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EDITORIAL

## Costly benefits

Health care plan effects must be studied

Many students come to college to find careers where they won't be expected to flip burgers or deliver pizzas. But if President Bill Clinton's health care plan is approved, even some of these low-paying, part-time jobs may not be available to college students.

The plan would require all small businesses to pay up to 80 percent of insurance premiums of all employees.

To pay for this, the business might have to eliminate jobs, and most of these would be part-time jobs.

Mark Lutz, chief administrator of the Nebraska Restaurant Administration, said "Anyone who works in a restaurant is going to be hurt."

This will include students.

Students often don't have time to work 40 hours a week, so many rely on part-time jobs. Clinton's plan could make it difficult for students to find jobs.

Before adopting any health care plan, we must make sure it will help more than it will hurt. If Clinton's plan cannot pass this test, it should be rejected.

However, we should not reject the plan just because it may inconvenience us if it will help the country at large.

No reform will help everyone. Any plan will ask for some sacrifice from parts, maybe most, of the country.

But if this sacrifice will improve the accessibility of health care in the United States, we should be prepared to adjust our lifestyles.

## Justified air attacks

American bombs will save city's citizens

Imagine if tanks and artillery surrounded Lincoln and started shelling the city. Imagine this city being devastated after a two-week siege.

Now you have some idea of what life is like in Gorazde, a city in the former Yugoslavia.

Gorazde is made up mostly of Muslims. Bosnian Serbs have been attacking the city for two weeks, doing their best to kill everyone who lives there. Under United Nations orders, Gorazde is supposed to be a "safe area" for Bosnian Muslims.

On Monday, NATO warplanes dropped bombs for the second straight day on the tanks and artillery shelling the city. The mayor of Gorazde said in a radio broadcast that the air raids did not halt the shelling of the city.

NATO and the United Nations need to keep up their air attacks on the forces surrounding Gorazde until the city is safe. Gorazde is not a military center. It is made up of civilians who are being slaughtered.

The planes making the attacks were American. The risks of further military action will largely be to Americans. But through air raids, the United States can do a great deal to help the civilians that are being slaughtered in Gorazde at little risk to our pilots.

The genocide in the former Yugoslavia simply must be stopped. If the United States can save lives without putting its pilots at significant risk, it should do so.

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## Week promotes greek benefits

During this week, Greek Week 1994, we all have a chance to be reminded of the many benefits the greek system has brought to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

For those of you who think I'm being sarcastic, think again. As a member of a fraternity, I am a strong proponent of "going greek," though there are some problems we greeks need to fix.

When I was a high-school senior, I never gave much thought to college. I was busy enough already. When my friend Jim asked if I was going to go through summer rush, I told him that they weren't on tour and that I didn't like their music anyway. Obviously, I had a lot to learn.

That summer, I was taken out to dinner, to the dog track and to lakes for beach volleyball by the rush chairmen of almost every house. Even if I had never signed a house, this experience was worth going through for the fun and the chance to meet other UNL students.

However, I did become a member of a house, Sigma Nu, and have never regretted my decision.

The greek system offers students the chance to become leaders in their own house. Those who take up the challenge learn about paying and collecting bills, working with the administration, planning and organizing events, and enforcing rules.

Not everyone is cut out for this: I can think of a few failed officers we've had, including myself. But, those people who are successful show that they're ready for the real world.

Even those who aren't officers have plenty of chances to be involved. Parties and philanthropies are great exposure and usually have cool T-shirts, but I'm referring to being in a system larger than yourself.

Intramurals and activities like Homecoming give greeks chances to plan and participate in events with other members. I also have a common bond with thousands of people across the country, which could help me out



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with my career or just give me someplace to visit on vacation.

The statistics, straight from "Ripley's Believe It or Not," also show that greeks, on average, have better grades than the rest of the university.

Greeks aren't a bunch of brainiacs, but the higher grades aren't just due to good test files, either. I know that I've helped other guys in my house with calculus and have proofread dozens of papers, and others do the same things. Having older members who've taken your classes before can be an advantage.

Obviously, the greek system is more than just buying friends, just like living in the dorms is more than playing hacky sack by Broyhill Fountain.

But the stereotypes persist, in part because of our own mistakes. Some problems still exist, but they are ones we can fix.

Lately, the greek system has come under fire for hazing. I can honestly say that this is mostly a problem of perception. The few incidents that do occur are often assumed to be prevalent throughout the system. Most houses have moved away from these old traditions, and this took place long before the Jeffrey Knoll accident.

I applaud the new anti-hazing law and hope that all hazing can be eliminated but realize that we aren't the monsters we're often painted out to be. I also would like to see this legislation applied to gangs, but that's another matter.

A personal belief of mine is that the greek system needs to diversify. Quite

simply, greeks are pretty white. Although there are some racists in houses, just like there are in the dorms or off-campus, their shrinking numbers are no longer the source of the problem.

Almost everyone, whether black, white, Hispanic, Asian, or whatever, who wants to sign a house does. However, practically 100 percent of rushers are European-Americans.

I can't blame people from other cultures for not rushing when we appear so homogenous, but appearances are deceiving. Maybe rush chairs need to recruit or something, but this problem needs to be solved because the rest of the world isn't so white.

The greek system has tarnished its own image with stupid brawls, which definitely don't occur very often anymore, pranks and hazing. However, the rest of the university should not judge the entire system for the failures of some individuals.

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This is why we have Greek Week: to show off our accomplishments over the past year and also to have some fun before the end of the semester.

For those of you who aren't greek, but think the system doesn't sound so bad, give rush a try. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Singapore

In response to the editorial with the headline "Singapore sting" (DN, April 11, 1994).

You say "Fay's punishment is unquestionably too harsh. The United States should protest the flogging..." What I would like to find out from you is, on what authority do you expect the

United States to protest the laws of another country? The United States has one of the highest crime rates in the world, and year after year, the U.S. system fails to lower these figures. Therefore, I feel the United States is hardly an authority to question the laws of a country where the judicial system works.

Also, I think it is time that those

protesting Fay's punishment realize that you do not go to another country, break the law and then expect to be treated differently from the rest just because you are a U.S. citizen... it doesn't work that way.

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