

Apartheid, spending lid, Gosch anger students

Group asks students to boycott class Orr is attending

Students Against Apartheid would like to alert the students and faculty of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln that Gov. Orr will be attending a University Foundations class today. This event is sponsored by the Student Foundation. As you know, the NU Foundation has substantial investments in the apartheid government of South Africa.

In response to this involvement, we are calling for a boycott of the class that Orr is planning to attend. If you want to stop white supremacy both here and in South Africa, now is the time to act.

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ASUN's leader told do the right thing, resign immediately

I would like to add my name to the list of those many students calling for the resignation of ASUN President Phil Gosch.

I am glad Gosch is repenting for his "mistake." But his "mistake" is not just a "little" run-of-the-mill "mistake," as he would have us believe. No, his "mistake" goes straight to the fiber of our American culture.

For better or worse, our society's foundation is built on purely democratic principles. Vital to our democracy is the electoral process. There can be no real democracy, without free, untainted elections. Phil Gosch not only tainted the spring elections, but he has left every other elected official connected with that election lacking the credibility needed to govern. Democratic institutions must be fueled democratically. The entire

executive branch of ASUN was brought to office in a less than free, democratic way.

For Gosch to continue as ASUN president is to effectively make student government on this campus a powerless, in-name-only force.

A number of senators have said a change in presidents would harm and tear apart the student body. In 1974, Richard Nixon made a "mistake" and was forced from office. This country endured at that time, as will the University of Nebraska-Lincoln student body, after Gosch's exit.

For once, do the right thing, this will not go away.

Gosch, sorry just isn't good enough. You must resign.

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Students not keeping big picture in mind with spending lid

For a week now, I have been following the Daily Nebraskan's coverage of the proposed 2 percent lid that is to be voted on Nov. 6. Although the coverage has been thorough regarding the effects on the university, I feel it is tragic that there is not more emphasis on the vast number of institutions this bill will affect.

This concentration on the effects the university will feel unfortunately coincides with why the bill is in the polls in the first place. The DN has reported that many students have signed the petition that helped bring this 2 percent lid to the polls. It appears the students are not looking at the big picture when making decisions, and do not consider all the implications: to themselves AND others.

Taxes are a common issue among our politicians and their constituents. Because the people want taxes lowered our politicians often make promises regarding lower taxes in order to win an election. As voters, however, we must be able to see through this and realize that less money to the government does not help us in the end. The politicians will not get pay cuts, you and I will see the cuts in our streets or perhaps higher taxes somewhere else in our economy.

Instead of consistently demanding our politicians to lower taxes, we need to encourage, if not demand, spending controls so our money is used properly and efficiently. Taxes are an important part of our economy and require the support of all the citizens. As taxpayers we should feel the responsibility to support our government for the day-to-day costs as well as the extended costs.

Often we only concern ourselves with what the government is doing for us, and we overlook the important role our taxes play in developing fair laws and developing a steady state economy. The "How does it affect" attitude seems to be common in our society, so we need to open our eyes and become a team member of the community and encourage others to do the same.

A major obstacle our society faces, is the pessimistic attitude many citizens have toward the government. It is important to realize the politicians are trying to make thousands of people happy and run a successful business, as the government might be called, at the same time. Instead of desecrating a "replica" of an American flag we need to voice our concerns, while remaining loyal to a government that wants to succeed as much as the citizens.

I do not blame anyone for feeling upset about paying taxes. I remember my first paycheck, and how devastated I felt when I saw all the deductions; but, instead of being hostile, I opened my eyes to all that my tax money goes toward.

My tax money paid for all the paperwork involved in paychecks, assuring women child support through garnishments. The money also went to preventing discrimination, assuring me of fair wages, and regulating my office surroundings. As I left the office I noticed stop lights, maintenance crews, the public park. If only a person opens his eyes he will see the benefits of our government and all it does to help the citizens.

When I pay my taxes I think of it as dues to a club, not money I give to the government. I want this state to thrive and I hope voters will feel the same Nov. 6. Ed Jaksha is trying to be a hero to a constituency of unsatisfied citizens. Do not be fooled by the glossed over picture he has created

for this bill. A government needs taxes to function and it is our responsibility to provide, and hopefully each person will see through the money savings the bill seems to offer, and will vote to support our government through

this time of inflation for him/herself as well as the rest of the community.

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