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## Bill would benefit all Free classes for seniors an opportunity

If LB180 continues to advance through the Nebraska Legislature, Nebraska 'oldsters' who never had the opportunity to attend college will get their chance free of charge.

The bill, passed unanimously by the Legislature's Education Committee Tuesday, will allow residents who are 60 years old or older to attend classes tuition-free at any state college or university.

The bill is a generous and inexpensive way of giving a little back to Nebraska's life-long citizens (uh... taxpayers).

Tuition-free service would be provided only with the instructor's permission and in classes where space is available. Any fees other than tuition would be paid by the elder student.

These students would participate in all activities in the class but would not receive college credit. If they did want credit, they would pay regular tuition.

And seniors would not be the only beneficiaries. Imagine sitting in class with your grandfather -- wise with years and eager to share.

These elder statesmen could bring a new perspective to many classes because of their experiences. Creating a semester project in Korean War history with a Korean War veteran would add a perspective not found in texts or from instructors.

The bill came up during the last legislative session, but did not become a law.

Let's hope it makes it through this year. As many a grandparent has said, "You're never too old to learn."

-- Curt Wagner  
for the Daily Nebraskan

## DN owes apology to students

In response to Jim Hanna's humor column (Daily Nebraskan, Jan. 17), I must take umbrage with a comment he made.

"There's no excuse for anybody over 23 to still be in school," is, even in humor, a slam at all older students attending this university. These older students are over 23, they've in many cases gotten on with their lives, and now have an opportunity to accomplish something they desire, whether it's a new career, completing an unfulfilled dream or simply a desire to learn.

They have every right to be here, in many cases more rights than the under 23-year-old student. These

older students have been paying taxes to support this institution while the younger students were still in diapers. The older student has a right to attend this university and I feel an apology is necessary.

Andy Gueck  
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**Editor's Note: Webster's New World Dictionary defines satire as a literary device "in which . . . stupidities . . . are held up to ridicule and contempt." Hanna satirized sometimes-obnoxious advice columnists. Of course all people have a right to higher education.**

## Senator sickened by ASUN

When I was re-elected to serve on ASUN last spring, I was thrilled. The prospect of serving my university excited me, and I looked forward to representing fellow-students' thoughts and ideas.

Recently, however, several senators have brought to my attention some things that are, covertly, going on behind the ASUN scenes that sicken me. I don't care to go into specific details, but am sure it will all surface soon enough.

Now, I have stood by and watched this senate write unwanted apology letters, delay votes on important issues because they hadn't bothered to do their homework and make a general mockery of student government. Senators who have worked hard, such

as Stan Mommaerts and Derrick Brown, have been treated rudely and slandered continuously, rather than applauded for their diligence and knowledge of the political process.

When this administration ran for office, it promised a great change: That things would be different. Well, yes, they definitely are different . . . if you're looking for all-time low student support and respect for ASUN and an incredible arrogance which runs rampant through this government. For these reasons, and many more, I do not feel I can continue my participation in ASUN, and therefore, resign.

Libby York  
Journalism

## editorial

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## Anesthesia uplifts Nelson's optimism Loaded columnist reveals six truths in life from dentist chair

My dentist's voice faded into the wail of his power saw. I was spinning. I sucked harder at the mask. The gas was working. My life passed before my eyes.

I thought about my 4th-grade teacher's ever-visible bra strap. I thought other profound thoughts.

Then I thought about college. My three years of higher education passed through my clouded mind in seconds.

Why was I in school? What had I learned?

I took a deep breath and spiraled deeper into self-analysis. From the dissonance of drills, suction and small-talk came a calm.

I had multiple revelations.

### Parking meter readers are not evil.

I had always thought that parking meter readers were vicious gargoyles roaming the streets near campus, plundering the pocketbooks of starving students. That they were heartless and greedy and ate children and sucked blood.

I was wrong. They smile and they love. They marry, have offspring and lead perfectly normal lives like all the rest of us in spite of the heartless jeers from tardy parkers.

A banquet in honor of our campus ticketers is certainly in order.

### Money is important.

I used to think solely of others. My checkbook was your checkbook, my beer was your beer. Scholarships were for weenies and hot dogs were luxury.

My dentist changed all that. Fri-

volities like toilet paper are important.

Ultimate truth and love are cheap. I want a Porsche.

### Chancellor Martin Massengale is not charismatic.

I had watched UNL promotional spots during football games and marvelled at Massengale's performance. His booming oratory, the fire and animation in his face, the Faulkneresque bounding of his promo syntax.



As I lay dying in the dentist chair, I realized that although the chancellor has battled valiantly to maintain the university's scholastic integrity on a measly \$1.98 a year, he still should be banned from television.

### Freshmen have feelings too.

Around my sophomore year, I believed freshmen deserved the constant ridicule they received. I considered freshmen to be confused, immature, boorish simpletons who helped overcrowd easy classes.

I realized this was not true. I was once a freshmen. I remember the torture of wandering through life aimlessly, tripping over the most trivial of problems. I, too, got lost on the way to classes in the same building. It was painful and I now wish to help.

For them, we should also have a banquet.

### The people of Nebraska love football.

I had this vision. The NU Board of Regents cut the football program because of a lack of funds.

State-wide riots followed. Republicans and Democrats joined hands. Savings accounts were drained; furniture sold. Tens of millions of dollars rolled into Lincoln to save the Huskers.

Then the English Department was cut for lack of funds.

Students changed their majors, professors lost their tickets.

### Greeks and dormies are the same.

I use to think dormies and greeks were innately different -- chemicals in the womb, or something.

The gas changed all that. I saw dormies shopping at Post and Nickel, greeks playing video games. I saw a dormie named Biff wearing a Ski Aspen cap. I saw a greek listening to Megadeth.

I felt like Mr. Love-and-unity. Anyone can be a dork.

My dentist slapped me. I woke to the stench of blood and drool. He had finished stealing my wisdom teeth and wanted me out of his chair.

I grinned at him. I had gone to him expecting pain and came away with ultimate truth.

Of course, the gas had yet to wear off.

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## letter

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## by Brian Shellito

