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Quibbles & bits

Prof promotes alcohol in classroom

A University of Washington professor wants to bring alcohol into his classroom, but only for educational purposes. Psychology professor Alan Marlatt has proposed a three-credit course designed to reduce alcohol dependence by teaching students about the effects of alcohol and how to drink in moderation, according to National On-Campus Report.

Marlatt said the course will give students the impetus to change their drinking behavior — not necessarily discourage them from drinking. Marlatt said four Washington students have died in alcohol-related accidents in the last 18 months.

The proposed course is currently under consideration by the Washington administration.

A gay/lesbian alliance at the University of Oklahoma is arguing that sexual orientation is a private matter and shouldn't appear on student records, according to an On-Campus Report article. The group wants to keep students' involvement in their organization private because, in the past, students have been discriminated against when their

participation in sexually oriented activities was listed on their records.

Just when you thought George Bush was the only big winner on Super Tuesday last week, Bill "The Spaceman" Lee landed a flood of support in his presidential campaign. Lee, a former pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, emerged as the presidential favorite for the Rhinoceros Party — a party that promises never to keep its promises.

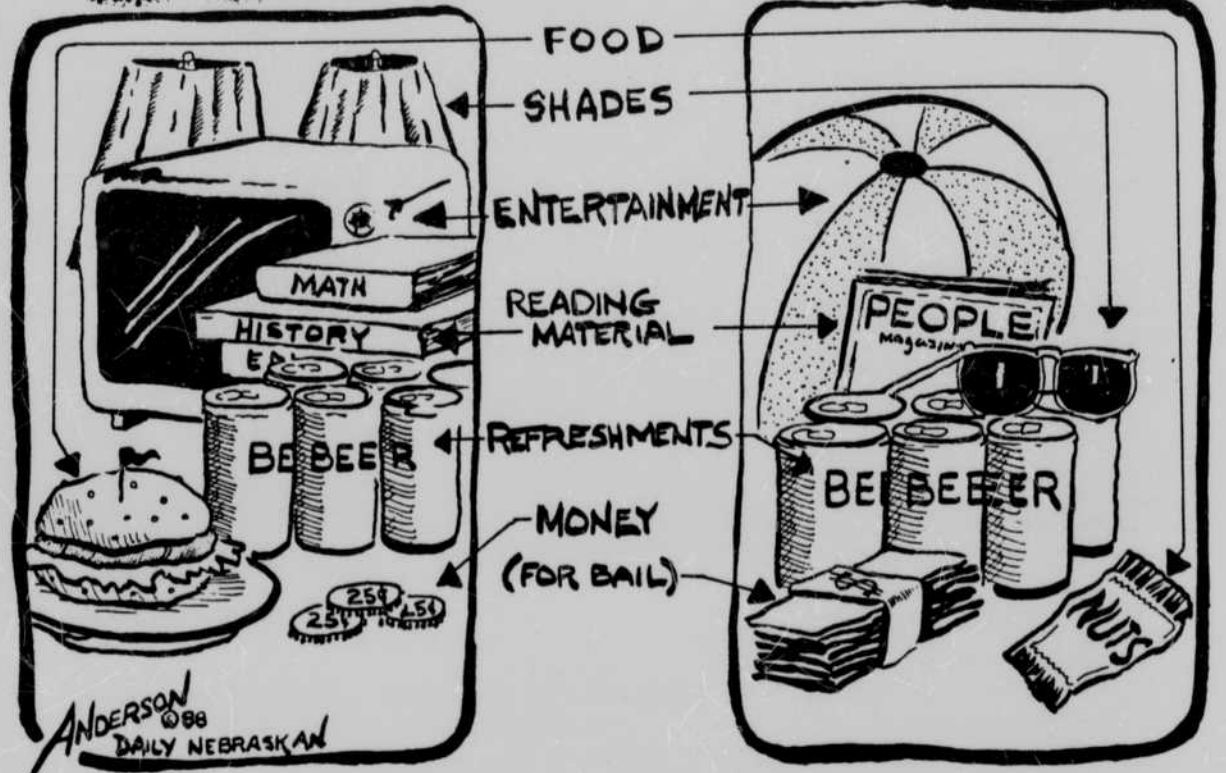
According to an Associated Press story, about 100 people crowded into a Boston sports bar last week to support the party, a satirical political group founded in Canada in 1963 which is officially registered with the Federal Election Committee.

"Rhinos are an endangered species; humans are an endangered species," Lee said. "They just haven't got around to realizing it yet."

Lee, 41, earned his nickname from his off-the-field antics such as claiming he sprinkled marijuana on his Wheaties. "The Spaceman" has spiced up what is basically a joke-free presidential race. Pat Robertson and Gary Hart notwithstanding.

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Foreign students often ignored

Arrogance causes cultural understanding to fall by the wayside

"Tain't what a man don't know that hurts him; it's what he knows that just ain't so."
— Frank McKinney Hubbard, "Kin Hubbard"

Sometimes what's most frustrating in the pursuit of a higher education is constantly colliding with people who take up space on the road to enlightenment instead of getting out of the way.

Here we are, surrounded by infinite opportunities to grow intellectually, and yet many people come here for no other reason than to take up space.

At least that's the impression I get after constant confrontations with people who refuse to use their limited time here to rid themselves of misconceptions, hasty generalizations and unfounded prejudices.

Look at the way many University of Nebraska-Lincoln students continue to view international students and their native countries.

There are about 1,210 students on this campus from 90 different countries.

And while no student, no matter how diligent, will understand every single one of those countries or its people, the opportunity is there to at least make an effort to respect another's viewpoint of the world.

Not only are we surrounded by books, newspapers, professors and events that could help us to better understand the world, we have people here from all parts of the globe. And they're ready and willing to tell us about their homeland.

Yet many students not only continue to isolate themselves, but toss out gospel on their understanding of international students and countries they have never seen.

"All the foreigners do is come here, take advantage of our country's education and go back to use it against us," many students say. "What the hell gives them the right to walk around and talk in another language? If they come to my country, they can speak my language."

"Most of them want to find an American woman and marry her for a green card."

International students on this campus often are neglected and misunderstood. They're a quiet minority, usually not by choice but because they are provided few opportunities for discussion except among themselves.

would be nice for them to interact when the opportunity arises.

Just last week there was an international bazaar in the Nebraska Union. There are many similar events every year. The International Student Organization has an open door for any American wishing to become involved.

Some of my American friends have said they wanted to get to know students from other countries, but said they feel intimidated because they don't know much about other cultures. The only way to quit being intimidated is to make an attempt to understand.

And then there are some people who say they honestly don't give a hoot about other countries or about foreigners. These people are the ones who scare me. That kind of nationalistic arrogance is already getting this country in trouble.

Americans cannot afford to ignore other countries.

Everybody is always telling us today's students are the leaders of the future. But if the Americans at this university walk around with the same type of "I-don't-need-to-know" arrogance that they do now, international relations will only worsen.

We can't continue to make other countries adapt to our culture just because we carry a big stick — the United States will not be on top forever.

American students need to start listening to different ideas and start unifying instead of separating themselves from others.

And if they aren't interested in learning, they need to get out of the way.



Lee Rood

Few American students make the effort to welcome them, offer friendship and add to their experience in this country.

Granted, we are all very busy and have priorities of our own. But making an effort to get to know international students can only enhance an American's education and understanding.

Many of my friends from other countries tell me that when Americans come to their universities at home, people go out of their way to help them adapt and learn about the culture.

Shouldn't Americans do the same?

I don't expect Americans to walk up to every foreign student on campus and introduce themselves, but it

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Letter

Petersen thanks GLC program supporters; faculty members, DN and students included

The Government Liaison Committee has completed its five week "Senators on Campus" program. Although the program had some difficulty getting off the ground, the final three weeks were well attended and extremely productive.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Daily Nebraskan and the students and faculty members of UNL for their help with the program.

Thanks to the extensive coverage provided by the DN in addition to GLC's other publicity efforts, student participation rose dramatically resulting in very successful program.

GLC would like to thank the students who took time out of their busy mid-day schedules to come and show support and concern for their university.

These student showed the senators a view which would not have otherwise been known. I'm sure they had a very positive impact on the senators. I would also like to commend

Faculty Senate President Jim Lewis and the faculty members of UNL. It was very impressive to see so many well informed and concerned faculty members at each luncheon. Lewis has continually gone out of his way to help GLC in its efforts this year.

After having the opportunity to speak with most of the members of the Nebraska Legislature I'm sure they thought the visit to campus was well worth their time. In addition I know it proved to be very educational for the students.

It is our hope that programs such as this will help build positive ties between the University and state government, thereby increasing support for education and UNL. Once again, thank you to everyone involved.

Jeff Petersen
Chairman
ASUN Government Liaison Committee

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