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Quality checked New chancellor should listen

As the ongoing search for a new chancellor, um, ongoes — we thought it might be nice if we could get our 2 cents in.

Since chancellors are notoriously beyond stooping to listen to what the campus rag has to say, it seems our only chance is to say now what qualities we'd like to see in a future chancellor.

Is it any wonder, then, that first on our list is someone who listens to students' concerns?



Jason Gildow/DN

Not just says the words "listen to students" in campaign-speech tones — but actually listens to those who disagree.

We'd like to have a chancellor who doesn't get rid of faculty simply because they also disagree.

What happened to Dean Liberty shouldn't have happened. It shouldn't happen again.

The four campuses of the university have four very different destinies. They have different strengths and weaknesses. The new chancellor needs to fight to maintain UNL as the flag-

ship of the university system.

Our ideal candidate for chancellor would keep the open standards of admission (no one should be penalized for goofing off in high school) — but raise the standards of achievement a student must meet to remain a student.

Let those who cannot do top-notch work attend community colleges or schools of hair design.

A chancellor should commit to lowering student costs.

The programs at the university of most value to our reputation as a place of excellence should be fostered by the new chancellor. We should never sacrifice anything from these successes to bolster a lagging department.

A good chancellor will know how to raise money and will be able to sell the legislature on the fundamental truth that the university is an investment in Nebraska's future — economically, politically and in terms of its reputation as a good place to live and work. Nothing will salvage us if that reputation is lost.

The ideal chancellor will work to make the university as strong and as vital as it can be made to be. Trendy ideas will never replace quality professors and hard-working students.

The university should be a light of tolerance and detachment in the community. A good chancellor will foster the university as a safe place for the expression of ideas and ideals that may not be popular elsewhere.

A chancellor should know when to guide, and when to get out of the way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AIDS

I find it astonishing (and laughable) that Krista Schwarting has selectively chosen only Ronald Reagan as the person to blame for America's continuing AIDS crisis ("Quilt can't cover social stigma," Oct. 13).

As if they didn't matter in the equation, Schwarting makes no connection between those who continue to propagate this disease and the disease itself.

It's interesting to note, as Schwarting points out, that "the fastest growing group of people with AIDS is heterosexual women."

But statistically that number continues to be dwarfed by infected homosexual males.

In fact, according to a recent report released by the Centers for Disease Control, young gay men are actually experiencing a current increase in AIDS infection rates.

What this means is that, even though armed with the knowledge of AIDS, certain young gay men have decided to ignore all the available data in favor of engaging in self-indulgent unsafe and unhealthy sex practices.

And yes, over 70 percent of AIDS infectees in the United States continue to be gay males. So when Schwarting chooses to talk about AIDS in relation to how she "hates" Ronald Reagan, she has — indeed — thrown all journalistic objectivity out the window.

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Quilt

I've wanted to write this letter since the article on the AIDS quilt, but I couldn't decide what I wanted to say.

Krista Schwarting's column on Oct. 13 has, however, pushed me over the edge. In that column she

compares not making the AIDS epidemic a top priority to a "smaller-scale version of the Holocaust."

Aside from the extremely poor choice of analogy, the whole idea behind this statement is ludicrous.

I agree that AIDS is a terrible thing, but the number of people afflicted with AIDS pales when compared to the number of people who have cancer.

AIDS has become somewhat of a cause celebre. It's highly visible because high-profile celebrities say that it's important.

So, proportional to the people affected, more money is being

paper.

Show your tact. Be intelligent. Give us your opinion in a manner that shows that you have a high school diploma.

Jared Solomon
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T.P.

When the whole world is talking about environmental protection, our greek house boys and girls are playing with their toilet papers.

If trashing their front yards is a means of decoration, or even a great tradition, I suggest students in the university should bring their home garbage and throw it in front of those "decorated" houses.

These people are wasting natural resources without any doubt. I am surprised that people in Ecology Now or other environmental groups have never raised their voices against this activity.

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Transfer students

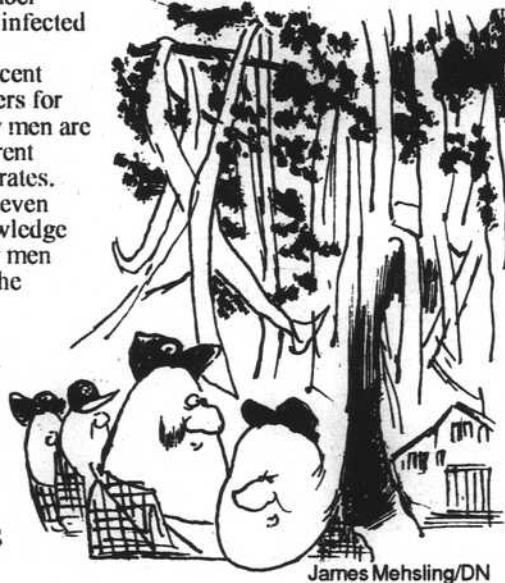
Stricter residency requirements (Oct. 12) is no longer news, much less front page news. For those most affected by this information it arrives several months too late.

Anyone "putting off" applying for residency until the beginning of this semester was way off base by saying that the only students disadvantaged by this are "not really scholarship caliber."

While new students may not be concerned, the transfer student is the real loser. With a university that already has an inefficient system to handle transfer students, the new residency requirements further penalize them.

Even California, considered a leader in educational policy, allows the 12-month period to occur concurrently with study.

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James Mehlsing/DN

funneled to AIDS research than to cancer research.

Many of us know someone who has been affected by cancer; can you say the same about AIDS?

William Clarke
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Jamie Karl

I am writing in response to Jamie Karl's final column.

I am writing this to whomever takes the columnist opening.

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