

Daily Nebraskan  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Amy Edwards, Editor, 472-1766  
Lee Rood, Editorial Page Editor  
Jane Hirt, Managing Editor  
Brandon Loomis, Associate News Editor  
Brian Svoboda, Columnist  
Bob Nelson, Columnist  
Jeff Petersen, Columnist

## Candidates approved

### Hill, Trupp allow little time for debate

Wednesday night, ASUN senators voted for two student leaders they feel could represent UNL on a committee that will look for the next NU president.

ASUN will submit the names of GLC chairman Deb Fiddelke and former ASUN speaker Matt Gotschall this week, to compete with two choices from both the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

One of those six students will be chosen for the committee, to represent all NU students in the search for Ronald Roskens' replacement.

There is no question about the qualifications of Fiddelke or Gotschall. Fiddelke, in particular, stands out as a person who knows the ins and outs of the NU system well enough to offer insight on the selection.

There is no question of their commitment, or ability to perform in the position.

There is, however, serious doubt about the way UNL's picks were chosen.

First of all, only three people applied for the position. That's not very representative. ASUN President Bryan Hill said he had repeatedly asked for senators' input on applicants, to no avail.

Secondly, only two people chose the candidates -- Hill and ASUN Speaker Correy Trupp.

Trupp said after the meeting he would have liked one of the ASUN senators to sit in on the selection process. But senators weren't asked if they approved of that process. They were asked only to approve Hill and Trupp's choices.

That's not even the biggest problem. ASUN had no mandate for this selection process, because the position was created only this fall.

The real problem is that ASUN senators could not have turned down the appointments if they had found fault with the candidates.

The choices have to be submitted this week, so senators had to say yes Wednesday night, or risk not having anyone to represent UNL at all.

That's not much time for debate.

It's also not fair play from an ASUN president who complained about the lack of student representation on the search committee.

-- Amy Edwards  
for the Daily Nebraskan

## Student challenges Bowman's arguments

Dear Joe Bowman:

Why all the references to Christianity and churches? In case you are wondering, I am Jewish, and have not been to any religious service in over six years. I do not speak from a religious standpoint, I speak from a humanitarian one. Why is it that a woman can go out and have her innocent child hacked to pieces, but if a person that has only been outside the womb for five minutes is purposely killed, the perpetrator is arrested (hopefully), and at the very least put behind bars? Is the location of the victim all that matters?

Your arguments may sound logical to you, but they make no sense at all to me.

1. Population control: You yourself gave a solution to this important problem: birth control, and that does not mean killing a child after it is conceived. If everyone is so concerned about too many babies on the planet, then these babies should not have been conceived in the first place. These liberal do-gooder, fanatical women continue to talk about "reproductive freedom." Why can't they exercise that freedom before another life is created?

2. Morality: You ask the question, "Why kill joy when you find it?" I return that question to you, Joe. Isn't your own child supposed to bring you joy? Why kill it? If you aren't going to find joy in bringing a new life into the world, why was that new life

conceived to begin with?

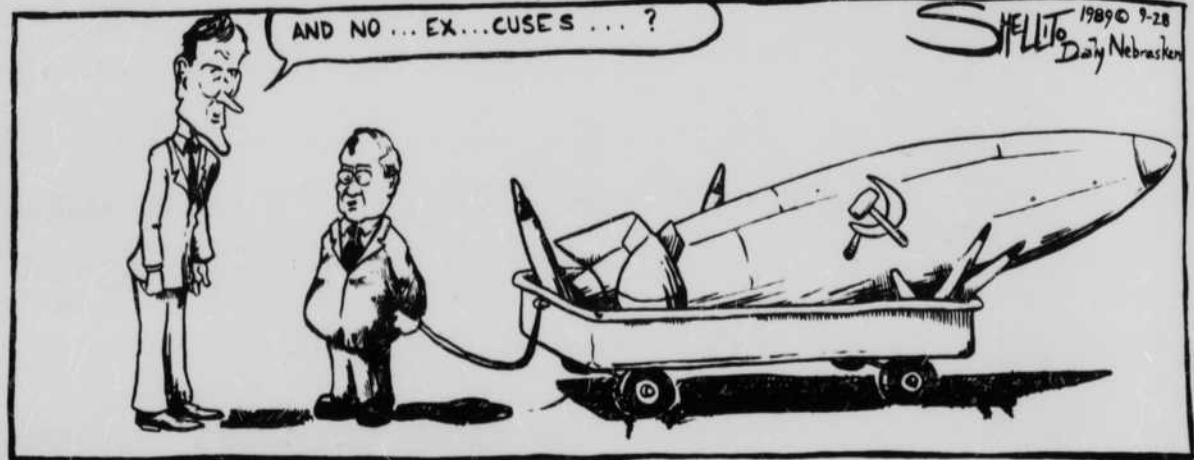
3. Superiority: I will ask you one question: If you had roaches in your home, wouldn't you want them dead and gone? Your equality of life argument just doesn't hold any water with me. Why are people starving in India? They have cows roaming the street, from which you could get a nice 16-oz. New York strip sirloin and plenty of protein, but their religion forbids them to kill this sacred animal. Maybe I'm crazy, but I would rather eat and live than starve and die.

4. Dominance: You have got to be kidding! Do you have a wife or girlfriend? If so, I feel sorry for you because the woman has obviously got you brainwashed. You belong on Oprah, along with the sexist, female manhaters who feel all men are scumbags.

I won't even address this point in terms of abortion (it doesn't merit any discussion), but I will ask you some questions: Why is it that a woman can smack a man in the face and get away with it, but if a man even looks at a woman the wrong way, he can be thrown in prison?

Yes, Joe, our society is sexist. Men are being classified as something less than human, while all women are perfect saints that never do anything wrong. I don't buy that argument one bit.

Andrew Meyer  
"The Silly Sophomore"  
pre-med



## UNL students can't let up now

### Productive action can give students a 'rendezvous with reality'

On Monday, September 25, 1989, the 1980s officially ended.

Or at least they did at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Many years from now, when asked to determine precisely when the era of student apathy ended at the university, historians very well may point to the day when more than 100 students showed up at an emergency afternoon meeting of the Parking Advisory Board to vent their frustrations about the parking problem.

The fact that 100 students would show up for anything even remotely connected with university affairs is amazing. That most of these students came on their own, without having been dragged there by some fraternity or sorority, is dumbfounding. Such an event says much about the state of parking at the university, to be sure.

But it also may say something about the times. Given a big enough issue, such as parking, students finally may be ready to "rendezvous with reality," as Colorado congresswoman Pat Schroeder once put it, and take an interest in their own affairs.

The trick for students now is how to turn this readiness into productive action. Whether the issue at hand is parking or something else entirely, it's not enough for students simply to be concerned. As Bloom County's Steve Dallas once said, drunkenly pounding a table upon learning that the Soviet Union's borders lay within 12 miles of Alaska, "Something should be done!"

So, for the Steve Dallahs of the world, and with a prayer that the days of student apathy truly are over, here's a short list of advice for the would-be student activist:

• **ORGANIZE.** So you're upset about the parking problem? Great. Join the club. There's about 20,000 students waiting in line ahead of you. So find some of them. Go up to the Campus Activities and Programs office on the second floor of the Nebraska Union and ask the people there

how to form an ad-hoc student organization. They'll tell you everything you need to know. Trust me.

• **SET SOME GOALS.** What exactly is it that you want here? Do you want the university to create



some extra green-sticker lots? Do you want them to lower parking permit fees for cars parked farther away? Or do you want them to build (Gasp!) a parking garage? Decide, then go for it.

If you don't know what you want, you're never going to get it.

• **IDENTIFY THE PLAYERS.** Who's the person or group with the power to solve your problem? (Hint: It's probably not the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.) Find out, and start lobbying them. Make their lives a living hell, if that's what it takes. But don't waste your time making your case to someone who couldn't help you even if they wanted to. You'll only get depressed.

• **GET THE FACTS.** A few statistics never hurt anyone, so find some. Tell NU Board of Regents Chairman Nancy Hoch, "I have a hard time finding a place to park on campus," and she'll probably look at you like you're on drugs. But tell her, "In Wednesday's peak traffic hour, 4,000 commuter vehicles compete for each Lot 27 parking space," and she may actually perk up and listen. So get some evidence for your case. And make sure it's accurate. Figures can't lie, but liars can figure.

• **CHOOSE YOUR TACTICS.** What do you have to do to get the people in power to do what you want? Answer this question, then do it. Of

course, it's generally best to keep your tactics within the bounds of the law. This columnist certainly would not recommend, for example, that hundreds of students drive their cars to Varner Hall during a regents' meeting and start honking their horns. But anything can happen.

Just use your best judgment. • **KEEP TRYING.** Odds are that success in your chosen endeavor is going to come rather slowly. Political institutions in general, and the university in particular, are renowned for their resistance to change.

"Progress is a nice word," Robert Kennedy once said. "But change is its motivator and change has its enemies." It's a sad fact of life that most of those enemies draw government paychecks. So hang in there. Choose some different tactics, and try again. Obviously, this short list isn't enough with which to plan a war. Following the above words of advice wouldn't get Kansas State to the Orange Bowl, for example, although they probably couldn't get there anyway.

But the plain and simple fact remains: If you want to get something done, you have to do it yourself.

Before a change of any sort can be made at the university, students have to decide to re-engage in the campus political process. They must be organized, they must be informed and they must have the will to do what needs to be done, even in the face of outright hostility.

Such a decision cannot be made from the top. It can only come from the bottom, from the grassroots. Don't hold your breath waiting for our so-called campus leaders to take some action. Your face will turn blue.

So do it yourself. Grab some friends, pick up those ad-hoc student organization forms, and get to work. Who knows? Maybe it'll be fun. Maybe it'll even work.

Svoboda is a political science and Russian major, and is a Daily Nebraskan editorial columnist.

## editorial

Signed staff editorials represent the official policy of the fall 1988 Daily Nebraskan. Policy is set by the Daily Nebraskan Editorial Board. Its members are Amy Edwards, editor; Lee Rood, editorial page editor; Jane

Hirt, managing editor; Brandon Loomis, associate news editor; Bob Nelson, columnist; Jeff Petersen, columnist; Brian Svoboda, columnist.

Editorials do not necessarily re-

fect the views of the university, its employees, the students or the NU Board of Regents.

Editorial columns represent the opinion of the author.