I will not go back over the history of first ladies and public images. Let us just say that increasingly we expect these highly visible women to do something, but nothing controversial. We expect them to be something, but nothing that overshadows their husband. We don't tell them how to balance that.

These messages are beamed out to first ladies who have, until now, come out of the housewife tradition. But what is going to happen when the next generation of first ladies (and first gentlemen) start emerging from ranks that are more populated by two-worker couples?

During the week of Nancy-bashing, I kept thinking about Elizabeth Dole. If the rap against Nancy is that she was unelected and unappointed, what will happen to the Doles of the world if they get to the White House as wife?

Would a former secretary of transportation be limited to beautifying billboards? Would we permit a president to appoint his wife the way we permitted Jack Kennedy to appoint his brother? Could the first lady kiss her husband goodbye in the morning and go downtown to work in a private office?

The Doles are the most visible example, but dozens of other two-career couples populate the statehouses and halls of Congress. By and large, the husbands go on leading their own work lives, but the expectations are more mixed for wives. And so are the reviews.

Campaigning is so demanding that it becomes, willy-nilly, a family operation. In an era when men and women assume a level of partnership, it is more common to find a spouse who



doubles as adviser or campaign manager. If they make it to the top, will the spouse get to be an official adviser or get forced into retirement? Or will the spouse be allowed only to be seen in public and heard in private?

We do not elect first ladies. We don't elect first friends or first advisers either. They, too, come with the territory. But the way we accept spouses may be particularly important. It may determine how many of the new couples get into the running.

It is ironic that such questions

emerge from this self-proclaimed traditional wife. Nancy Reagan is a woman accused of having just acquired a taste of power. Right down the road there are a lot of couples breaking political ground together as normally as they break bread. Some of them are wondering what will happen when they dine in higher office.

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DN disagrees with recall referendum

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1,100 students for an initiative or referendum attempt. It takes more than 7,000 for a recall election. Under the proposed changes (assuming student participation in ASUN elections remains the same), the respective figures would be 500 signatures for initiatives and referenda, and only 660 for a recall. It's this latter change that is bad and

justifies voting against the entire proposal. While recall attempts shouldn't be so burdensome as to be impossible, they also shouldn't be so easy as to allow any policy dispute to spill over into a recall attempt. Even relatively frequent recall attempts would destroy ASUN's already fragile image. We oppose the change.

Don't forget: Vote.

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