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Women who act offended at sexist jokes, then repeat the same jokes to

their friends, giggling hysterically all

Athletes who hypocritically speak out against the evils of drug use. Half of these guys usually wind up in jail

People who arrive 30 minutes late

at crowded football or basketball

People who put rolls of toilet pa-per in upside down.

what they want, regardless of the facts.

People who read into something

Shoveling snow. Nebraska's fall weather. It's a guess

Fast-food employees who, after

you've finished placing your order at

the drive-through window, ask whether

you'd like fries, hot sauce, anything

to drink, etc., with what you've just

Not being able to recognize some-

People who don't look at you when

People who don't watch where

People, especially on UNL's campus, who mistakenly think pe-

destrians always have the right of

one who obviously remembers, knows

Cigarette butts in urinals.

the while.

games.

Madonna.

Political campaigns.

on some drug charge.

Arena football.

Raking leaves.

from day to day.

finished ordering.

and loves you.

Iraq.

Telemarketers.

you're talking to them.

Dan Quayle.

they're walking.

Nose-pickers.

Butt-pickers. Nit-pickers.

the present time.

columnist.

## **Who needs refrigerator lights** get a rise out of female co-workers.

There's an old joke about your refrigerator light and whether or not it goes out when you shut the door. Well, does it or doesn't it?

Who would know? Who would care'

There are a lot of useless things such as the light in your refrigerator -that one wonders about after studying for three hours for a test, or while camping out in the library to do research for a paper.

After thinking about such things for a while, one realizes that the world could do without a lot of them. For instance:

Drivers who don't turn right on red lights, no matter what.

People who don't flush toilets in public restrooms.

People who do flush the toilets, but don't need to because they barely managed to hit the bowl in the first place

People who unscrew salt and/or pepper shaker lids at restaurants for the benefit of the next person who uses them.

People who don't leave messages on answering machines.

People who do leave messages, but neglect to leave a number where they can be reached.

People who boast about their perfect driving records, citing the fact that they they've never been in a car accident, although you know deep down that their slow, scared driving habits have caused at least 10 fenderbenders in the past year.

Smokers who say they're worried about the environment.

Smokers who smoke in movie theaters.

Smokers who smoke in restaurants.

Smokers. Period. Drug users.

Mass murderers.

The Miami Hurricanes football team. This kind of goes along with

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the last three.

The UNL Parking Advisory Comittee

Technical difficulties during Game of the World Series.

Lincoln radio stations and their annoying air personalities. Top 40 music.

Busy signals on telephones for hours and hours.

The Reagans. Out-of-order automated teller machines

Grouchy receptionists.

Pink ties

Men who tell sexist jokes just to

## Nuclear power currently best option

James Zank's article ("Nuclear power not worth cost," DN, Sept. 23) on nuclear power needs to be addressed on two issues:

1. Nuclear power does not reduce U.S. dependence on petroleum in regards to transportation. True, we probably can't put a reactor under the hood of your Buick. What we can do is make our existing engines more efficient, find new sources of energy and change our driving habits. Natural gas and propane are looked on as promising new sources of energy to fuel transportation. General Motors plans to begin selling a pickup truck that runs solely on natural gas, a fuel that releases significantly less of the "greenhouse gases."

2. Nuclear power is not cost-effective and is not safe. Zank refers to the accident at Three Mile Island. To examine the hard facts, very little radiation was actually released during the incident. A study commissioned by Columbia University and to California. the Audubon Society and published in the June issue of the American France. Nuclear power satisfies 75 Journal of Health found no evidence percent of its national power needs.

of an increase in cancer in the Three Mile Island area as a result of the accident.

Then you ask, "What about Cher-nobyl?" Chernobyl was an accident resulting from the removal of safeguards on a Soviet reactor. In the wake of Chernobyl, the Soviet Union is now cooperating with international organizations in improving their nuclear facilities.

Zank also stated that the estimated odds of a meltdown in a U.S. reactor was 45 percent. While this may shock some people, consider the following: What are the odds of a plane crash at a major U.S. airport in the next year? What are the odds of a fire striking a major national park? What are the odds of a major earthquake hitting the West Coast? All have fairly high odds, and all pose the threat of significant loss of property and life. Yet people still fly, visit Yellowstone (which is recovering nicely, thank you) and move

In fact, it recently commissioned the building of another nuclear plant.

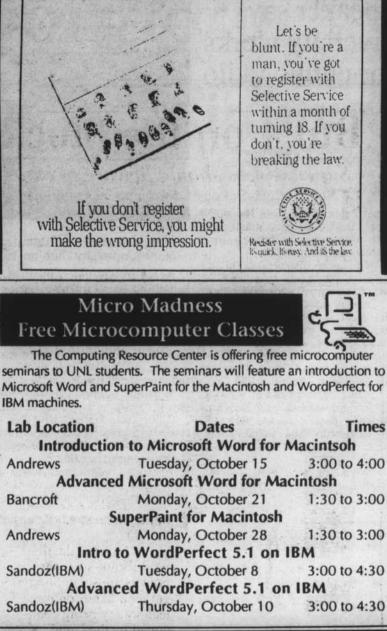
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Nuclear energy is not what you see on "The Simpsons" and it's not the perfect solution to all U.S. problems. Nuclear energy is one alternative to the burning of petrochemicals, with both pros and cons. Research into alternative forms of energy is both desirable and necessary, but until alternative methods of energy production become cost-feasible, America must use the methods that are cheap and acceptable for the greatest benefit to its populace. Nuclear en-ergy is the best method available at

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As for cost effectiveness, consider

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