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EDITORIAL

Fair treatment

East Campus deserves required classes

Hopefully someone will listen to Patrick Kroese, the senator for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. He is fighting the system in the interests of East Campus, a voice that is often forgotten when discussing student issues.

Kroese has authored a bill and gathered signatures to garner support for a measure that would support offering basic, required classes on East Campus.

Granted, not every class can be offered on East Campus. That is why the shuttle system exists. But some classes are required of enough East Campus students to justify at least one or two sections being offered there.

If the university is going to require students to take certain classes, it should be required to make the classes available to the students.

For East Campus students, that means merely sending a professor across town — once, twice or three times a week — to teach a section. If that is too difficult for the university, for whatever reason, then something about the system should change.

That applies especially for those classes — Economics 211, Accounting 201, Botany 109 and Zoology 112 — that are required of a large number of students on East Campus.

Optimally, the university would guarantee that enough sections of those classes be offered on East Campus to fulfill the needs of the students there.

Beyond that, the university should do as much as it can for those students. If parking is the excuse, it shouldn't be. Students unwilling to pay for a reserved stall have to fight for parking spots to make it to class. Why can't professors? If the fact that the colleges are located on City Campus is the problem, maybe the university should look into opening offices on East Campus for professors who teach there. That would make it easier for everyone involved.

Make room

All will profit from national service plan

Bill Clinton promised during the presidential campaign that he would invest in America if elected. Last week he took a concrete step to make good on that pledge.

Clinton, speaking on the 32nd anniversary of President Kennedy's creation of the Peace Corps, formally proposed a national service plan that would allow students to repay their college loans through community work.

Describing the plan as the GI Bill of the 1990s, Clinton said it could "change America forever and for the better."

The program will start with 1,000 participants this summer and grow to 100,000 within four years. It is aimed at making college affordable to all while sparking interest in education, health, safety and environmental projects.

The details of Clinton's plan — such as whether it will be funded by Congress — have yet to be worked out. The program will have to be offered to many more than 100,000 students nationwide if it is to have a real effect in improving America.

But the national service plan is good policy, and it should be supported. It will increase the number of college graduates in the United States and promote a commitment to service that we desperately lack.

In an era of deficit reduction and spending cutbacks, there isn't money for many new programs. Room should be made for Clinton's plan, however. It will help both college students and the country.

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"HELLO MR. PRESIDENT, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD SEND SOME OF THOSE STUDENT SERVICE WORKERS OVER HERE TO HELP OUT."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India

Mark Baldrige, in his article, "Sewer aroma swells in India" (DN, Feb. 25, 1993) seemed to be trying to give a completely negative image about India. Most of the things he mentioned are true, but are not in general applicable to all places in India. In his attempts to be hypercritical of India, he only chose to highlight the dirt, dust, stink and stench of India. He didn't even care to mention something more pertinent like the historic places, tourist attractions, the variety of food one can get there and the kind of sculpture that is nowhere else.

India, with 50 percent of the people being illiterate and about 30 percent of the people living below the poverty line, has its inherent problems for a variety of reasons. But India is developing and it's only a matter of time (which, though, could be quite long) before India becomes developed. We still wonder how Baldrige could write an article that was so one-sided and exaggerated, hurting the feelings of so many Indians.

If we, for instance, were to write about our stay in the United States, we would never even think of mentioning anything about the high crime rate, drug abuse and the growing number of children with single parents, etc., let alone highlighting these as the only things that one could notice here. Instead we would write more about its beauty, culture, historic places, etc., especially under a column like international journey.

All we want to say is that one can write something good or bad about anything if one really intends to do so. But when writing something about a country, the minimum responsibility of the writer is to see that what is written should fairly represent the positive and negative aspects involved. Selecting only the negative aspects only reflects his base and narrow-minded intentions.

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Limbaugh

On March 2, Jim Anderson of Lincoln wrote to the Daily Nebraskan, charging Rush Limbaugh with making "very derogatory statements about others, usually simple one-liners, all based on distorted or non-related facts. In fact, there was very little substance to the program at all."

I, for one, am so glad Anderson gave us that unbiased opinion, based on the many facts that he so well illustrated in his writing.

Anderson, I would like to give you a little advice about writing a critique.

Make sure you know what you are criticizing, and state an example of that criticism. Anderson, you have just done what you claimed that Limbaugh has done — made a derogatory statement with very little substance.

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James Mehling/DN

'Entertainer'

Rush Limbaugh is an entertainer, that is all. Unfortunately certain individuals, in America in general, and on this campus in particular, have lost sight of this fact and consider him to be something more.

Rush Limbaugh presents his political ideology and personal beliefs in a very articulate, rational and ingenious manner. He is neither disingenuous, nor does he distort facts. He is very specific about his arguments and the data that he cites.

It is truly dim-witted for someone to come forward and misrepresent facts and attack a man's character because of simple political disagreements as Jim Anderson did in last Tuesday's Daily Nebraskan (DN, March 2, 1993).

I will not comment on Anderson's disillusioned ravings about Limbaugh personally. Much more revealing are his closing comments. He basically states that radio and TV talk shows are important, but that they can be misused. He goes on to question how communities and the world benefit from the "... intolerance, fear and ignorance" of the Rush Limbaugh show.

Anderson, you are entitled to your viewpoint, but it sounds to me like you are wandering dangerously close

to censorship. I realize that you have probably become addicted to your daily overdoses of the conventional liberal-speak of the mainstream media. And I understand that a lone conservative viewpoint in an ocean of liberalism is a slap in the face to those of you who have grown accustomed to the above. But you should be careful about suggesting, even remotely, that Limbaugh should be shut up because he doesn't serve a purpose that you deem appropriate. Such an attitude has the striking flavor of "intolerance, fear and ignorance."

I wish that in the future you would engage in a serious exchange of ideas in rebuttal to Limbaugh's stated convictions and save the nebulous oratory for the playground.

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Smoking

In this day when flag burning, pornography, whom one sleeps with and rap-sodies of cop killing and genital mutilation are deemed legitimate forms of political, artistic, or self-expression, it is amazing that it has never occurred to the anti-smoking do-gooders in the administration that smoking is often a form of expression.

Aside from the clothes one wears, smoking is one of the most eloquent forms of nonverbal self-expression available. Hollywood actors from Humphrey Bogart to Tom Cruise have long used cigarettes to convey an attitude of recklessness, intensity or nonchalance. Pipes, on the other hand, can express thoughtfulness, serenity or social standing and stability. With cigars one can express power, success, even indifference to the plight of the common man.

Most important are the significant sexual expressions that smoking can convey. These run the gamut from cupidity to sexual frustration. For the feminist movement, smoking cigarettes was for a long time a symbol of women's liberation. Early Communists and radicals used cigarettes as a symbol of democratic solidarity against the schemes of the proverbially cigar-chomping capitalist, and almost all early leftists smoked.

Even today smoking takes on very strong class overtones, being enjoyed primarily by the lower and middle classes of our society, while the educated liberal class claims to be enlightening the masses by forcing upon them its new brand of puritanism. But then the left has long since given up trying to be the champion of the common man, and its new condescending arrogance would make even Marie Antoinette blush.

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