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## Supermarkets to sell?

### 'Yes' vote needed for alcohol sales

The Lincoln City Council will hear public testimony today on requests of four grocery stores and one convenience store to sell alcohol.

The city maintains that alcohol should be sold in separate stores.

The grocery and convenience store owners want the license for obvious reasons.

And they should get it.

Selling liquor in convenience stores and grocery stores would bring in a lot of income.

People shopping for their evening meal would be more likely to pick up a bottle of wine if it was right in the same store.

And people driving through, say to visit their cousin Joe in Lincoln, might want to pick up a six-pack for the game while they're filling their car up with gas.

Not only would that help the store owners, but if liquor sales were boosted, that would also boost the sales tax on liquor, which would benefit the city.

Currently, no Lincoln grocery stores sell liquor.

But last November, seven Gas 'N Shop stores won licenses to sell beer, after the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that a Lincoln ordinance prohibiting such sales was unconstitutional.

The Lincoln City Council should keep that ruling in mind and give store owners the licenses they want.

-- Amy Edwards  
for the Daily Nebraskan

## Student applauds DN article

I would like to respond to Andy Gueck's article (Daily Nebraskan, Jan. 18). Thank you for having the courage to stand up in front of the majority of the younger men and women who are indeed the traditional students here at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

We (the non-trads), are looking to better ourselves in life by learning more about the society in which we live, and trying to find a place for ourselves among the rest of America. Nineteen years ago, I received my high school diploma, a piece of paper that really meant something to me. Most kids then felt the need to serve our country at a time of war as I did, and somewhere between graduation from high school and Vietnam we lost all sense of the values of higher education.

I can only speak for myself, but I believe there are others like myself who are here for a reason, to try and get our lives back together again, even after all this time. My G.I. bill ran out a long time ago. That was my fault. Now I must pay for my mistake by paying for most of my education on my own. You, the younger traditional students, should feel appreciative that there were men and women who fought and died for your freedom, so that you have the opportunities to freely continue your education without having to make such a choice in your young lives today.

Those of you who know Andy Gueck should give him a big pat on the back, I know I sure would like to!

Gary Hoke  
36-year-old, non-trad freshman  
sociology

## Student answers Nelson's quiz

This letter is in response to Bob Nelson's recent column (DN, Feb. 1). He said he wanted responses, and now he's got some. I'll just answer his quiz questions in order.

1. The Challenger tragedy should have ended America's exploration of space, or at least delayed it until other, more pressing, domestic problems are solved, such as the budget deficit or the evidently poor state of our educational system.

2. Wife beating is not humorous in any context.

3. The Alaskan whale story is nothing to make jokes about. Now maybe the superpower nations will realize they can get together peacefully.

4. This is exactly why I never joined a fraternity. What if I didn't want to get involved in one particular activity? Would I have a choice?

5. If someone would explain to me

exactly what that large, red, k-shaped thing is, I might appreciate it more. Why didn't they install something recognizable there?

6. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln football players should have the same provisions on receiving financial aid as me, which is why I support the new NCAA rules.

7. Ted Bundy's execution was well-deserved. That's all there is to it.

8. Actually, the fact that the Lied Center is too small for a Guns 'N' Roses concert makes it seem very useful, not useless, at least to me.

Well, that's all I have to say for right now. Let's just hope that after inviting reader responses, the DN will print them in a normal matter, not as they did last semester.

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freshman  
pre-med

## editorial

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## 'Political nasties' irk columnist

### Royko's day is made by seeing cat-hating LaRouchies unhappy

A crowd of protestors had gathered on the sidewalk outside the building where I work. They chanted and yelled and sang songs.

This isn't an uncommon occurrence. Various groups occasionally come downtown to demonstrate their support of or opposition to one cause or another.

Because such expressions of free speech are legal, I respect their right to do so, even though listening to them can be a pain in the ear.

While this particular group set up its din, a co-worker, who had just come into the building, stopped by to talk.

I asked him who the demonstrators were.

"The LaRouchies," he said. "They're all upset because LaRouche is going to prison."

I immediately went to a window that overlooked the street, opened it and bellowed:

"Shut your (deleted) mouths, you stupid (deleted). I hope that (deleted) rots in jail."

I'll leave the deleted words to your imagination.

Someone has since informed me that it is the policy of this newspaper that employees do not lean out of windows and shout obscenities at demonstrators or anyone else. This is a class joint.

So I won't do it again. But that one time, I couldn't resist it. The joy of the occasion simply overwhelmed me.

As you may have read, Lyndon LaRouche has been sentenced to 15 years in prison, and six of his followers got prison terms ranging from two to five years.

This has made all the LaRouchies miserable and unhappy. And anything that makes them unhappy makes my day.

If there is one group of political nasties that I loathe, it is the La-

Rouchies. I began tangling with them at least 10 years ago, back before they became well known as a public nuisance.

I wrote about their scams and cons, using legitimate issues such as drugs and nuclear war to play on the fears of gullible people, hustle them for money and pump the funds to LaRouche so he could live like a king and indulge his fantasy of being a major international political force.

But their methods finally caught up with them. The government gathered evidence that they had bilked people out of more than \$30 million in loans they never intended to repay.

And they nailed LaRouche for claiming he had no taxable income despite living on a huge estate with servants. His expenses were all paid by corporations he set up.

But what I dislike most about the LaRouchies is that they have bumped off cats.

I'm not a great cat lover, although I provide food and shelter for two of them. However, I think it is cowardly to murder them.

And that's what LaRouchies did. When a reporter in New England wrote about some of their antics, they killed several of his cats. The killings didn't stop until the articles did.

Later, when I wrote about them, they sent a cat death threat to the young female reporter who was my assistant.

I figured that anybody who threatens a cat is basically a coward and a wimp. So I phoned the LaRouche office here and said that if they threatened harm to any more cats, I would come there with some large, violent friends and we would break their furniture, their legs, maybe a few fingers and noses, and jump up and down on their chests.

They shouted and sputtered that those would be criminal acts. I agreed, but said we'd do it anyway and take a chance on getting a cat-loving jury.

And that was the last I heard from the creeps.

I don't know which prison LaRouche and his associates will be sent to. But I hope that this column finds its way to his fellow inmates. They should know that they have a cat-killer in their midst. And I hope any cat-lovers among them do whatever they feel is appropriate.

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Mike Royko

They didn't like seeing their scams exposed. Nor did they like reading facts about their leader, LaRouche, and themselves.

For example, it upset them whenever I wrote that LaRouche and many of his original followers used to be communists. LaRouche was a vocal defender of Joe Stalin and his methods.

But for a variety of reasons, one of which was that you can't make a very good buck being a Stalinist, LaRouche and his top people switched political gears and became sort of a hodgepodge right-wing cult. It's still hard to categorize his beliefs because most are bizarre if not outright nuts.

One thing that didn't change, though, were LaRouche's methods for keeping his followers in line. He and his top people still believed in the Stalinist approach. They demanded total, mindless obedience. They brainwashed, bullied and intimidated the mentally troubled misfits who gravitated to their cult.

And they used them to raise money for themselves and LaRouche.

## Campus Notes



by Brian Shellito