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Two to tango

Voters sick of mudslinging, want issues

Well, Ben Nelson and Don Stenberg are already toeing the starting line in the Senate race. And a lot of water will pass under the bridge before we see light at the end of that tunnel.

As Democrat and Republican, respectively, they've been unequally yoked for years. By now they're chomping at the bit—wanting to get their licks in.

But before they go crying over all the milk spilled along the way, they should put their ears to the ground and their fingers to the pulse of the electorate.

Consider this editorial, then, a voice crying in the wilderness: The people are sick to death of mudslinging campaigns.

In this case, Nelson and Stenberg should keep the carrot and discard the stick.

We will not be distracted by any "wolf" crying, sheepskin wearing, or other such sideshow.

And no "he started it" will stand up in court.

Remember, it takes two to tango.

So tell us, gentlemen, why we should vote for YOU. Give us the lowdown on issues that count, not your opponent's character.

We voted each of you into office for some reason. Don't insult our intelligence, or our choices.

This paper will keep an eye peeled, ready to cry "foul" at the first sign of dirty pool.

It's just too easy to let your fingers do the talking—pointing four fingers right back at you the whole time.

So keep it cogent, keep it clean and keep everything else under your hat.

...Oh, and by the way, keep doing the jobs we're paying you to do while you're at it.

Don't hit the campaign trail so hard you knock your own block off.

And don't let one bad apple spoil the fun for everyone, OK?

'Round and 'round

Missing door knobs create barricades

So the student union is "handicapped accessible"—technically speaking.

If you happen to use a wheelchair, you can go around to the side and up the ramp—if you can convince all the "able-bodied" and able-minded pedestrians to get out of your way.

But if you use crutches, for instance (or a walker or even a cane), then why shouldn't you be able to go through any door you want?

But on the north side of the building, where Broyhill fountain causes an attractive nuisance, the only means of ingress are those awful revolving doors.

They are difficult to navigate and they slow down traffic, but for those with walking aids they can pose a de facto barrier.

And not only for them.

Anyone suffering from claustrophobia, obesity, inner-ear disturbance or general left-foot syndrome can find them daunting.

The signs on the regular doors, from which the handles were removed a couple of years ago, beg us to "conserve energy."

And just how much energy is being saved by the people who—unready to risk life and limb in some newfangled contraption like revolving doors—block the ramp on the west and enter through the space-age electric doors there?

It's a simple plea, but from the heart:

Can't we have our door knobs back?

Pretty please?

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"WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT IN THE ARMY ANYMORE"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City streets

I read with interest your editorial (Cross town, Sept. 7) on the perceived need for major widening of Lincoln's arterials.

You correctly identified that the main objections to street widening involve the negative effects on established residential neighborhoods.

The opposition of many Lincoln residents, however, does not just stem from the reduction of front yards and the removal of tree cover. These are minor issues and if they were the only adverse impacts of street widening, these impacts would quickly heal with time.

The more deep-seated opposition to street widening in Lincoln developed in the early 1970s as a result of the callous and cavalier manner in which the city widened such arterials as South, 27th, and Vine streets in the early 1960s.

Little regard was paid to the adverse impact to the established residential neighborhoods.

It is now plainly evident how short-sighted our civic leaders were in regard to the cancer-like impact to the established neighborhoods.

One only has to look at the deep gashes in the city's social, aesthetic and cultural fabric created by these poorly conceived and miserably executed widenings.

One can correlate the increases in crime, poverty, and other social problems within three blocks of these widened streets caused by the decay of housing and business stock that inevitably develops as owner occupancy decreases and absentee landlordship increases.

Do we want to repeat mistakes of this great a magnitude again?

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Judge not

Gov. Benjamin Nelson has proven that affirmative action needs to be preserved or people of color will be destined to remain in a second class



Bret Gottschall/DN

citizenship status in the "Good Life" authority?

Rev. John M. Carter
Lincoln

L'I angels

I'm writing in response to the recent behavior of the Nebraska football players.

Listen up guys, all you have to do is behave yourselves.

That means keep your guns in your closets, your morals in check and your hands in your pockets.

There are more than just national championships and Heismans at stake. There are lives, careers and reputations too.

You are all big enough to know right from wrong, so act your ages.

And to those of you who are being good boys, good job and keep up the good work.

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