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Readers question Kerrey, minority letters

Sennett should pick better American hero

It was no surprise that James "Campus Crusade for Christ" Sennett's editorial column (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 28) coincided with the release of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Good News, a conservative Christian newsletter. The DN and the Good News continue to resemble each other in both policy and production standards.

What is surprising is Sennett's choice of George Washington as his hero. Washington was a dope smoking, libertine friend of those Bohemian darlings of the Enlightenment, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. He was not, as the American Nazi Party has characterized him, the first fascist. Next time, James, find a founding father closer to your own ideology. Someone like, say, Cotton Mather.

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Letter mixed Kerrey's words with his record

It's clear that Tim Bourke confused rhetoric with reality in his letter (DN, Sept. 29), and confused Bob Kerrey's words with his record. First, Kerrey cut state aid to education each year for a total of \$11 million during his term in office. Thus, he caused increased property taxes at the local level. Kerrey proposed and passed an Omnibus Education Bill LB994 and the Nebraska Legislature appropriated the requested \$1.9 million.

Kerrey subsequently line-item vetoed \$1.5 million, hence gutting his own bill. It never was financed after his action. Kerrey didn't support rural schools and instead he signed a law that increased sales taxes without property-tax relief, forcing school consolidation. The rural voters of

Nebraska undid his uncaring works in a referendum vote by an overwhelming majority.

Finally, why did Bourke tell us that Bob Kerrey balanced the budget? How did he do it? By raising sales tax in 1983? In his last year in office, there was an even greater amount of red ink, so he cut the University of Nebraska-Lincoln budget and the Legislature raised the sales tax again, leaving us with a balanced budget and depleted university funding.

Bourke should realize Kerrey's "Good Life" rests only in the minds of those in fantasyland.

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Greeks, New Alliance party ideas pondered

Here's a few questions as we progress into the new semester: the current war about the greek system is certainly amusing, but I have to wonder, why DO they call themselves "greeks," anyway? I know it must have something to do with those pretty letters on their houses, but could it run deeper (no pun intended) than that?

Geraldo Rivera. I got to wondering about some of the topics this guy comes up with, and thought... what's left? Then it hit me. I like women a lot. I mean a LOT! Could it be... is it possible? My God, I wonder if I'm a lesbian trapped in a man's body!

Finally, regarding the New Alliance party's platform. Let's see now... basically, the members say they're for people, not profits (they're poor?), slashing the military budget (they're whimps?), no anti-gay (they're gay?), etc. AIDS bill of rights (they have AIDS?), Indian rights (Indians?), free abortions (women?), environmental protection (tree-bark eaters?) and fair farm policy (farmers?). Does that

mean that they're poor whimpy gay female Indian tree-bark eating farmers with AIDS?

I've got to close for now, as I'm sure Geraldo will be returning my call any time and my public awaits!

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Minorities need fair share, special efforts

In response to Roy Larson's letter (DN, Sept. 30), it's obvious to me that you don't understand what the bill is trying to do, so let me explain it in terms that you can understand.

Supposition: The Nebraska football team loses a game because the defense played poorly. Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne has three options:

- Put emphasis on offense and hope it can run up the score;
- Act like the poor game was caused by some unexplained phenomenon and do nothing;
- Put emphasis on defense to have an equal distribution of power.

You correctly stated that "if the vice chancellor really wishes to eliminate racism at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he should work to abolish all university programs that are designed to promote people of one race at the expense of people of another." Is UNL equal to all?

I am black and in my fifth year at UNL. This semester, I can count all the black people in my classes on one hand. This is typical of each past semester at UNL for me. I have never had a black professor and I do not remember having a minority professor. If you take a look around the campus, the students here are predominately white. Granted, Nebraska may not be one of the states with the biggest population of minorities, but we are here.

Please stop ignoring us because all the minorities want is a fair share. And to make minorities equal per capita to the majority may require special efforts and funds.

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Greek insult letters ignorant, student says

I've just about had it. Quite frankly, I'm really tired of reading about people slamming the greek system. This time, the excuse for the insults comes not from an incident that happened at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, but one that happened at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

They say that "one bad apple spoils the bunch," but is it really fair for Harlan Milder (DN letters, Sept. 30) to judge a nationwide system by the actions of one fraternity at one university?

Take a look at houses like UNL's Delta Tau Delta and FarmHouse fraternities (to name just two) that are officially dry houses. And they were voted to be that way by their members. They were not forced to be that way. That, to me, says a lot about their members. I question your contention that "... alcohol and alcohol-related activities have become a major attraction for new pledges."

I have to wonder if perhaps Milder had a bad experience with the greek system while in college. You seem to think that being a part of the greek system is nothing but "bands, bars and brew." (With a couple of "babes" thrown in for good measure.)

That is not true. If you had ever been a part of the system, you would know that it wasn't true. Being greek can mean anything from editing the greek yearbook for journalism experience to organizing a fundraiser to

raise money for a worthwhile cause. It can mean organizing a special program to educate people about the dangers of alcohol abuse (Do It Sober, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity) to grabbing a few new pledges and ordering pizza.

Greeks take road trips to football games and form "buddy-studies" for a difficult exam. Boy, that sure sounds like a bunch of people that drink to the exclusion of everything else.

Open your eyes, Milder. "Fraternities maintain a low profile by hiding behind their charitable contributions to the unknowing community?" you ask. Come on, Harlan. Aren't we exaggerating just a little bit about a subject we obviously know nothing about?

I have lived in both the residence halls and a greek house, and the worst by far (in my observation) was the residence hall. I saw more alcohol in my first two months at school last year (living in a residence hall) than I have ever seen in my own house and in the houses that I have been in.

To close, I would like to ask why it has become fashionable to put down the greek system. You can bet if someone wrote in insulting residence hall students (no, I won't call them dormies) there would be public outrage. But when someone writes in slamming the greek system, it's funny. Isn't that strange, Milder?

Perhaps for your next attempt, Milder, you can take a residence hall incident from — let's say, the University of Wyoming — and twist it around to somehow apply to UNL. I'm sure that we would all find it somewhat interesting and amusing, and you'd get another chance to do what you obviously enjoy — insult something you don't know much about.

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G.M. ANNOUNCEMENT

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Thursday, Oct. 6

Queen Contest Interviews

Poster Contest Judging — 3:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7

Golden Derby Hunt — 4:30 p.m.

Sigendales — Union Ballroom

8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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