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EDITORIAL

Greek beat

Houses should open in the name of law

To survive on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, the greek system must evolve with changing times. Although they coexist with the residence halls on campus, the greek houses are private property and relatively off-limits to authorities except members and five administrators.

If there is a problem in a house and the UNL Police are not invited in, they can do little but stand outside and shout advice.

Motivated by the hazing of Jeffrey Knoll and recent thefts, university administrators have proposed a revised contract with the greek houses.

This contract would allow security officers to patrol the houses and to enter them unannounced to spot check for alcohol in all rooms except restrooms and individual rooms.

The officers would be paid for by the greek houses, as they are paid in the residence halls by housing fees.

Although it would restrict their freedom and involve some expense, it would only hurt the houses that violate the student code of conduct.

It would make it easier for UNL Police to take care of problems if they do occur. It would also help secure the houses from dangerous intruders. Because the officers would not have access to individuals' rooms, it would not be an invasion of privacy.

Although the greek chapters are on private property, they are guests of the university. It is only fair that the university have the right and the means to enforce its code of conduct in these houses.

Out with it

Clintons could end speculation with truth

Each week brings new revelations about the Whitewater case. And each revelation makes it harder to believe the Clintons are being completely open about their involvement in the failed Arkansas real estate deal.

Friday, special prosecutor Robert Fiske served subpoenas on six top Clinton aides, compelling them to testify before a grand jury and ordering the White House to preserve all records related to Whitewater.

The subpoenas came in the wake of revelations that senior aides to President Clinton had been briefed by Treasury Department officials on the investigation of a failed Arkansas savings and loan tied to the Whitewater. Administration officials said the briefings were only to address press inquiries about the case.

Saturday, White House chief counsel Bernard Nussbaum resigned. Nussbaum was involved in the briefings.

Other elements of the case have been opened up as well. The Associated Press reported that Fiske has decided to hire pathologists to directly re-examine the conclusion that deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster's death was caused by suicide. Foster, a former partner of Mrs. Clinton, was working on Whitewater matters at the time of his death.

Administration officials went on television Sunday, admitting the White House had made mistakes handling Whitewater, but saying the White House is cooperating fully with the investigation. They claimed Republicans were using the issue for political gain.

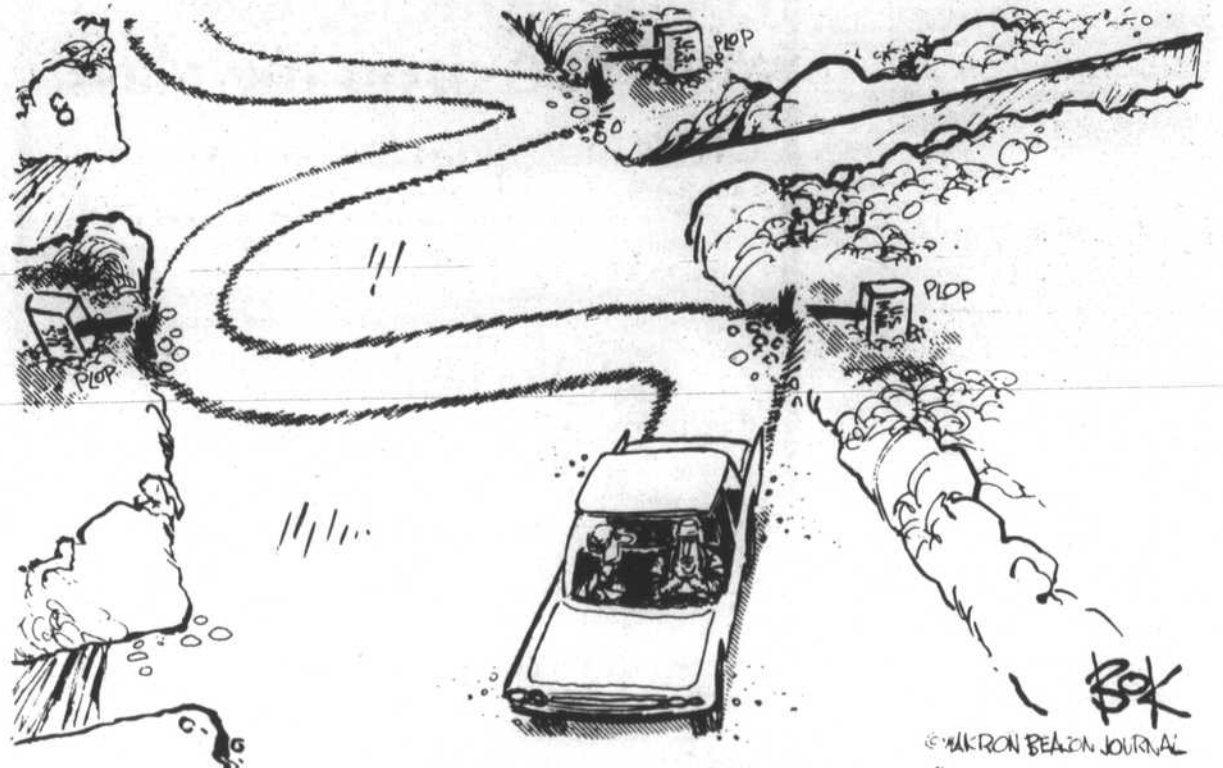
It is clear that Republicans are hoping to benefit from the fallout over Whitewater. But it also seems clear the American people are not being told the entire story about this case. If President Clinton wants to end the speculation about Whitewater, he should come forward and tell what he knows.

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"WE'RE FINISHED, LARRY. YOU'RE A THREE TIME LOSER."

PAUL KOESTER

Old-fashioned thought outdated

Although history is a long story involving many peoples and places, it is actually quite simplistic. Willa Cather, a famous Nebraskan author, said, "There are only two or three human stories, and they go on repeating themselves, as fiercely as if they had never happened before."

One of these stories is the lesson taught by "old-fashioned" thought.

History shows human behavior never changes, not even in an educated, civilized society. Due to old-fashioned thinking, the masses have been resisting change in their lives for thousands of years. We must be careful to not let that old-fashioned thinking alter our sense of logic.

History is a repeating story of a minority of individuals fighting for change, while the masses, whether due to comfort or fear, resist change or go with the flow.

Progressive thinkers have historically fought for changes at the expense of being labeled as radicals or extremists. Sometimes fighting for justice resulted in imprisonment and execution.

Old-fashioned thinking is what possessed virtually the entire south to enslave blacks and resist changing their evil ways. This same mode of thought led our God-fearing nation into widespread acceptance of sexism and racism well into the 1960s. Millions of old-fashioned thinkers still carry these ideals inherited from their ancestors, ideals set in concrete.

I have observed that in history, many things that were once fully accepted by society we now find unacceptable. The people who fought for these changes were viewed as extremists in their day. Perhaps the extremists of today will one day be viewed with respect and thankfulness, just as many of the extremists of yesterday are today. If not for these radicals, black people still would be slaves, women would not be allowed to vote



and we still would be polluting the environment free from regulations. Take, for instance, Harriet Tubman, who fought for freedom of the slaves. Hated by many, she fought for what was then radical change and helped free more than 300 black human beings. Slavery was once an acceptable practice in this country, although most of us abhor it today.

Then there's Mrs. Rosa Parks, a mulatto woman who in 1955 calmly refused to give up her bus seat to a white man. She was arrested for this radical deed, which started a boycott of the Montgomery, Ala., busline. This one action by this "extremist" gave the civil rights movement momentum.

Until the 19th Amendment was added to our constitution in 1920, women were not even allowed to vote. In fact, for the majority of American history, women have been treated as inferiors. Women once gave up their rights through marriage and weren't allowed into colleges.

It took 70 years of hard work by women like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony to gain the right to vote. It's hard to believe the majority once supported the blatant oppression of women, but that is our heritage.

Even today, old-fashioned thinking is predominant. Those who stand up for the rights of humans or the preservation of the environment are conveniently labeled as extremists and ignored. I call this the Rush Limbaugh syndrome. Ignorance is bliss, but

change is painful. Old-fashioned Limbaugh syndrome was clearly demonstrated by the business college last week when allegations of sexism by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter of the American Association of University Professors were conveniently dismissed. Chancellor Graham Spanier disregarded it because it appears there needed to be a larger number of complaints to take these women seriously. CBA Dean Gary Schwendiman claimed the whole ordeal was a plot to disrupt the college by an outside women's group.

This sounds a little paranoid to me. Another excuse to ignore the claims was that it was not a biased UNL investigation. It would have been better to simply listen and deal with the alleged problem, but at a school operated by eight Republican regents with wealthy backgrounds, nothing surprises me.

Sexism, racism and homophobia are serious problems dividing our nation. Overpopulation, poverty and the state of the environment threaten the future of our children. Still, millions in our nation engage in old-fashioned thought and cast their votes from a financial perspective. Old-fashioned thought, a simple lesson in history overlooked by many. Until we recognize the lessons of history, we are doomed to repeat it.

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