# Readers scold 'booers', ASUN apology

## Student rebukes response to ASUN

To the dozens of "fans" who have written to defend their right to act childish and rude: Yes, it is your right to boo. But the excuses I have heard about the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska's apology letter are nothing short of insane.

Although you and I may have not agreed with ASUN's actions in speaking for all students, the fact remains that it was within its rights as an elected body. I have fielded many complaints lately that it is not representative — that it only represents a small part of the students. That's absolutely true. You know why? Because 90 percent of UNL students do not even bother to vote in the ASUN elections. Hard to represent

people who do not vote, isn't it?

As for "voicing student opinion," that's crap, and you know it. Screaming "boo" tells Gov. Kay Orr only one thing — that our football fans have lousy manners. It tells her nothing about why you're booing. Is it be-cause she appointed Dave Karnes for the U.S. Senate? Is is because she's supposedly cut education funding? She hasn't. Is it because of LB775?

Here is a radical idea. Sit down with a pen and write her a letter. Tell her what you do not like, and why you were justified in booing her. Since most of the boo-bears around here seem to write letters in packs of four, grab three friends to help you think of ideas

Got the letter written? Got lots of ideas? Good. Stick a stamp on it and mail it. It isn't hard, really. It takes a little more work than screaming "boo" at a stadium, but it makes your opinion known.

What, no ideas? Can't think of anything? Then for heaven's sake, keep quiet.

Lots of people have been quoting Sen. Libby York. "We are not their mothers," she said. She's right. I think we know who the real mothers are,

The immature fans who booed our

governor are the real mothers.

Michael Ho junior computer science

## **ASUN** apology offends Svoboda

As a student represented by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, I am offended by the apology made to Gov. Kay Orr and Chancellor Martin Massengale for the boos they received during halftime at the Oklahoma State game. ASUN certainly didn't apologize on my behalf, and I suspect most of the students on this campus feel the same

Did it occur to the ASUN Senate that many of the people in that crowd had good reason to boo? Did it occur to them that because of an uncaring, bloated bureaucracy, many of the students in that crowd had to wait long months to get the financial aid they needed to go to school, if they could get it all? Or did it occur to them that many of the people who booed were

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not even students, but rather adultsmen and women who had seen their taxes raised, their rural communities disintegrate, and their neighbors' farms lost to foreclosure?

Let's face facts. Orr broke a campaign promise by raising taxes for lower and middle income Nebraskans and continues to deny it. Massengale presides over a university administration that is indifferent at best to student and faculty concerns in the areas of academic freedom, minority issues, financial aid and campus life. Both have shown a lack of accountability to the people they serve. They deserved the reception they got.

I believe we should respect our

public servants. But this, after all, is a democracy. I believe that the people whom we citizens elect and pay are accountable to us, that they owe something back to the people they serve. If it takes the jeers of several thousand people to remind Orr and Massengale of that fact, then so be it.

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