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EDITORIAL

## Material things

### Student regents pass on issues for idiocy

The four student regents made some of their opinions well known at Saturday's NU Board of Regents meeting. The student regents chose to make a stand on the critically important issue of whether they would be going to the Orange Bowl.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier came under fire from the student regents when he said not all student regents would be able to go to the Orange Bowl, as they have been able to in the past.

After a heated discussion on the topic, all four student regents will be attending the game in Miami. But the fact that this topic took up time at a regents meeting is absurd.

While the rest of the regents are working to deal with budget cuts and a lack of funds for important needs, our student representatives are much more concerned about where they will be spending New Year's Day, regardless of where the funds will come from to pay for their vacation.

Apparently the student regents, who we students voted into those positions, choose to voice their opinion on a trivial problem concerning only themselves.

Perhaps it is unfair that while student regents are allowed to discuss topics during meetings, they cannot make their opinion count during actual votes. But when student regents take a stand on an issue that affects only them, it's no wonder they are not allowed to vote. These representatives are elected to speak for the student body and their thoughts on issues, not to better the perks that come with their positions.

## Liar, liar

### Presidents' crimes should be remembered

If people want to know why Americans fail to trust their government, they need look no further than men like Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

A soon-to-be-released report by Iran-contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh says Reagan set up an atmosphere in which top aides felt free to maneuver outside the law. The Associated Press released details of the report Sunday.

Walsh's investigation also concluded that George Bush was not telling the truth when he said he was "out of the loop" and did not know about important aspects of the Iran-Contra situation when he was Reagan's vice president.

Lawyers for Bush and Reagan denied the allegations made in the report. Griffin Bell, Bush's attorney, said Walsh should "fold up his tent" on the investigation.

But Reagan and Bush should not get off that easily if the allegations in the report are accurate. Even if the two only allowed others to break the law without doing it themselves, they are still responsible.

The president is the lone representative of all the people. The White House has become the center of our government. And when the president lies to the people, he is betraying everything the United States is supposed to stand for.

If the people do not trust the government, it cannot function. Without credibility, a democratic system is helpless.

If Reagan and Bush allowed people in their administration to break the law and then lied about it, that should be how they are remembered. Not as a great communicator and the man that followed him, but as two men who hurt the credibility of the government and hurt the country as well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks

After having been to nearly every theater production at UNL for the past five years, I thought it was about time I wrote to thank and congratulate the UNL Theatre Department for the wonderful work it does. From Theatrix to mainstage productions to Nebraska Repertory Theatre, the quality of production has always been nothing short of exceptional.

I am in particular a great fan of Theatrix, with its minimalist approach, intimate settings and more alternative, often experimental works. People like Devon Schumacher have been giving us great theatrical fare in Theatrix, as well as the other UNL Theater formats mentioned, for a long time now.

Allow me to extend my sincerest thanks to the UNL Theatre Department faculty, administration, actors and technical artists for giving to UNL and the state of Nebraska true excellence in theater. The educational, cultural and entertainment value of the work you do is immeasurable.

Dan Hutt  
senior  
English

that makes me sick. We are reducing our society to a bunch of saps afraid that if they do anything they will get sued. What kind of America are we creating if we let this nonsense continue?

Mark Longren  
junior  
mechanical engineering



James Mehlsing/DN

### Conduct

As newsroom manager of KOLN/KGIN-TV, I feel the need to respond to your theater review of the Off Broadway, On Lincoln Theater performance (DN, Nov. 8).

The news release clearly stated: "Performances on the weekend of Thursday, Nov. 3 through Sunday, Nov. 6 are for press members only." The invitation was issued to all members of the media, not just the print media.

Newspaper reviewers were critical of our television camera being there, saying it was intrusive and unprofessional. Yet it was understood that this was a performance for the media only. In order for us to do our jobs, we must often use lights.

Producer/Director Ron Silver told me after the show he had no problem with our camera being there and was thankful for the coverage. That was his intention in sending the release. He also said he did not promise anyone with the press that they would get a private showing.

Speaking of professionalism, perhaps we should consider the conduct of the Daily Nebraskan reviewer who verbally assaulted and made obscene gestures to our photographer during the performance. To most theatergoers, that would be considered extremely intrusive.

Diane Gonzolas  
newsroom manager  
KOLN/KGIN-TV

### 'Animal House'

It is a sad day in America when "Animal House" instills a no-alcohol policy. Rising insurance costs are cited as the reason for many houses turning to no-alcohol policies. And

### Social issues

Yes, pink triangles and green spaces probably take too much time away from loftier academic pursuits but, as Andrew Sigerson correctly points out (DN, Dec. 1), "When you're coming into the university, you're going to deal with social issues—that is one of the important aspects of college life."

A university experience is often one of the first times in a student's life that offers the opportunities to actually think about those issues. That in itself is a potent complement to more traditional academic learning. I certainly can't imagine Sigerson is going to approach the practice of law in a purely academic way and not take into account the contextual influences social issues will bring to bear on his legal strategies. And I certainly hope his law professors don't expect him to function in such a vacuum either.

James F. Hejduk  
associate professor of music

### Football

Although I enjoy the game of football and enjoy watching a game on occasion, it turns me off in many ways. Why do we worship football players and ignore other athletes who work equally hard? Why do we call it Nebraska football? Aren't a good portion of the players from out of state?

Many people form their entire identity with football. Strangely, many of these people couldn't even play a

quarter without keeling over. Beer companies cash in on their depression and tell them that beer and football will make them complete. Could you imagine what a great country this would be if people spent half their football time helping society or the environment?

Equally disturbing is that although it is our school, students get second-class seats at the games. Also, why is alcohol of such great importance at the games?

Above all it disturbs me to see these huge masses of middle- to upper-class white people cheering on these often predominantly black football teams. It seems the only area we allow blacks to obtain large-scale success is sports. How many of these fans are willing to work for equality of blacks in other areas? No doubt many don't recognize that black people are also quite competent intellectually.

Keep up the good work, UNL football team! Although I don't care to make football a priority in my life, I hope to see you win the Orange Bowl, in fact I think I'll even watch you win.

Paul Koester  
senior  
soil science

### 'Illegitimacy'

Oh Sam, you frighten me in so many ways that it is difficult to know where to begin. The first problem with your column (DN, Dec. 1) was the use of the word "illegitimate." The word is evil and outdated. Women do not go through nine months of pregnancy and countless hours of labor to produce a being that is anything less than legitimate and very real.

Now let's move on to your warped impressions on parenting. You wrote "The bottom line here is that single motherhood has become easier than ever, fed by an increasing lack of stigma from society."

You are obviously a fairly well-off single man who has absolutely no clue about what it means to be a parent. Being a mother is not an easy job. It would even be so bold to say it's much more difficult than being a graduate student in history. I would invite you to try to be a parent for a day, but as a mother it would not be responsible of me to recommend that you be placed in charge of the care of small children.

The lack of stigma that you wrote about should be in reference to the hundreds of thousands of men who are not interested in their children's lives and do not pay child support. If you are truly concerned about the status of single mothers and their affects on society, I suggest you round up the men who are not paying child support and make them help feed and clothe the children they helped create.

Becky Boswell  
senior  
teachers college