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No cuts

Student financial aid a vital investment

Scissors cut paper.

In the case of the Republican Congress that can mean red tape — or your diploma.

Federal financial aid to students, which comprises about three-quarters of all student aid nationwide, will be cut if an appropriations bill now before the Senate passes.

Pell grants, Federal Work Study, Perkins Loans, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants and even the ubiquitous Stafford Loan will be substantially reduced.



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And the Direct Student Loan program will face a cap, limiting it to 40 percent of current loan rates with no adjustment for inflation.

Proponents of the plan say it will ease the tax burden — while helping Congress balance the nation's books.

Bull.

We oppose cuts to student aid for economic reasons — this is not a case of the “not in my backyard” syndrome, but hard rationality.

Federal monies for student aid represent an investment in America — and one we can't afford not to make.

1) College education produces positive externalities — that is, a college educated populous makes better life choices. They make more money, pay more taxes and are less likely to spend time in prisons, among other things.

2) College education produces an informed and educated electorate — meaning we are less likely to put people in office who would make such short-sighted policy.

3) College education produces money — as college educated engineers, scientists, physicians, lawyers, managers, CEOs and even teachers enter the work force, form corporations, open small businesses and generally create wealth, so grows the country.

And finally:

4) College education produces a safer and healthier country. As a nation already bemoaning the brain gap in the hard sciences and product development, we can hardly turn our backs on a policy we have shared with all civilized countries of fostering education.

Our country's books will be very easy to balance indeed when there's no money in the bank.

A college educated populous is a renewing resource that continues to offer return on the investment.

Congress would be well advised to resist an immediate dividend at the expense of an enormous later deficit.

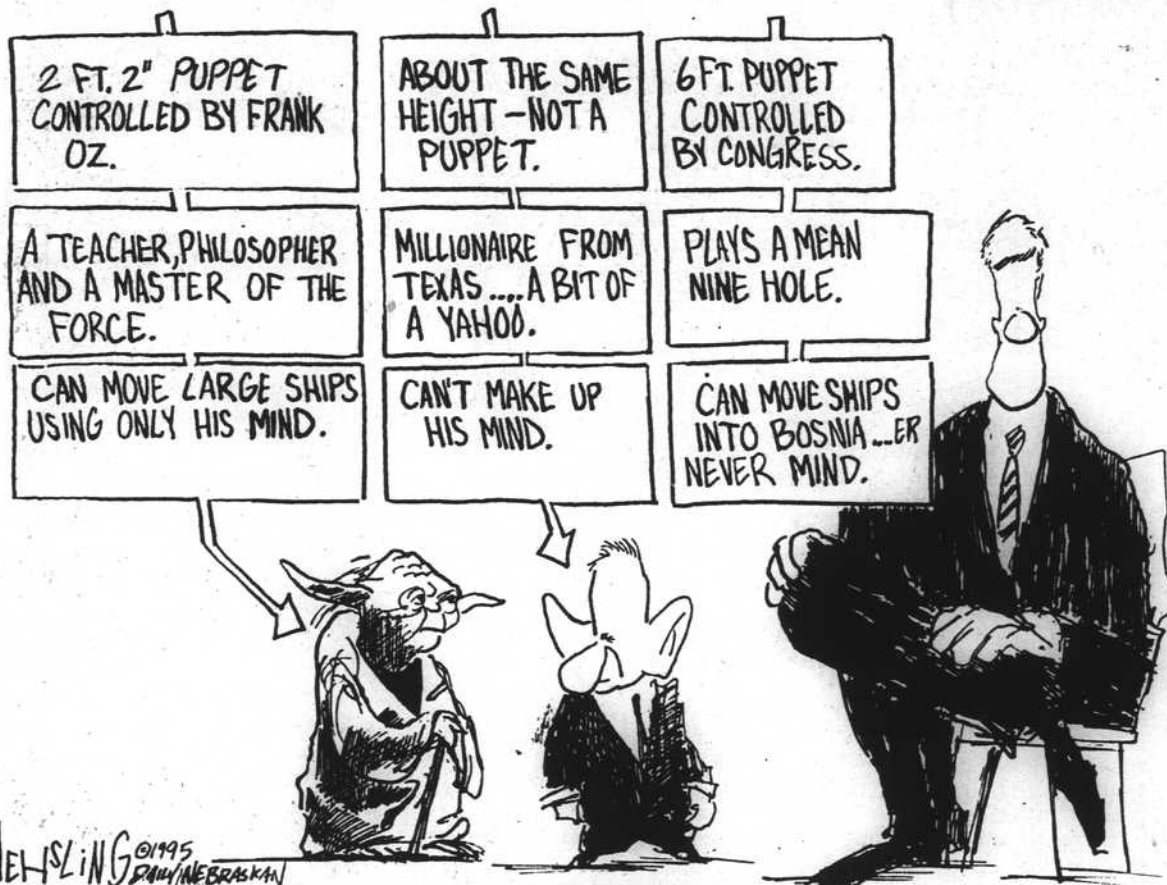
One's educational limits should be set, not by the size of the pocketbook, but of the mind.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

For a little over two months we have been trying to deal with the death of Tina McMenamin. We've had some hard times; however, you have made a tremendous difference by offering your support and kind words.

Tina was and always will be an angel, a ray of sunlight, a smiling face and a vibrant personality who touched our lives in a very special way and then passed out of them all too soon.

We want to say thank you to the Lincoln Community and to the University for all their support. We extend a special thanks to the people at Harper-Schramm-Smith who so unselfishly gave up their time to pay tribute to Tina.

And a very special thanks goes to our friends for their continued support & caring: a shoulder to cry on, someone to laugh with or whatever it is we need.

Sarah and Diane Bognich

Slow down!

A national speed limit of 55 mph certainly saves lives, reason enough to retain federally mandated speed limits.

Sadly forgotten in this debate, however, is the reason Congress mandated a limit in the first place: energy conservation.

With every 5 mph increase in the speed limit, millions of gallons of fuel are burned each day.

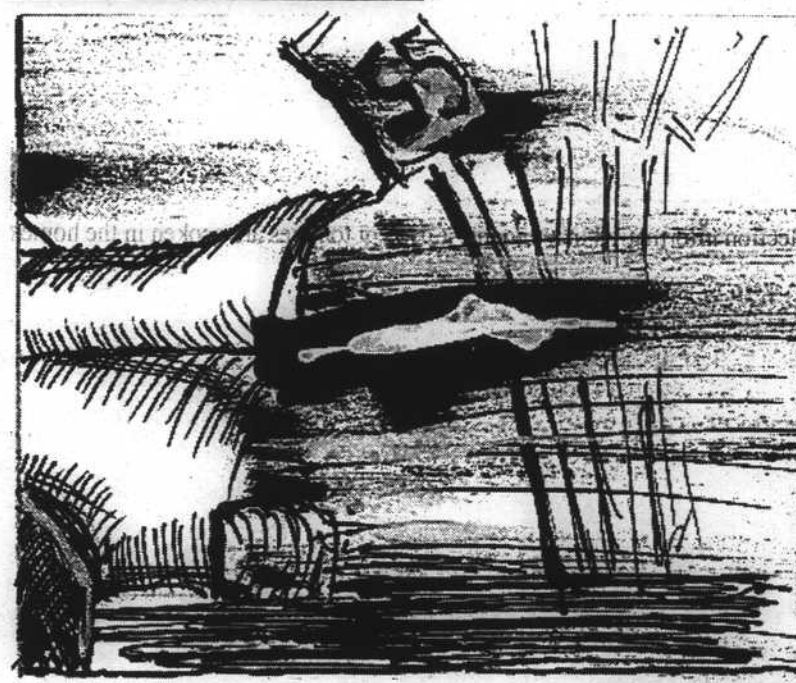
Now it seems our country again believes — foolishly, short sightedly — that our fossil fuel supply will last forever.

Speed and waste: two all-too-American values. Someday we may not be able to make that “long trip to Valentine” at all.

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A cross word

On Wednesday, Sep. 20, a daily crossword puzzle was not included on



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the last page.

This is the only thing I look forward to since your writers are all biased and opinionated.

Also, is it up to the Daily Nebraskan to make every UNL student furious with your “so-called” columns with no point whatsoever?

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Fan Mail

While all the college football teams around the country are being watched to predict on their scores, ours is having bets placed on whether we will even have enough players out on bail to fill every position on the field. If you read the latest issue of Sports Illustrated you know what I'm talking about.

We have so many talented players that are being overlooked just because of the SI article and all the other media hype that people are being misled. These problems have always been

here — it just took a major Heisman candidate to let it out in such an over-exhausted way.

Just the other day I heard a comment — from someone who doesn't even know any minorities — that they don't trust any of them going to school with their children because you never know who you can trust.

Well, all I can say is that you can't trust anyone all of the time but you are going to have to trust some of them some of the time no matter what race they are.

To the underplayed third and fourth stringers: get out there Saturday and run it up and pound a hundred points on that scoreboard against Washington State.

Draw the attention away from T.O. and our unlucky players and back onto the one thing Sports Illustrated should follow: FOOTBALL!

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