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*Democracy at work*  
**ASUN plans to hear minority input tonight**

The greatest aspect of democracy is that citizens have a voice in deciding who will be elected and what laws will be enacted. This may be the worst part of democracy, too, because citizens don't always raise their voices. This cannot happen at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Especially not now. Members of the Afrikan People's Union and other minority student groups, and members of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at Commonplace, 333 N. 14th St. The meeting tonight was the result of a Sept. 14 ASUN meeting. ASUN senators were considering two bills dealing with improved conditions for campus minorities and minority faculty recruitment. APU president Terry Goods and member James Morris told ASUN they were not consulted about the bills, even though members of APU and other minority student groups would be affected by the bills. Tonight's meeting is very important for ASUN, the APU and all UNL students. ASUN has the chance to listen to students who will be affected by its legislation. But the process won't work unless individuals show up and let their voices be heard.

—Curt Wagner  
for the Daily Nebraskan

**What others think**

*Parking oversold at students' expense*

Owning a parking sticker at the University of Idaho doesn't necessarily guarantee you a parking space. Last year, the university oversold red-zone parking permits by 126 percent and blue-zone permits by 115 percent. That means the university sold more than twice the number of parking stickers than there were spaces available. Why? According to Parking Director Tom Lapointe, the university's stance is that it's more functional to oversell and it enables the university to stretch its parking budget — all at the expense of the campus community.

—The Argonaut  
University of Idaho

The University of Kansas finally will be getting a new performing arts center. After more than half a century of complaints from students, faculty and performers who reject Hoch Auditorium as a substitute for the real thing, the outcry will be hushed.

So bravo for Campaign Kansas, the largest fund-raising drive for private donations in the university's history. The drive had an initial goal of \$100 million, but that was raised to \$150 million because of the campaign's success. In only four months, Campaign Kansas has netted \$81 million, and the drive still has more than four years to go.

Most of all, bravo to the Lied Foundation of Omaha, which donated \$10 million needed to help finance the center. Thanks to this donation, future KU students will have more of an opportunity to see top performers, concerts and plays.

—The University Daily Kansan  
University of Kansas

Freshmen notwithstanding, Oklahoma State students' tuition has been increased as much as \$8 a credit hour thanks to the Oklahoma Legislature and Hans Brisch, Oklahoma's chancellor of higher education.

Brisch (Gov. Kay's former chief of staff) has a cockamamie idea that if students pay more for their education it will somehow magically improve. That logic only makes sense if you're at the state capitol in Oklahoma City.

—The Daily Oklahoman  
Oklahoma State University



**Americans take too much heat**  
*South Koreans protesting Olympics should put up or shut up*

It's as predictable as the leaves falling from the trees every autumn.

Just turn on the television news any given night. You'll be treated to the sight of masses of angry foreigners burning American flags and screaming about how the United States has once again made their lives miserable.

Just like clockwork, it has happened again.

At Friday's opening ceremonies of the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, anti-American demonstrations raged throughout the city.

More than 300 students chanted "Yankee, go home!" at Korea University while more than 400 South Korean riot police desperately tried to maintain order and keep the incidents from moving closer to Olympic competition sites.

The students were demonstrating primarily against the United States for "helping to enforce the division of Korea" and for "not allowing the North Koreans to participate" in the Games.

As if the United States decided either of those issues.

Chants of "Oppose dictators' Olympics" rang out at every demonstration. The Associated Press reported Sunday, and effigies of American leaders and nuclear weapons were burned.

They may as well have had the 1988 Summer Olympics in Beirut.

But the demonstrations highlighted an alarming international trend that's been growing steadily since the mid-1960s.

During the last several years, most of the world has decided to come down hard on the United States for whatever problems exist, whether the United States was to blame or not.

Nowadays, everything is our fault. It's almost enough to give me an inferiority complex.

Some nations have legitimate gripes. After World War II, the United States assumed a self-appointed hegemonic leadership role. This country was virtually the only one on earth left unscathed by the war. U.S. industry was intact, the economy was strong and American military power was unsurpassed.

With that in mind, the American politicians began to rebuild the world. Unfortunately, politicians that played God left a trail of repressive puppet-governments and resentful feelings for which Americans are suffering 40 years later.

American influence after World

War II is responsible for millions of unjustified deaths in nations where the United States installed governments that satisfied U.S. politicians' tastes.

Countries that were once U.S. allies, like Iran and Libya, are now U.S. enemies. Nations that once helped the United States out of a bind, like the Western European nations, couldn't care less anymore.

Unless, of course, something's in it for them.

For example, when the Reagan administration became desperate for deterrents against terrorism in the early 1980s, Western Europe ignored U.S. pleas for unified trade embargoes and diplomatic pressure. As a result, American leaders felt the need to resort to military action against Libya with the bombing of Tripoli in April 1986.



**Chuck Green**

Even then, American "allies" denounced the U.S. action as unnecessary and said it would only open doors to new terrorist activity.

France, which American troops have liberated twice this century from German occupation, wouldn't even allow U.S. aircraft to fly over French soil en route to Libya. As a result, the planes were forced to fly around Europe, over the Atlantic Ocean. Flying time of the planes was increased by 11 hours.

Now, South Korean students throw fire bombs and shout obscenities at American tourists. These same students are allowed to demonstrate only because they live in a democracy preserved by U.S. liberation of their hole-in-the-wall nation after the North Korean invasion of 1950.

Many of these students would never have been born if not for U.S. involvement in Korea in the early 1950s. Certainly, many would not be alive now had the United States not kept troops in South Korea after the end of the Korean War. North Korea would have swept in years ago.

But now, they want the "Yankees" to go home.

"And take those damn troops with you, too."

No argument here. I agree. The United States should pull out of South Korea right now. Today, even. Troops, tanks, planes, everything. While we're at it, maybe we should bring home all our businesses and other financial assets, too.

After all, that's what those educated South Koreans want.

And why stop there? The United States should just bring everything home from everywhere else, too. Western Europeans are always screaming for the Americans to go home and mind their own business. Sure! Americans should get out — and take with them every American dollar on the continent.

I wonder how long it would take to plow those fields without U.S. technology. Before long, the population of Western Europe wouldn't have adequate food to get up even enough energy to burn an American flag.

There are millions of Americans out of jobs and living on the streets. There are millions of citizens in foreign nations who have U.S. companies to thank for their jobs.

By the same token, millions of workers here have foreign corporations to thank for their employment. But the difference is what those workers do on the weekends.

American workers seldomly burn Japanese or West German flags. The United States didn't receive billions of dollars worth of aid to rebuild its economy and then say: "We don't need your help anymore, so get the hell out!"

U.S. policy insists that we send food and aid to nations who thank us by burning our flag and chanting anti-American slogans. Why?

Food can be better used here at home. Then, by all means, send the excess food to help out the rest of the world — but only then.

That may sound pretty uncaring, but think about it. If your family needs food, would you give it away to strangers who will call you names after they get it?

In the 1920s, when the United States practiced isolationism to perfection, American society prospered. Other than the immediate post-World War II years, it was the most financially successful time in U.S. history.

It can be accomplished again and from the sound of world opinion, everyone involved will be happy.

Ahh, to be president for a day ...

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