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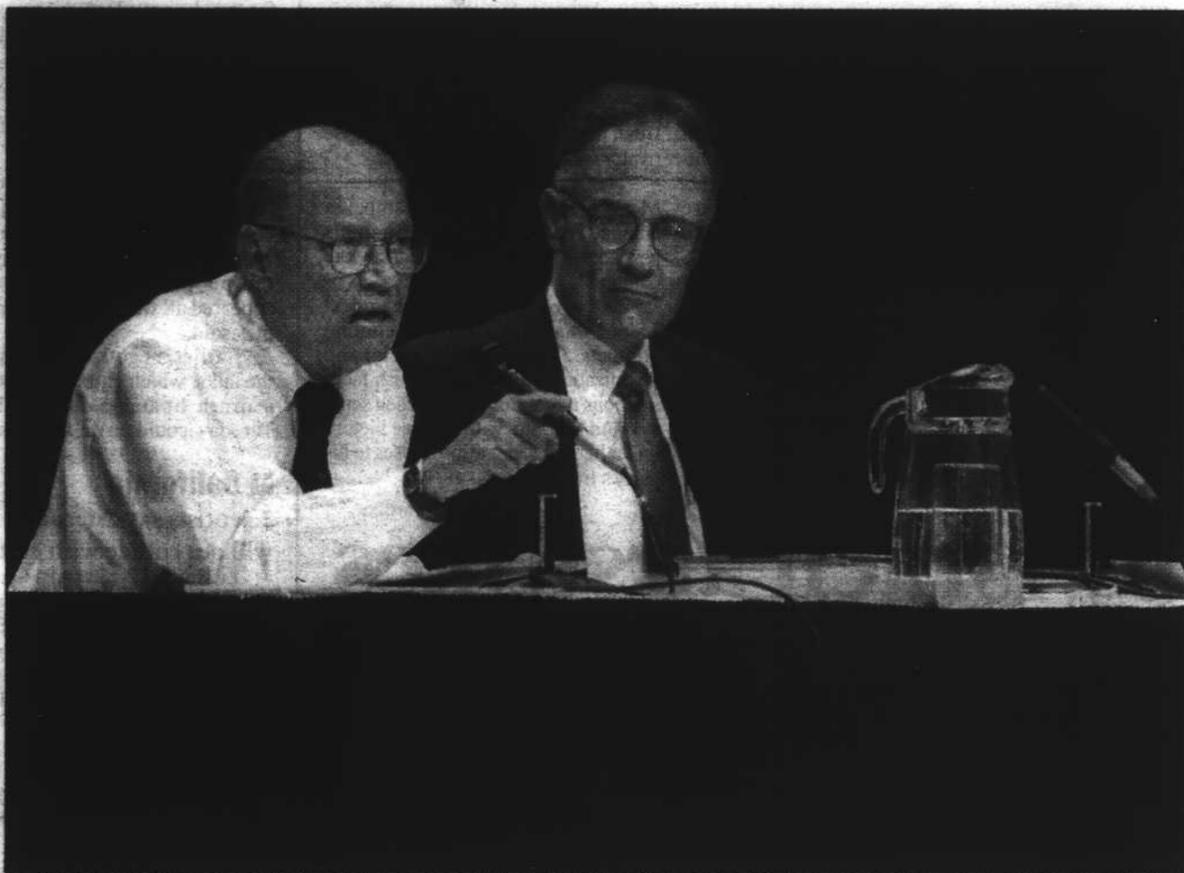
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"There was no reason to hate these men." — Bob Kerrey



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ROBERT McNAMARA, former secretary of defense to presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, reacts to comments made by Sen. Bob Kerrey when Kerrey disagreed with some of McNamara's comments, at the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues. McNamara and Kerrey were joined by professors James Blight, right, of Brown University and Robert Brigham of Vassar College.

Differing views aired at forum

Kerrey, McNamara speak about lessons learned from Vietnam

By Brian Carlson

Staff writer

When Bob Kerrey returned from the Vietnam War, having lost part of his right leg in combat, he bitterly despised men like Robert McNamara who had helped lead the country to war.

On Monday, the two men shared a stage at the Lied Center for Performing Arts to debate the war that helped shape both of their lives — and that has haunted the United States ever since.

Kerrey, a retiring U.S. senator from Nebraska and a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, and McNamara, who served as secretary of defense under presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B.

Johnson from 1961 to 1968, participated in a four-member panel discussion sponsored by the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues.

Although the two men disagreed about the war's lessons, Kerrey made it clear in an extraordinary exchange that he has forgiven McNamara.

Facing the former defense secretary, Kerrey described his mindset at the time he lay in a hospital recovering from his wound.

"I harbored hatred for the men who got us into Vietnam — Johnson, McNamara ..."

When a few members of the audience began to applaud, Kerrey admonished them to be quiet: "I would appreciate your not applauding bad behavior like that."

Kerrey then said he had concluded, upon reflection during the ensuing years, that his anger was misplaced.

"There was no reason to hate these men," he said. "These men were patriotic and tried their best to do the right thing."

"So, Mr. McNamara, for whatever it's worth, I stopped hating you long ago."

In recent years, McNamara has sought to identify lessons from the war in which he was intimately involved as the top U.S. military policy-maker.

Along with two other panelists — James Blight, an international relations professor at Brown University in Providence, R.I., and Robert Brigham, a history professor at Vassar College in

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State's high court to meet at UNL

By Matthew Beermann

Staff writer

The Nebraska Supreme Court will make its annual appearance at the University of Nebraska on Thursday when it holds a session at the College of Law on East Campus.

Arguments will begin at 9 a.m. in the McCollum Hall Auditorium.

Primarily law students will attend, but the proceedings are open to the public.

"It's a great chance for our students to see how the appellate process works," said Glenda Pierce, assistant dean of the law college.

The court typically visits the university each February and stops at Creighton University in April. The session gives the college a chance to work real-world experience into its classes.

"First-year students are required to do an appellate argument as part of their research and writing assignment in March," Pierce said, "so this lets them watch how it's done."

Despite the location, all the usual rules of the

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— **ASUN** —

Senate to mull research bill

By Sara Salkeld

Staff writer

A bill passed at last week's ASUN meeting concerning aborted fetal tissue research may be reconsidered at tonight's meeting.

The bill, presented by Association of the Students of the University of Nebraska President Andy Schuerman, directs the Government Liaison Committee to lobby against a bill proposed to the Legislature that would ban the use of aborted fetal tissue in research at state-funded institutions.

Schuerman said a motion to reconsider must be made by a senator who voted with the majority, which was in favor of the bill.

Arts and Sciences Sen. Jason Mashek said General Studies Sen. Michelle Schrage, who voted with the majority last week, will present the motion to reconsider.

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Impact party candidates: Campus safety, ASUN visibility issues

By Katie Muetting

Staff writer

ASUN student government election group Impact announced its candidacy Tuesday in the Nebraska Union.

The three executive candidates spoke about improving ASUN's visibility to student organizations and the administration and making UNL a safe environment for all students and faculty members.

The party is among four groups trying to rally votes for the March 1 Association of Students of the University of Nebraska election.

Impact's second vice presidential candidate, Amy Ellis, said students should be educated about the purpose of ASUN.

Ellis, a junior in the College of Human

Resources and Family Sciences, proposed publishing agendas for ASUN meetings two days in advance and having senators speak about ASUN in their colleges' introductory courses.

Brad Bangs, a junior exercise science and psychology major, proposed increasing the visibility of community service officers after dark and increasing the number of campus lights and blue lights, especially on East Campus.

Bangs also spoke about educating international students about ASUN.

"International students are an untapped resource of this university," Bangs said. Involving them in student government will make UNL "a better place for everyone," he said.

Presidential candidate John Conley said the use of student fees should better reflect students' wishes.

He proposed using the fees to bring big-name artists to UNL's campus.

"Are we getting our money's worth?" he asked.

Conley noted that students must travel to Kansas City or Chicago for popular musical and comedy acts.

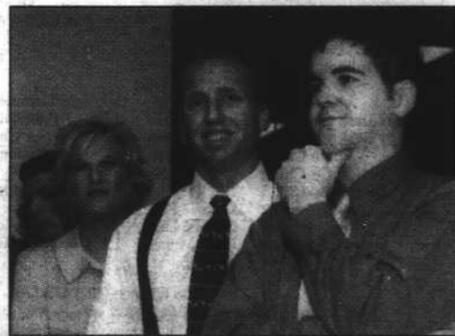
Conley, a junior sociology major, also focused on ASUN's role as an intermediary between the administration and the students.

ASUN needs an objective and fair means to research the opinions of students, Conley said.

The leadership of ASUN should "not be afraid to challenge the administration if the need arises," Conley said.

When it has the ear of the administration, ASUN can accomplish more for students, Conley said.

"The students need that voice," he said.



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IMPACT SECOND VICE PRESIDENTIAL candidate Amy Ellis, left, first vice presidential candidate Brad Bangs and presidential candidate John Conley await their introduction.