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## Cake to eat, too?

UNL's immediate needs finally weighed

A bitter taste may be in Gov. Kay Orr's mouth after losing battle with the Nebraska Legislature in her annual budget quest, but for higher-level education the taste is sweeter. The needs of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln definitely were considered during this legislative session.

But the taste was sweetened Saturday when Orr joined University of Nebraska officials to cut a cake that celebrated a \$20.5 million increase in appropriations—the largest NU has seen in 12 years.

Following a sometimes passionate drive from both administration and students of UNL, faculty salaries and staff received a \$10 million boost. Thanks might be given to tough lobbying and some fine-tuned thinking of state senators. This single victory shines a light of hope over what has previously seemed a dismal future for UNL faculty and staff morally and financially... not to mention a burden to students concerned about their educational well-being.

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis will be able to continue and improve due to a \$1.4 million allocation during the next 18 months. Although only 22 faculty members and about 50 students remain at Curtis, it's possible that financing will encourage students to return to the only technical agriculture school in this agricultural state. Tumbleweeds may not blow as freely in what was scheduled to be a dead school last year. The school will survive for at least one more year.

Four million dollars in research funds also were allocated, inevitably strengthening the prestige of UNL and add to the potential of students and faculty to prove their abilities besides aiding the state's economy.

And although UNL students will receive an 8.5 percent tuition increase, state legislators managed to give a generous hike to colleges and universities for state tuition assistance. The increase was from \$128,150 to \$878,150.

## Letters

### Reader curious about spending priorities

Why is it that this country is so far in debt that it's going to stay there until my children have children?

And yet we have "representatives" in government who want to pay millions of dollars in frivolous items to Contra hillbillies?

Why is it that senators, who make more money than they know what to do with for working a far-below-average amount of days per year, are asking for another raise?

And yet a struggling college student seeking a degree in teaching, which is by far a below-average pay-

ing job, has to contend with a minimum wage near poverty level to sustain a family wish.

Why is it that football is so important and people are constantly coming up with wilder ways to finance it, like paying football players?

And yet there is a highly educated art historian forced to teach the wonders of visual art with antiquated equipment.

Yep, all this really bugs me. Anyone care to satisfy my curiosity?

Anthony Motto  
radical at large

### Dukakis supporter responds to DN error

Concerning my letter to the editor (Daily Nebraskan, April 8), I do avidly support Michael Dukakis for president. If I didn't, I wouldn't be his campus coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. All else aside, thank you for printing my letter. I appreciate the consideration.

Brian Svoboda  
Nebraska youth coordinator  
Dukakis for President

Editor's note: The DN stands corrected.

### Commonwealth scandal killed the cow

In the Commonwealth fiasco, I am reminded of the two farmers disputing ownership of a cow and a calf. One pulled on the head and one on the tail. In doing so, they killed the cow, but

not before the senators, judges and lawyers had stolen the calf and milked her dry.

Lester H. Christiansen  
Lincoln



### HOW TO GET RID OF THE \$60 MILLION STATE SURPLUS AND UN-L PARKING PROBLEM

#### SOLUTION ①

\$60 MILLION GOVERNMENT STUDY ON PARKING ALTERNATIVES

#### ② DEMOLISH ALL CAMPUS BUILDINGS AND BUILD A \$60 MILLION, 60 STORY UNIVERSITY... LOTS OF ROOM FOR PARKING

#### ③ \$60 MILLION UN-L SUBWAY

#### ④ GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES NOT TO PARK NEAR UNIVERSITY

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## Fry announces candidacy

### Democrats waiting for Cuomo to announce presidential candidacy

Every four years, America gets the chance to elect a new president, and it has become a great American tradition to sit and watch all the candidates parade by. Hopefully, by the end of the year, the American people will have gotten up off their duffs and voted.

I will aggressively seek the Oval Office.

You may not know who I am, except for the tiny picture of me that is always stuck in the middle of this column. But that shouldn't make any difference. If Cuomo can get his picture in Newsweek, then so can I. I haven't done anything either.

a symbol for the homeless, has a part-time job and has even spoken at Harvard Law School. It could be something right out of a Kurt Vonnegut Jr. novel. But this is reality.

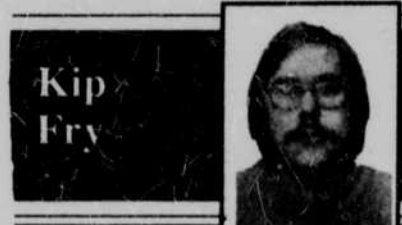
New York City also has created another celebrity: Robert Chambers. Chambers recently pleaded guilty to a reduced charge after initially proclaiming his innocence in the "rough sex" death of his girlfriend. Now both are on the cover of People magazine. What a price for fame.

These case studies prove that I should be able to make the White House. Just look at the other candidates. Who ever heard of Michael Dukakis, Pete du Pont or Bruce Babbitt before they entered the race? Jesse Jackson also has been able to grace the covers of magazines such as Newsweek and Time, with bold headlines asking: "Can He Win?" While he is now a legitimate contender, is it because he is truly worthy of the votes, or because he is black, or because of his mere presence in the press?

If Jackson's campaign can be aided like that, so can mine. And don't forget Cuomo. Although he is governor of one of the most populous states in the country, he is becoming famous for doing nothing. We can only wait and see what this publicity will accomplish. People don't have to be famous to become famous so they can be famous for all eternity.

I may not be very famous right now, but just give me time and I'll be on the cover of Newsweek.

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Kip Fry

I have an agenda. I'll be a strong leader, because that's what this great country needs. And we'll have peace. And everybody who wants a job will have one. There will be a chicken in every pot and a car in every garage. If all this comes about, happy days will be here again. I can assure you that.

Best of all, I can get elected just talking about that.

I can also tour nuclear waste dumps, factories inundated by rock-hurling strikers and other similar places where I really have no desire to be, all in the name of getting elected.

I'll have to keep telling myself that it's good publicity.

Other people have become famous doing relatively nothing. There was this one homeless woman in New York City named Joyce Brown who had a tendency to defecate in her pants. Her face became a regular attraction on the news for a while when she refused to be institutionalized by Ed Koch's plan to keep the homeless off the street. Now she has become

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