

# Where Are the Students?

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For the past year that I've been involved in Residence Hall Association, I've seen more apathy than I ever imagined from our student body. Organizations on our campus put many hours of work and effort into planning and carrying out events, yet the attendance at such events continues to be at a disappointing low. I will agree that the well-known organizations on cam-

pus have better turnouts; however, what does this say about the other organizations? Are they not doing enough advertising to draw in crowds? Are their events not fun or creative enough? Or do some students have no desire to involve themselves with their campus? Maybe it is a combination of all three. I've seen how hard organizations work to put on events, and I can't help but feel like some people simply don't care.

Many students complain about not knowing of events saying there is not enough advertis-

ing, but how can organizations advertise if no one steps up as publicity chair? And more importantly, how can they better advertise events when students dismiss fliers, don't read e-news, throw away mail reminders, and step on sidewalk chalk?

Unfortunately, this apathy is not just limited to campus events and/or activities. There is an appalling lack of concern for leadership opportunities on campus. During elections this Spring Semester, many people ran uncontested, myself included.

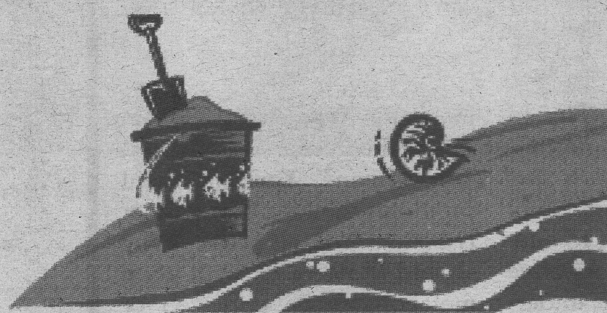
Leadership positions are great ways to gain experience, meet other people, and strengthen your resume. But for some reason unknown to me, there are still many open leadership positions to be filled. We need students to run events like Sizzlin' September Concerts, Cornhuskin', and Little Friends Weekend. We are all strong, independent, and intelligent women capable of leadership. Let us exercise our capabilities and become involved on campus instead of hoping that someone else will step up to the task. In the words of Gandhi,

"Be the change you want to see in the world."

Now that I'm finished with my rant, I want to take a minute to praise my peers. When messages of hate were spread on our campus, students rushed to make t-shirts, posters, and banners in support of unity. They immediately spoke up about the importance of tolerance on our campus and were active in promoting peace and diversity. People paid attention to what was occurring on our campus. Apathy was nonexistent. If only our campus organizations, events, and activities received such a response.

## Spring Fling Sales This Week

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