

Students discuss art censorship, fuel, ASUN

Former supporter urges resignation; spot can be filled

To everyone who has followed this incident involving Phil Gosch and Joe Bowman, things are perfectly clear. I am just amazed that no one has come out to say anything about it as of yet.

The simple fact of the matter is this. Phil Gosch got caught with his pants down making the same under-the-table deals that he so vehemently chastised Deb Fiddelke for doing.

I admit that I was a Gosch supporter during the elections last spring, but only because I felt that he had a sincere desire to serve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and its students. However, in light of this current situation, it becomes perfectly clear that Gosch was trying to become ASUN president for purely personal gain. He has forsaken his honor and dignity in hopes of name recognition around campus.

Some have pointed to Gosch's track record thus far and claim that it is sufficient for him to remain in office. To that I have only one response: I wonder what kind of impressive legislation tricky Dick Nixon could have brought our country, had he not been man enough to resign for the good of all.

As for the claim that we should not disrupt the ASUN, I offer this. There are many hard-working, sincere, and above all honest senators in the ASUN.

Andrew Sigerson (DN, Sept. 14) has stated that, "in my eyes, he (Phil Gosch) has more than redeemed himself by his performance." That's great Andy, but it was you and the other senators who put these resolutions into effect by voting on them.

The absence of one who should not even be there could be filled by any one of the senators who would be willing to try to regain the credibility of the ASUN that was lost through this whole ordeal. If Gosch still claims that he wants to help this university, let him. He can do the most good by stepping down. Think about it, Phil.

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People shouldn't have to support offensive services

I am sure all of you have been wondering how long it would be until I had another letter printed in the DN. Well, look no further.

I am going to take exception with Jana Pedersen's column (DN, Sept. 13). Before anyone accuses me of

trying to censor art, let's get one thing straight. I agree with most of Pedersen's basic points. I am all in favor of any artist being able to paint, sculpt or photograph anything they want. But the major conflict behind this current "censorship" movement is not necessarily freedom of expression. The question is whether people should be forced to support something they find personally offensive.

I don't think so. As far as I am concerned, the only people who pay for an art display are the people who are going to view it. If I don't directly benefit from a service, why should I have to pay for it?

So Robert Mapplethorpes of the world, go ahead and produce whatever kind of art you want. It makes no difference to me what your sexual preference, religious beliefs, or political views are. I just don't want to pay for it.

I say abolish the National Endowment for the Arts. Art of any form should stand on its own in the free marketplace, just like any other product.

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STAND's Bowman says ASUN petty, pathetic, corrupt

"What I tell you now, now in darkness, speak of in the daylight. What I tell you now in whispers, shout from the rooftops." -- Matthew 11

I went to the Daily Nebraskan so that the newspaper would bring to light the deal that Phil Gosch made with me to become the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska president. He promised to get rid of Marlene Beyke's position in exchange for an endorsement. I was foolish enough to believe he would prove honorable in at least one thing.

The reasons for doing what I did don't matter much now, but they seemed good at the time. But a lot of things radically changed, from the start to the end of the election.

First off, you need to understand how corrupt and petty ASUN is, and how the executives are the pinnacle of corruption. Anyone who says differently either doesn't know the difference between crap and apple butter, or he's lying.

Gosch used Beyke as a bargaining chip, and with her, he barely won the election.

Deb Fiddelke made other promises to win votes, not unlike Gosch's, and I lied to everyone in my own party and the campus about why I was really supporting Gosch, threw the election into disarray and slung more mud than everyone else combined.

In a calculated way I made the announcement about Fiddelke's "secret deal." I only made it a public issue because it was useful to do so, not because it was "right." I knew that STAND wouldn't support VISION, but that the announcement would cripple the TODAY party, which would achieve the same effect; a VISION victory. Machiavelli would have been proud.

Try not to be surprised. I was battling monsters and as a result became one. Be sure to understand how pathetic and double-dealing student politics have become.

Of course, I regret my involvement in all this. But regret doesn't amount to much, does it? It's very important that you know what's really going on, what you're up against and how bad things are.

That, is the truth of the ASUN election. I hope you can better understand and see ASUN as it is, rather than as Gosch or James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, want you to see it.

I hope some of you out there can see things as they would be -- and organize yourselves in such a way as to effectively and ethically bring those charges to life at UNL.

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United front needed for energy policy, antiwar protests

In regards to the antiwar-lack of national energy policy protest on Wednesday, Sept 5, 1990: This event was not voted upon or sponsored by Ecology Now membership as the media portrayed it. Their assumption usurps power from our membership by denying them an avenue for discussion and possible dissent or approval of such actions. The Journal-Star has since printed a correction as pertaining to this matter.

In response to the letter (DN, Sept. 8), I agree with some of her/his points: the action as a whole was poorly planned, and the media was not used properly (i.e. press packets outlining political statements).

More people could have been involved, including Sandy Burnham and the other passersby who were so quick to judge (thereby furthering their own complacency on this issue). There was also a shortage of general information as to why we were protesting the U.S. involvement in the Middle East.

I also share Ms. Burnham's concern for the lack of preparedness on the part of the demonstrators; maybe this would be a good reason to convince the regents to free up some

student funding in order for the less fortunate (non-greek) students on campus to voice their political viewpoints.

I would like to inform you that the purpose of the military and its academic partners (ROTC programs and the Military Industrial Complex) is to go to war, it is not an institution of peace, as was inferred in the letter. As quoted from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Brochure "Students accepted for the programs must have no moral reservation or personal convictions that would prevent them from conscientiously bearing arms (and killing people, often innocent civilians -- a mere observation of their history) (parenthesis mine) and supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic."

I hope that being a veteran of the U.S. Navy will give credit to the fact that I am criticizing the U.S. military interventions in the Middle East and that I have no desire to be labeled as an enemy domestic and I am aware of students joining the ROTC programs for their own advancement, and for the financial backing that allows them to attend college, but once you sign on the dotted line, you damn well better be prepared to kill or be killed (not that I like the idea, but that is the purpose the military has defined for itself). So the choice of the Military and Naval Science building for a protest was a great choice. By the way, the whole idea was a good one -- it merely lacked planning.

Once the Pentagon gets its orders via CIA-Bush, the unleashed executive power will be in the form of

many unnecessary American and Iraqi lives lost. I am sympathetic to those in the military, for one I know what it is like, but I do think that society as a whole should reassess and get those soldiers the hell out of there.

This brings me to my last point. Eleven years ago the presidential administration decided to send arms to Yemen Arab Republic (North Yemen).

The reason? To protect Saudi oil. There was hustle and bustle, talk of war and invasion. The real reason? This country is in urgent need of an Energy Policy. If we had invested in alternative energy resources, like then President Carter proposed on April 18, 1977, we would be solving our problems by now. According to Popular Science magazine, the U.S. government spent \$155 million on solar research in 1981, but only \$35.5 million in 1989. I wonder if leaders like Kay Orr and others closer to home are concerned about our energy future?

OPPD and NPPD board seats are up for elections soon; maybe if we all stood united, someone in public office could guide public demands for alternative energy programs (such as the wind plant proposed by board members of OPPD). We might begin to weaken the grip that the nuclear power and fossil fuel industries have on our pocketbooks. Who knows, this might all be a bunch of unattainable dreams (as some love to argue), but just like the child in Dr. Seuss' movie, "The Lorax," I'm going to plant the seed, take care of it and watch it grow.

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