

Reader complaints cover different areas

Student reader knocks New Alliance Party

Nanci Hamilton's reasons for the formation of the New Alliance Party (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 15) are not good enough to convince me to vote for any of its candidates. I will not support a third political party simply because it is a third party. If you want my vote, then start explaining your party's position on relevant issues instead of complaining about how the Democrats and Republicans are out to get you.

Opinion Reader

In addition, your suggestion that Chief Justice William Hastings' decision to limit Ernie Chambers to running for one political office was based on a political desire to limit the New Alliance Party's participation is a cheap shot at the state's judicial system. Hastings did not get to be chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court by making such politically based decisions.

And if Hastings did suggest Chambers could run for both offices, his reversal of opinion two weeks later does not in any way indicate that his decision was politically based. Haven't you ever changed your mind after examining the facts?

I hope that the next time I hear from a representative of the New Alliance Party, it will be about real issues instead of meaningless complaints.

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Greek defends intense bonds of sisterhood

I have attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for three years and I have noticed that a few somewhat controversial issues are consistently raised every fall. One in particular I would like to address is about the

greek system.

It's not my intent to perpetuate the greek vs. non-greek debate. I believe we can all acknowledge that there are pros and cons to each group. I would only like to offer a few comments on behalf of the greek system.

It's extremely difficult to express in words the emotions involved with belonging to and working for something greater than the self. The emotions, strong and real, are a mixture of joy, pride, self-respect, love and from the challenge of it all, frustration. It is a wonderful feeling using my time, energy and talents knowing the benefits are not for me alone.

Each person must decide whether or not to be a part of the greek system. To the individuals who choose not to be greek, I ask that you realize there are many great things about the greek system. It just depends on what you choose to see.

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Other odors pollute airspace for smoker

Please, may we discuss the smoking issue without personalities? The issue appears to be that non-smokers object to smokers' litter and smoke invading their space.

As for the litter, I concede the point. I am now meticulous about not leaving a trail of ashes and cigarette butts wherever I go and smoke.

As far as cigarette smoke invading someone's space: When we all reach a cultural consensus that none of us has the "right" to invade the airspace of others with unwelcome factory stimuli, then I will respect the complaints of non-smokers. Currently, I see only one segment of the population attacking the other. Let's be fair and place "No perfume" and "No farting" signs next to the "No smoking" ones, or take the signs down.

I can say with reasonable certainty

that my smoke doesn't nauseate anyone any more than others' noxious odors disgust me.

Fran Thompson
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Student defends action by Women's Center

This letter is in response to the editorial (DN, Sept. 15) on the Women's Resource Center. Tearing up Playboy magazines in the name of feminism may not "be a nice thing to do" (why not?) but neither is the exploitation and degradation of women's bodies. I believe the actions by the Women's Resource Center on this issue was perfectly justifiable.

By the way, perhaps the Daily Nebraskan staff should be a little more up-to-date and not use sexist language, whether flagrant or not.

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Reader gives support to Sen. Dave Karnes

While it's true that former Gov. Bob Kerrey has a lot of charisma, it's also true that he is very adept at saying one thing to please one group and another thing to please a different group.

On the one hand, he accuses Sen. Dave Karnes of being weak and inconsistent when it comes to tough budget decisions. On the other hand, he is worried about increasing funds for food stamps, Medicaid and other welfare programs. He hasn't said that he wants to raise taxes, but he hasn't said how he is going to pay for increased funding for welfare, either. You can bet he won't vote against any tax increases.

I don't like the way Karnes got into his position any more than the most-devoted Kerrey supporter. However, if we cast our vote according to the issues, we should support Karnes because he is the only one who is

addressing the issues in this campaign.

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DN criticized for too much Husker football coverage

I thought you guys at the Daily Nebraskan learned your lesson when it comes to "tasteless" humor angering people (Daily Half-askin, last semester), but it seems that you've gone one step further. Last spring, it was the man supposedly smoking cocaine and saying "yes" to drugs. Now, it's the totally vulgar picture (DN, Sept. 14) of two people mooning the camera-man.

Don't you people have anything else better to do, like reporting the news? I hope I'm not asking for too much.

Besides, why waste two pages of a newspaper to a game where we got our butts kicked (a 41-28 loss to UCLA). There has to be other

things besides football going on at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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Editor's note: For the last two years, the DN has run two-page photo spreads on all Cornhusker football games, regardless of the score. For those of you who missed it the first time, here's the photo that was published after the UCLA game.

By the way, no lesson was learned by anyone after last year's Daily Half-askin. See you next April!

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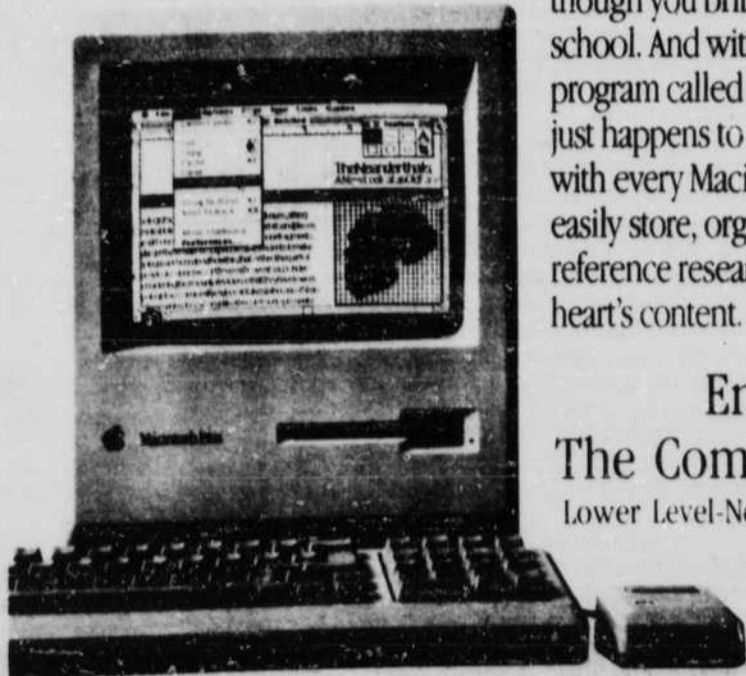
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