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Quibbles and Bits

Some U.S. students have vote, money

There may still be hope. The Arizona Senate has approved a bill giving the student member of the Arizona Board of Regents the right to vote on state university issues, according to the Arizona Daily Wildcat.

The bill has yet to be approved by Arizona Gov. Rose Mofford, but Mofford is not expected to turn down the proposal.

Patrick McWhortor, student regent for the Arizona Students Association, said that Mofford formally told ASA officials that she would sign the bill.

McWhortor said he lobbied for the bill because student regents at the University of Arizona have earned the right to vote.

The Wildcat reported that the bill's sponsor, Rep. John Wettaw of Flagstaff, told lawmakers that student regents have been "responsible and professional in their actions" and should have a say in board action.

Perhaps the NU Board of Regents will take responsibility and professionalism into careful consideration when deciding if University of Nebraska student regents should maintain an unofficial vote, even if there was a low voter turnout in the last ASUN election.

And perhaps in the future, they will consider the option of an official vote for student regents.

• The University of Minnesota is having trouble giving away financial aid checks.

According to the Minnesota Daily, students picked up 10,000 checks, but the University Bursar's Office still has 6,000 unclaimed checks to give away.

Students said reasons for not picking up their checks -- worth \$700 to \$2,300 -- include long lines and too few days allotted for distribution, even though the university hired 14 temporary employees to help speed up the process.

But the Minnesota Daily also reported that some students at the university just don't need the financial assistance.

"I picked up my check and gave the money to a friend of mine who is starting her business," said a recipient who asked to remain anonymous. "I think a lot of people do that."

According to the Daily, checks that are not picked up in 30 days are usually cancelled.

Rather than cancelling them, maybe the bursar's office could send the checks to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

They might help alleviate the crunch coming from next year's 5-percent tuition hike.

-- Amy Edwards
for the Daily Nebraskan

Midshipman condemns graffiti

I was particularly surprised by the statement, "One shouldn't make assumptions about unheard voices..." (Richard Hayden, Daily Nebraskan, April 12). This, Mr. Hayden, is like the pot calling the kettle black.

In his letter, Hayden assumed that because he has taken upper-level classes and is from Washington, D.C., he has a broader, more pragmatic view of life than John Vela, a sophomore from Omaha. He even goes so far as to question whether Vela has ever been out of this state. Unfortunately for all of us, Mr. Hayden, it's you who "didn't cover all your bases." As one who knows John Vela, I can assure you that he is quite worldly for a sophomore. He is a 26-year-old husband and father who has traveled extensively during his career in the Marine Corps. Among his stops have been Beirut and Grenada.

However, neither Vela nor Hayden are the issue here. The issue is the anti-military sentiment which caused an artist to paint "WAR PIGS" on the Military and Naval Science building. I don't know if the

artist was an irate international student, unhappy teen-age Black Sabbath/Ozzy Osborne fan or a defunct flower child, and I don't really care. What I do care about is that the artist and those who share his views are guiding their anger at the wrong institution.

As anyone who has studied military history should know, the military does not make foreign policy or start wars. The military is simply a tool which is used to carry out the policies of the elected civilian government when a military solution is needed. Therefore, if the artist has a problem with our foreign policy, he should paint "WAR PIGS" where U.S. congressmen and the president can see it.

In closing I would like to add that I am a midshipman in the Navy ROTC program, and I am trying to do my part to preserve peace. If you too care about peace, don't paint on our building, we're all on the same side.

Scott Weldon
senior
exercise physiology



Veal shanks vs. chicken, tuna

Warning labels might soon be tattooed to children's thumbs

After the waiter took our orders, the blonde stared across the table at me and coldly said: "Why did you do that?"

Do what?
"You ordered the veal shank."
That's right. I love veal shanks. That's why I ordered it.

"But you know it isn't good for you. It is high in cholesterol."
I nodded and waived to the waiter. He came to the table, and I told him I wanted to change my order.

"What will you have?" he asked.
I said I wanted the pork shank instead of the veal shank.

When he left, she said: "Why did you do that?"
Do what?

"You know perfectly well what. The pork shank has even higher cholesterol than the veal shank."

Then you should have left well enough alone when I ordered the veal shank.

"That's not the point. You shouldn't be eating any of that stuff. Pork shanks, veal shanks, red meats. They are all bad for you."

I slammed my fist down on the table, causing the silverware and bread basket to bounce. A couple at the next table stared at me. I smiled apologetically and explained that I had killed an ant.

But to the blonde I said that enough is enough. I am no longer paying any attention to what any experts say about anything I eat. From now on, when I want a pork shank, I'll eat a pork shank, and to hell with the cholesterol.

"You should eat fish or chicken. You know that. Ask your doctor. Ask any doctor."

Oh, sure. Ask the doctors. I suspect that America's doctors secretly own all the chicken farms and fishing

boats, that's what I suspect. So I ask them what I should eat, and they say fish and chicken.

Then I pick up a magazine or a newspaper and what do I read? There are chemicals in chickens that cause mice to become impotent or get cross-eyed or something like that.

And there are things in fish that, if you eat enough of it, will cause your nose to fall off.

Even the apple, that most humble and American of all fruits, is suspected of being dangerous to our health.

Mike Royko



We have tested this, tested that, analyzed, studied and made life miserable for millions of mice.

And it appears that everything is bad for us. I don't know if they have tested thumbs yet, but it wouldn't surprise me if newborn children will soon have their thumbs tattooed with the words: "Warning, do not put in mouth. Can cause premature baldness."

Just the other morning, I was shaving while having my first cup of coffee (more than four cups a day increases the possibility of a heart attack), when I heard a terrible scream from the kitchen.

My heart pounding, I ran downstairs, expecting to do battle with a burglar.

The blonde was standing there staring at a plastic bag of grapes.

I asked her why she had screamed. She said: "These grapes... these grapes are from Chile."

Have you eaten any of them?
"No. I bought them yesterday." Then why are you screaming?

"Because I could have eaten them."

I seized the bag, tore it open, and shoved a handful of grapes in my mouth. Then another. I stuffed so many grapes in my face that juice was oozing down my chin.

"What are you doing?" she said. I told her what I was doing. Those grapes weren't going to kill me. What might kill me, though, was hearing loud shrieks of terror even before I had my first cup of coffee in the morning.

What will kill me is the stress of looking at every item on a menu and trying to remember if the latest scientific studies had shown it is dangerous to mice.

To the best of my knowledge, my father never ate one can of tuna packed in water. (I suspect that the doctors own all the tuna packing plants, too.)

No, the old man ate pork shanks, pork chops, and slabs of beef smothered in gravy.

At age 80, he duked it out in a bar with two young punks who weren't a day over 65, and he came out with a split-decision draw.

No tuna eater would have done better.

When the waiter brought me my pork shank, I reached for the salt shaker.

The blonde said: "You know what they say about too much salt."

I called the waiter over and told him to bring another pork shank. Free at last.

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