

Party issues listed, parking questioned

UNL parking problem remains, reader says

I originally came to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1983. In the last five years, I have lived through four theater department chairmen, three professors have come and gone and two have retired (one twice).

opinion

I have suffered through five elections of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, and even ran for 2nd vice president of ASUN on the World Wrestling Federation Party ticket. I am one of those few cowering souls who knew Bill Allen personally.

Only once in all this time have I ever felt compelled to write a letter to the editor, and it is over the most mundane and yet infuriating problems that grow more exacerbated with each passing semester.

Parking sucks. There, I've said it. I've come right out and said just what everybody's been thinking. The problem is that planners who seem to decide arbitrarily where and when to erect buildings at UNL have fallen prey to the same notion that the Lincoln City Council has. The city council, in its attempt to "revitalize downtown," has come up with the idea that parking is somehow a magical thing with which it need not be concerned with.

The reason this attitude will be self-defeating for the city council is because it isn't magical. My father, a Lincoln native for 16 years, consciously avoids going downtown to do business simply because there is no convenient parking, and contrary to the city council's delusions, all the businesses one really cares to frequent are between 48th and 70th streets on O Street where parking is abundant, convenient and free.

Regents and planners, on the other hand, can delude themselves about parking all they want because for most of us, UNL is the only game in town. Of course, we could go to one of the other colleges in the city, but UNL is still the cheapest, so parking downtown is an economic evil we must face.

Of course, there is always talk of adding parking space, but the only thing that I have seen is its continued reduction. To my understanding, proposed parking lots are still located at inconvenient locations.

The problem is not limited to students, by the way. One of the advantages to having out-tenured most of one's instructors is that one tends to know a number of them personally. From my discussions with faculty and staff, the problem is just as real for them. The people who are not affected by the problem are those who have most control over it. Regents and senior administrative staff all have reserved parking spaces at the building in which they work, and naturally don't take any efforts to call

attention to this problem.

The "Stone Proposal": Raze the faculty and metered parking lots immediately to the north of the Nebraska Union. In their place, construct an eight-story parking garage, a half to be devoted to faculty and the other to 20-series student parking. Extend the building two stories underground, and not only do you have the largest parking structure downtown, but possibly enough student parking to go around. Similar projects could be completed on East Campus and near dorms. The problem with planners is that they tend to think in sprawling lateral designs with no regard to the fact that most people are then walking eight blocks to get from parking to any class in any building.

This project will not go much of anywhere without a great deal of prodding on behalf of the student body. Far be it from me to delude myself that the student body is interested enough in the problem to even put down their beer bottles (I know I'm not), but there's the proposal. I offer it altruistically as one who is going to leave the whole problem behind soon.

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Reader gives platform for the New Alliance

In response to Mark VanKekerix's

letter (DN, Sept. 19): You want issues? We have issues. The following are some New Alliance Party platforms:

- People instead of profits;
 - Nonintervention, disarmament and peace. Slash the military budget to fund jobs and human services;
 - An end to racism, sexism, anti-Semitism and anti-gay bigotry;
 - Full civil rights for all lesbians and gay men. Pass a national AIDS Bill of Rights;
 - An end to poverty. Job opportunities and training for all. Provide decent welfare benefits;
 - Enforce Indian treaty rights and full restitution for use of all Indian lands;
 - Fair and democratic elections. Encourage fullest participation at all levels of the electoral process;
 - Free, quality education — from day care through graduate school;
 - Full economic, social and political equality for all women. Free or low cost abortion on demand;
 - Funding for non-nuclear safe energy resources and environmental protection;
 - Guarantee adequate social security and pensions for the elderly;
 - A workable and fair farm policy and national moratorium on farm foreclosures;
- VanKekerix, if you or anyone else wishes further clarification of our goals and/or issues, feel free to contact me at any time. I believe that once you examine our stands on issues, you

will discover that we are a viable, valuable, progressive alternative to the Republican and Democratic parties.

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letter

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Nebraskans forget 'Dark Days'; Short memories benefit Kerrey

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constituency. Furthermore, he has in his campaign shown no sign of even recognizing his shortcomings. Rather, he hopes to convince us that the years of his administration were the Camelot of the Capitol City. Well, selective amnesia was never my long suit, Bob, and this is one voter whose eyes are unashamedly wool-free.

I just don't understand. I don't understand why Kerrey leads in virtually every poll I have seen. I don't understand why professors and staff whose salaries are woefully behind what they should be would sport Kerrey stickers and buttons. I don't understand how a man whose policies managed to populate the capitol steps with protesters almost daily during the last two years of his term can find himself only 20 months later riding the crest of a popularity wave. Are we really that blind?

I guess there are some reasons why people might vote for Kerrey. In fact, I have been told a few. Many have expressed to me justification that amounts not so much to a vote for Kerrey as a vote against Karnes. I guess that is sometimes legitimate. I myself have voted against, rather than for, candidates. However, this time the risk is not worth it.

Karnes may have his problems — what politician doesn't? He is an

unabashed party-line man, and as a registered Democrat, that rally turns my stomach. However, he has not proven to me that he is not a leader. He has not proven to me that he is not a man of his word. In fact, he has impressed me with his integrity and his concern for the people of Nebraska.

I will not let one little slip of the tongue — where Karnes made the serious political mistake of telling the truth to the wrong people — convince me that I should instead vote for a man who has already proven his ineptness.

But there may be a better reason for supporting Kerrey. A dear friend of mine, whose opinion I value highly and whose book bag displays a Kerrey button, told me that he figured either candidate would be good for Nebraska, but that Kerrey would be better for the nation and the world. Now that's a good reason. However, if Kerrey is to be good for anyone on any level, he must be a powerful leader, decisive and willing to follow through on past commitments. And it is precisely these necessary traits that the above overview of events shows to be missing from the Kerrey repertoire.

If Kerrey can be intimidated by the entry of Ernie Chambers into the race, how can he hope to stand up to the major league assaults and confronta-

tions he would experience as a member of the U. S. Senate? And there is no question that he is intimidated by Chambers. He has a right to be.

Many have charged that Chambers has entered the race simply to hurt Kerrey. If that is so, maybe it is because Chambers has a better memory than many people. Maybe he knows that bad governors seldom make good senators and wishes to save the people of this state from making a serious mistake.

Anyone with the ingenuity to outsmart the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court the way Chambers did is smart enough to know that it takes more than the label "Democrat" to make a candidate a man of the people.

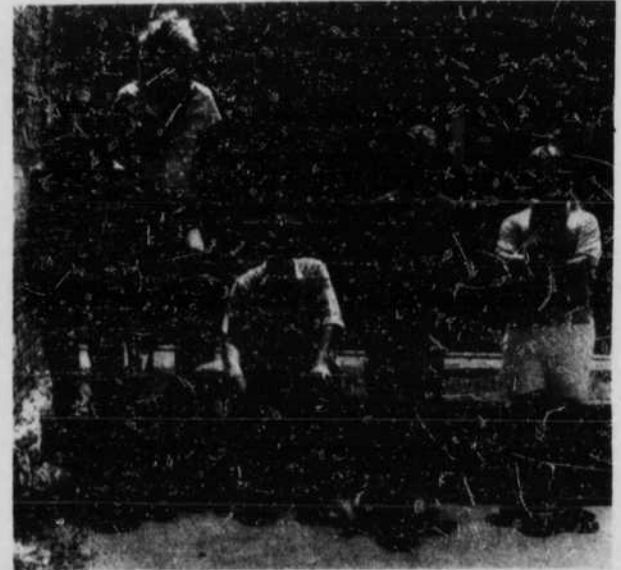
Often when former governors run for national office, they will use a slogan like, "What he did for Rhode Island, he can do for America." Perhaps in this instance the preposition should be altered. I want a bumper sticker that says, "What he did to us he'll do to the U.S." Clever, huh?

As they say, remember that when you step into the voting booth.

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