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EDITORIAL

## Sad situation

### Cutting success center is grave mistake

In a budget crisis it is understandable, if regrettable, that some programs must be cut and some eliminated entirely. But it is unfortunate and unwise that one of the victims of the \$2.9 million cut that was mandated by the Legislature last September will be the Academic Success Center.

Kenneth Kiewra, director of the center, said the elimination of the center would leave a void on campus for students trying to improve academically.

"Where does the average student go? I don't know," Kiewra said. "If you're gifted, there's the gifted program; if you're a minority, there's the minority program; if you're everybody else, I don't think so."

Kiewra said colleges across the nation were stepping up their efforts to assist students academically. While they are moving forward, UNL is taking a step back.

The Academic Success Center provides students who are treated as a number at a large university with some stability and support. At a university that has struggled to establish itself academically, such a resource is even more important.

The Legislature made a mistake when it turned to the University of Nebraska as a convenient target for budget reductions. The damage that will be done by its decision is becoming evident now.

When a state university must eliminate its academic counseling center to meet budget cuts, the state's priorities are wrong.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

**"Anytime you reduce the university's budget by a couple million dollars, we can't claim we're emerging as a better institution."**

— Graham Spanier, UNL chancellor, summing up the effects of the latest round of announced budget cuts.

**"In meeting with the student organizations, I found that students generally preferred to be together and not split up. This way, I think they'll be pleased with the results."**

— Bill Byrne, UNL athletic director, discussing the new student seating plan that puts all students together in the southeast corner of the end zone.

**"I don't feel I should get bogged down in the negative feelings at UNL, but (concentrate on) the positive things at UNL — the people — and they were here tonight."**

— Joyce Joyce, a former University of Nebraska-Lincoln English professor, who left the university amidst controversy over grade changes.

**"If you want to score points, you put Calvin Jones in there with that big offensive line and just run it at people. I think there's more efficient ways to put the ball in the end zone than we did today."**

— Tom Osborne, Nebraska football coach, after Cornhusker quarterbacks combined for 58 passing attempts and 263 yards.

**"Overall, we've got a long, long way to go."**

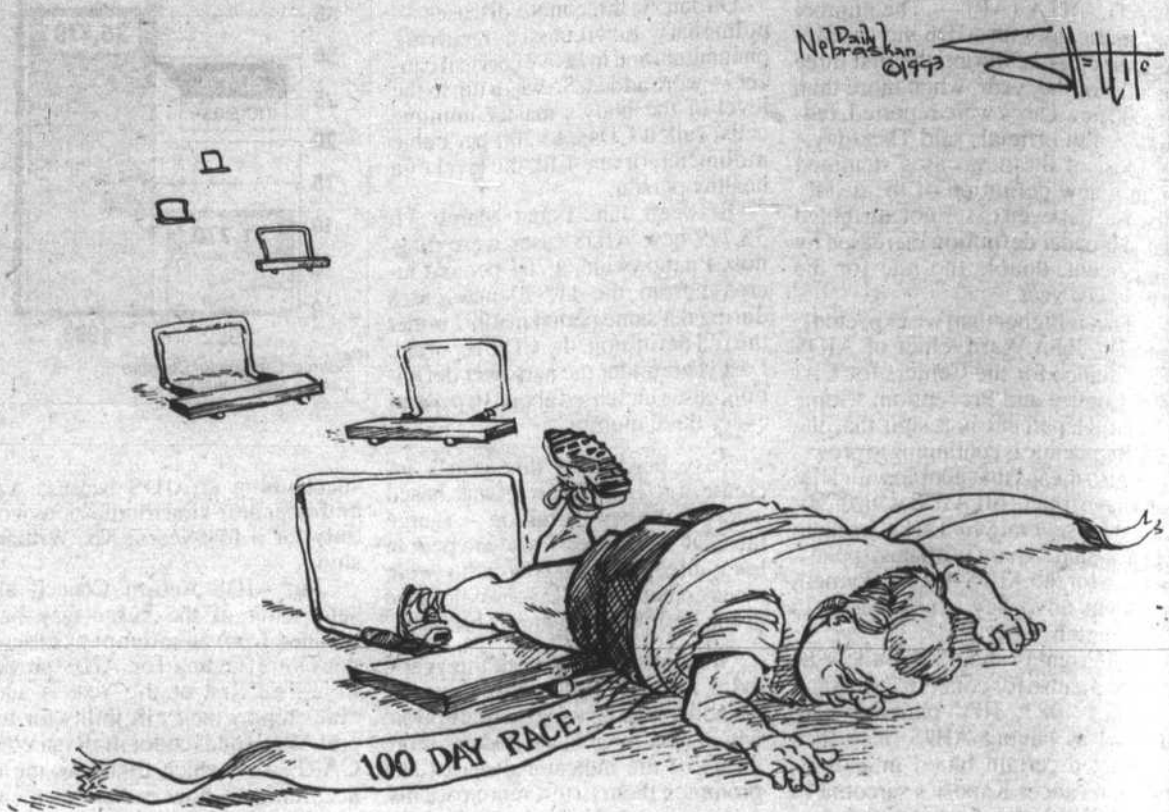
— Charlie McBride, defensive coordinator, following the Red-White game after the top defenses gave up 29 points.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'Mouthpieces'

The conservative mouthpieces apparently feel like they are under attack here on campus. I doubt they are, but perhaps people don't understand them. That's probably because of their use of doubletalk and their confusing logic. Take for example this quote by Dave Mason (DN, April 28, 1993): "generalizations, stereotypes and character attacks are the liberals best weapons." Immediately preceding this remark he says to the effect that "Your (Jeremy Fitzpatrick's) petty little tirade was pathetic." I guess this doesn't count as a character attack.

Then there is Sam Kepfield who states that he is "a thoughtful conservative and the only voice of tradition, reason, logic . . . to explain it (conservatism)." He goes on to talk about Bill Avery as an incompetent fool and a worthless advisor, the long-haired, bearded and tie-dyed Young Democrats, the incompetent Daily Nebraskan (does that include him?), the impudent snobs who run the College of Journalism and finally, the liberal touchy-feely fascism of the media. Did I get that right, liberal fascism? Now I'm not certain, but these seem to me to be generalizations, stereotypes and character attacks. I don't see much of the constructive debate that Mason considers the province of the conservatives.

John Settimi  
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### The Ideal

"Topka, I have found it!" as one Kelly Bundy would say. After examining the new conservative newspaper, "The Ideal," I have come to a conclusion on how Students for America came up with such an interesting title. I believe it's an acronym for "Idiotic Displeased Extremists Against Liberalism."

The Ideal is so professionally written that at first I mistook it for one of those "Thrifty Nickel" want-ad rags that you see at the supermarket. It focuses on mainly citing many quotes from famous conservatives and pokes fun and rage at evil liberals such as UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier, Dr. James R. Moore, homosexuals, the entire DN editorial board (except for Sam Kepfield, of course) and a few hundred others.

In due time, The Ideal could become a widely recognizable publication and maybe will even become a household word for UNL students. Thousands of us across Nebraska can compare it with such other prestigious publications as the Star, the Globe and the National Enquirer.

So I urge the student body to get a glance at this ode to grade-Z-minus journalism and enlighten yourself. With any luck we'll expel Spanier,

dump political correctness forever, nip all sexual harassment claims in the bud, join the military in excluding gays and lesbians and turn our backs on liberalism before the second issue is published next fall. Here's to extreme conservatism, may it turn us all into the imperialistic, blockheaded, "What's-in-it-for-me" type of society that some say we should be like.

But excuse me if I don't hold my breath.

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David Badders/DN

### 'Get a haircut'

Finally I am appalled enough to respond to one of Sam Kepfield's articles (DN, April 28, 1993). There seems to me to be a number of strange contradictions here Sam. Let me point them out.

If the DN really was suppressing the First Amendment, they certainly would cut you loose first. That the staff and the general student body tolerate your column is proof enough that they do indeed give reign to free speech.

If the Democrats are to be stereotyped as long haired, then you had better get your head shaved lest someone mistake you for a Democrat (check your photo). Did we not also see you earlier this semester with a scruffy — dare I say it — beatnik type beard? Certainly this is not a conservative look.

If you would take a look at social history and fashion, you would realize that tie-dye shirts have evolved into the wild multi-colored shirts and green neon shorts worn by today's students.

There is no big deal about one conservative newspaper, it will not change the cosmos.

If you would just sit back and take a real look at history, you would realize that in America there are ebbs and

flows of liberalism and conservatism over the years. This is the real beauty of our form of government. It has been going on for 217 years and will continue to do so. To predict a conservative wave for a millennium is not being a realistic student of history.

As a side note: if you are going to quote Spiro T. "tax evasion" Agnew, then at least give him credit for his phrase.

So now the challenge is for you to take, Sam. Get a haircut, get some white button-down shirts, some dress slacks and some penny loafers and be who you say you are.

And really, shouldn't we all be concerned with having more compassion? Compassion seems to have gone by the wayside in all of your articles and arguments. This is our country, let us work together and compromise on issues rather than constantly complaining and doing nothing about them at all.

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history

### 'Hitler youth'

I think it's admirable that the Hitler Youth on campus have taken up a hobby. Their little newspaper is just as cute as a bug's ear.

In general, I think it's best to let neurotics have their little fantasies (such as leading a "movement" or being the wave of the future) as long as they're not harming others.

Certainly, there's no law against being a simple-minded reactionary. Why not let the boys play newspaper? It's probably only a phase they're going through; and besides, a guy has to something to pass those dateless evenings.

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### MTV

This perpetual political thought battle between the MTV generation, supposedly politically correct, Clinton bandwagon-jumping, Duffy's hang-out, neurotic liberals and the tie-wearing, cellular phone-carrying self-indulged, Limbaugh-worshipping, boring conservatives is so overdone and clichéd that their letters and columns in the DN have become as worthless as their attempts to make the world a perfectly Republican or Democratic unit.

I certainly wish they all would simply cease their political babbling, so we, the readers of the DN, could hear about more important topics, such as Rainbow Rowell's dream about her dog's puppyhood and his oath to never drink or do drugs.

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