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Petty politics

Candidate resorts to mudslinging tactics

If it doesn't matter who wins or loses because it's how you play the game, then RHA candidate Larry Willis wants to rewrite the rules.

Willis challenged the result of last week's Residence Hall Association election, which led to the re-election scheduled for Wednesday in Abel and Sandoz residence halls only.

While Willis may have valid concerns, the way he addressed those concerns is in line with the mudslinging tactics of many high-ranking politicians.

In his justification for re-election, Willis included the friendly relationship of the RHA election commissioner and RHA presidential candidate Ben Wallace. He cited back rubs between the two as "evidence."

He also filed a complaint against a Daily Nebraskan reporter saying she violated RHA bylaws by asking a campaign-related question during an RHA meeting. The reporter is not subject to any RHA bylaws and should have been allowed to be a neutral party.

Willis and his ENHANCE party could have stuck to their more valid claims of campaigning violations and availability of ballots, but pushing the allegations to include such childish finger pointing will not advance their popularity in either Abel or Sandoz halls.

Because of the lack of ballots in Abel and Sandoz halls, it may be necessary for a re-election. That complaint was tangible and was worth pursuing on its own merit.

Whether or not the other campaign violations happened, they should have been dealt with in a more-professional and less-accusatory manner. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is an environment of learning and not a lobbying stage for mudslinging elections.

Thankfully, most of Willis' allegations were not upheld by the RHA electoral commission. Not agreeing to pursue those allegations saved RHA's integrity for the time being.

As that time for re-election nears, students in Abel and Sandoz halls should evaluate the character of Willis in how he presented his allegations and decide if that is the type of person they want in charge of their representative body.

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DN LETTERS

An image overlooked

Pick up the paper or turn on the television and more than likely you will see some type of news relating to the darker side of society.

It may even be that of a fraternity having a big party that got out of control and the police were called in, or an initiation ceremony in which one of the pledges gets alcohol poisoning.

This is the other side of the fraternity issue and why they are important to the character growth of the young men who become members.

About a month ago, my daughter met a tragic death in Colorado due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

My family and I have been devastated by Jordan's death, but in the past month we have come to realize the number of people she must have touched in her life by the outpouring of thoughts and prayers of hundreds of people we know and also those we have just met because Jordan was so special here on earth.

Representatives from the Acacia Fraternity at UNL presented my family with a plaque and memorial making Jordan an honorary "House Sweetheart" of their fraternity.

She had dated one the members of the fraternity and had become acquainted with many of the members.

We were deeply touched by their caring and concern as the group that made the presentation gave us their reasons for honoring Jordan. She had been very active in many volunteer organizations while attending Midland College as well as an excellent student.

They informed us that these were the qualities that were very

important to the Acacia Fraternity, and so the fraternity felt compelled to honor Jordan's memory.

In light of all the negatives in our society I feel it is important to recognize the groups or individuals who are making an impact in a very positive way and without a regard for any recognition.

The Acacia Fraternity is just one example of the great people we have in our society, and I know that my family will always hold this organization very dear to our hearts for the honor they have bestowed upon the memory of our daughter Jordan.

May God bless the men of Acacia.

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Turning another page

I was reading through Thursday's letters to the editor when I was startled to see that someone actually believes the Bible condones homosexuality.

As the disgruntled writer suggested, I decided to look at my copy of the Bible and get the facts straight.

I'm not sure how Corinthians 6:9-11 could be misinterpreted: "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."

This clearly states that sinners, including those engaging in homosexual relations, who do not repent

and acknowledge the Lord as savior, will perish. This passage is hardly an isolated one.

Also read Genesis 19:1-13, Romans 1:21-27, Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, 1 Timothy 1:10, Colossians 3:5-6. Anyone who says the Bible condones homosexuality hasn't done their homework.

Like any other sin, to engage in homosexual relations is a choice.

Thieves choose to steal, murderers choose to kill, liars choose to lie, and unwed couples choose to have sexual relations.

It's that simple. The Lord gave humans free will, and we all chose to sin in one way or another.

Thus, we are all on God's "list of condemned sinners" and are all equal before the eyes of the Lord. Those who will inherit the kingdom of God are those who acknowledge their sins and ask for forgiveness.

That's Christianity in a nutshell. Lastly, I would like to thank Josh Moenning for speaking his mind as he has throughout the semester.

Although much of what Reggie White said in front of the Wisconsin Legislature was deemed controversial, it took real courage to do what he did.

Mr. Moenning expressed his admiration of Reggie White's courage, and I cannot believe he was chastised for doing so.

Mr. Moenning, please continue to speak your mind on all issues because independent thought is becoming so rare these days.

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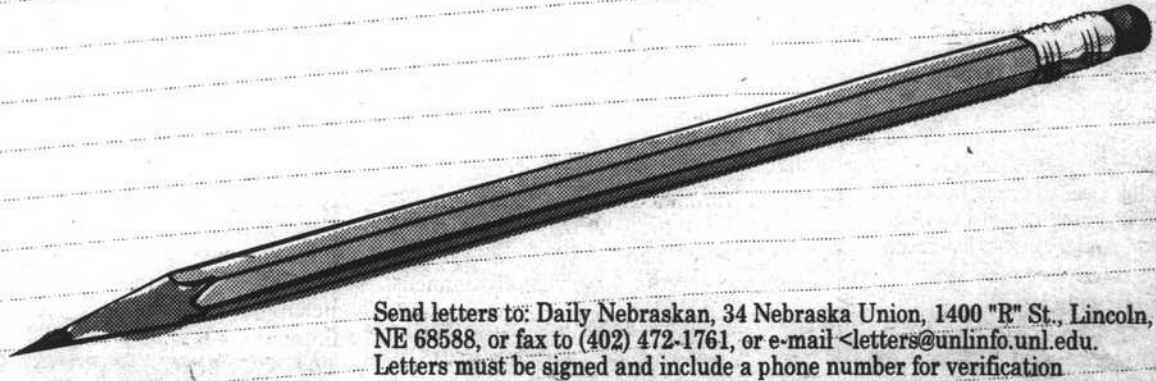
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