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Center needs name DN asks students for input

As the student recreation center and indoor practice field moves closer to actually being built, trivial things such as what to call the place start cropping up in people's minds.

We at the Daily Nebraskan thought we might help the cause by offering some of our suggestions and asking the readers for some of theirs. Of course, the ones we offer should be taken lightly, but we are serious about recruiting names for the new facility. Suggestions can be serious or non-serious.

Send ideas to:
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The deadline for submissions is noon Friday. The Daily Nebraskan will publish the list of names in Monday's paper.

Some ideas from DN staffers include:

- The Moe Iba Memorial Recreation Center
- The Tom Osborne Indoor Practice Field and student recreation center
- The Education Memorial Monument
- Nebscam
- Osborne's Folly
- Gillette Dairy Facility
- The Bob Devaney Hall of Shame

Elmer inconsistent Senator disregards his own rule

Maybe Indianola Sen. Owen Elmer should heed his own advice.

In a letter to the Daily Nebraskan published April 2, he wrote that "it should be a matter of mutual respect to refrain from criticizing fellow senators in any public forum."

Elmer is referring to a quote made by him in a March 20 DN article concerning Omaha Sen. Ernie Chambers and the recreation center's controversial bid proposals. He took part in a debate on the rec center that was taped by KOLN-TV and aired later in the week. His remark was made while off camera in front of the other debate participants.

He criticized Chambers, saying

that Chambers was "a master at taking things out of context, and the things he was circulating (about the bid proposals) looked like extortion on the part of the university."

Elmer said he thought the quote was taken out of context since the comment was not a part of the taped program. Elmer should know better than that. If not, he should now know that anytime a person is in a public forum, anything he or she says is open for interpretation as well as criticism, whether the camera is on or off.

If Elmer really believes in "refraining from criticizing fellow senators in any public forum," then he probably owes Chambers an apology.

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Letter

Apathy shocks student as cuts continue

The one aspect of college life I did not expect at UNL was the amount of student apathy. I guess this really should not have surprised me, yet it did. What surprises me even more is the amount of complaining I hear from the people I deal with.

This complaining ranges from not having anywhere to park to the rec center to the large size of classes. What shocks me is that when I tell them to do something they look at me like I must be crazy. They must feel they could not change anything if they tried.

With this attitude, the students of UNL are letting their university go downhill. There are so many ways that students can change the system. There are all kinds of student groups that share the same goal: making the university a better place for everyone. With all these groups, everyone should be able to find a place in one of them.

I am writing this letter now because the NU Board of Regents is deciding what university programs will be cut. In the middle of April, the Legislature will decide on the funding for the

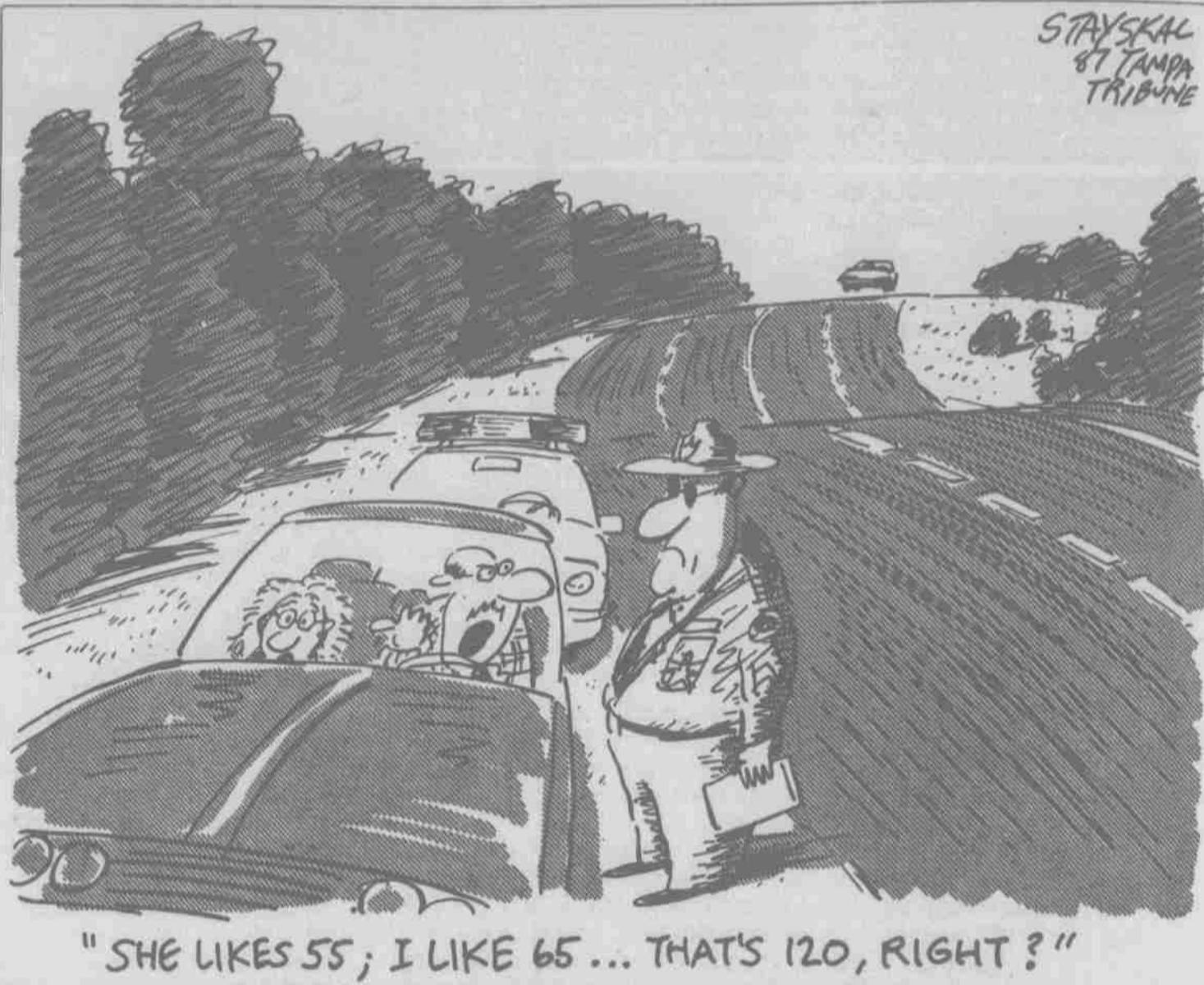
university next year. These are two major events, and all students should care since the results will affect all of us intimately.

One way to change the outcome of these votes, in the future, is to vote for those people that fully support the university. The first step in doing this is to register to vote.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week there will be a booth in the union where any student can register. It doesn't take long, simply fill out a short form and send it to the county where you wish to register. This policy cannot help us this year, but it can make a difference for the future.

Remember, this is your university. It is here to serve each and every one of you. It does not exist for those in the Legislature or for the regents, it is yours. I simply urge you to take a stand and let these people know.

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Portrait of hell on earth

Peek into Republican mindset gives preview of coming attractions

Check this out for a Bosch-inspired portrait of hell on earth.

Saturday night Nebraska Republicans gathered in Pershing to celebrate their existence and listen to Jeane Kirkpatrick babble like a hallucinating junkie about the Reagan presidency. During this fun fest a straw poll was taken to indicate the favorites among Republicans for the 1988 presidential elections. I'm not sure if it was just out of courtesy or what, but the hundreds in attendance overwhelmingly picked Robert Dole (on a ticket with Kirkpatrick) as their man in '88.

Aside from the abysmal personality cipher that Dole represents, it was really the other names that came up in the poll that changed the proceedings from a gathering of zealous politicians into an episode of "The Twilight Zone." There were votes for Kirkpatrick herself, for Pierre DuPont, Alexander Haig, Pat Robertson, Paul Laxalt and Donald Rumsfeld. Of course, one has to take into consideration that these are votes cast by Nebraska Republicans, whose version of their party's vision hovers somewhere between the Malleus Maleficarum and the events that went down more than a year ago on a farm in Rulo.

Still, the attitudes personified in these choices and in the absolutely blind rhetoric of Kirkpatrick are enough to send a good liberal, or even a bad Republican, into virtually catatonic brooding.

The only name in the poll that didn't look as if it were spewed from the mouths of slavering bay hounds was Jack Kemp, who strikes me as the sort

of Republican that might actually be good for America. He is without the sort of Malthusian stoicism that makes most Republicans detestable, and he doesn't remind me of my father.

Analytical minds might scoff at the latter call, but if people were just a little more honest with themselves they'd find that their voting habits and their feelings about parents are disturbingly connected. Haig, Kirkpatrick and even Bush to some extent have the

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same sort of Great Santini approach to life that my father had; they have stiff upper lips, talk without opening their teeth and have wrinkles on their faces that come from concentrating on strategy maps in dimly lit rooms. They could blow up the world and then try to make you look at the "big picture" to show you how beneficial it'll be in the long run.

Fewer people to feed, more money to go around, etc.

Dole, on the other hand, has the consistency of Velveta and makes for bad caricatures in political cartoons. For four years Oliphant would have to just print "Robert Dole" on some stock character's suit.

Pierre DuPont? I'm speechless. For

one thing, his name. Pierre for president. And these are Republicans? I can see Democrats wanting some fool named Pierre for president, but conservatives? I guess the name DuPont can make up for a lot of things in one's life.

And Pat Robertson, like Kirkpatrick, is just plain on drugs. They both see things: cockroaches, snakes and vermin where there aren't any, incoherent invective where there isn't any, good qualities in a president who has turned petit mal seizures into political acumen. Pat, Jeane — just say no!

Even Ed Wood wouldn't cast a movie as badly as this group of Republicans cast the next administration. But then again, these are folks who applauded while Kirkpatrick gripped the podium with conviction and absolved Ronald Reagan of wrongdoing in Contragate. Even a gruesome old conservative like John Tower managed to come up with more than 300 pages of charges that could be leveled against Reagan.

It's always nice to have a peek into the Republican mindset, but this brief preview of coming attractions is so grisly I would rather have been surprised come 1988. Now my stomach has to churn for another year. It's so much easier to just wake up one morning in hell and deal with it from there than to have to think about those flames licking up your legs for that long.

As I set my clock forward yesterday, it made things even worse.

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Reagan's backers should denounce Democrats' fruitless huffing, puffing

I think it's about time that Ronald Reagan's many millions of supporters around this country came out of their bomb shelters and denounced the Iran/Contra investigation for the cheap liberal-Democratic grandstand play it has become.

When it was discovered, last November, that President Reagan had allowed a perfectly legitimate diplomatic approach to Iran to deteriorate into something approximating a trade of arms for hostages, many people, with the benefit of hindsight, declared that this had been a mistake, even though it resulted in the release of two hostages.

President Reagan has since ruefully agreed, and the error has been duly inscribed on the record of his administration, where it is vastly outweighed by such triumphs as the 1981 tax cut, the deployment of the Pershing IIs and

cruise missiles in Europe, the creation of 10 million new jobs, the liberation of Grenada, the near-total elimination of inflation, one of the longest economic booms since the end of World War II,

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the proposal of a space shield to end reliance on mutual assured destruction, the bombardment of Libya, the 1986 tax reform and much else.

But Reagan also discovered, and promptly announced, that a profit was apparently made by the middlemen

who sold the arms to Iran, and that all or part of this profit was used to provide military aid for the Nicaraguan Contras. Since two of Reagan's aides evidently sanctioned this diversion without telling him, the president fired them both, called for a special prosecutor to determine whether any laws had been broken, and appointed the Tower Commission to find out how such things could happen in his National Security Council.

What then, precisely, was so terrible about his conduct in this matter? Why were two heavy-breathing Congressional committees specially created to probe the affair to its uttermost depths? Why are the liberal media indulging in operatic shrieks of excitement over every trifling "development"?

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