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The Trump administration's budget released today is a blueprint for a less healthy, more polluted America. A budget shows your values, and this budget shows the administration doesn’t value clean air, clean water or protecting Americans from toxic pollution.

The Trump budget would also significantly reduce the Environmental Protection Agencies’ programs related to climate change. While the Sunse budget, funding for the agencies Office of Science and Technology would drop by more than a third, additional funding for prosecuting environmental crimes and programs advocating for clean air and water would drop significantly.

Environmental groups were also quick to criticize the infrastructure plan, calling it a thinly veiled attempt to gut federal environmental safeguards.

The Trump administration would shrink the Environmental Protection Agency and hand the work of regulating and controlling environmental pollution over to individual states. Those defending the infrastructure plan explain that the current process allows multiple agencies to conduct time-consuming reviews to check for permits and environmental consistency. They claim that this process slows the approval process for the economic activity. Under Trump’s proposal, agencies would be required to complete environmental reviews in as much as 21 months.

The 21-month limit would also be applied to environmental reviews of projects that potentially threaten endangered species or fragile habitats.

The Trump infrastructure plan would reduce the amount of regulation and scrutiny of projects that have the potential to pollute the environment, along with curbs on federal agencies’ ability to raise objections to new projects.

The infrastructure plan would enact significant changes to the major environmental laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Clean Air Act, and Clean Water Act.

If the infrastructure plan hands some of the power to individual states, it would make it harder for the federal government to object to projects that would pollute waterways or drain water resources within their borders, like pipelines.

This is done by limiting the options available to lawyers and environmental groups, who are opposing fossil fuel projects, as well as states that are quick to criticize the infrastructure plan.

Trump, right now, only an act of Congress can permit the construction of pipelines through National Parks.

To further lessen the legal opposition to oil and gas pipelines, the Trump infrastructure plan seeks to allow the head of the Interior Department, Ryan Zinke, to grant permission to construct pipelines through the parks.

Stephanie Gidigbi, a policy director at the Natural Resources Defense Council, in a statement, called the plan “misguided.”

You reduce, then reuse before recycling

Sunday school environmental never fails to worm underneath Gonnella’s skin

I have often been called an environmentalist for some of my political beliefs, such as a focus away from needs fueled by nuclear, wind and solar energy, I also believe in some sort of tax on plastic bags to encourage shoppers to bring their own reusable ones, and that people who don’t think climate change is caused by humans by at least some significant degree should be kept out of positions of education. Yet, I don’t consider myself an environmentalist. I am just someone who knows the planet has finite resources and space; I am just taking a little bit better care of the place I am going to live for the rest of my life.

Opinion

It was the coming of Recyclemania 2018 on campus that got me thinking more about my beliefs and the one thing that always irritates me about people who say they are “hard green”: Sunday School. The same can be said for plastic bottles. While it can be recycled an infinite number of times, they hardly ever stay plastic bottles to continue that cycle. Often they are melted down to be sold as polyester; which, while it becomes stuffing, cushions and other fibrous products often cannot be recycled again and end up in a landfill. Some, like paper, are made into disposable products such as shopping and trash bags that are designed to be thrown into a landfill. So, while I endorse recycling, I hate it when it is placed at the top of the waste hierarchy, when in truth it is closer to the bottom. There is a reason the old adage goes, “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle,” not just because it goes off the tongue easily but because it shows the path me should take before taking something.

Reduce. Pretty self-explanatory, no? Reduce the amount of waste or energy spent on doing an activity. This applies more to our industrial perspective than our domestic lives, but you can still make a real impact at home. You can recycle by composting in the environment and your bank account. Don’t buy more food than you need to eat what you take, and only drive when you must. Walk around more, or even take the stairs when the temperatures make me curse under my breath as it freezes to my beard, and so far this year I only had to fill up the car twice. I certainly have a lot more money in my bank account and I think the environment is a bit better off. Reduce, reuse, recycle. Then you take the stuff over and over if you can. I don’t buy disposable plastic cups or plates or plastic bags to continue that cycle. While campaigns and competitions like UNCs Recyclemania are beneficial, they should not be treated as the only way students can save the environment.

Again, it’s a lot harder to prove who won a recycling or a reducing competition for a free fast food feast.
Thank you for sticking around this long. Maybe you didn’t have a choice, or spent too much time playing beer pong. Still, you’re here now, let’s enjoy the moment.

The first year everything is fresh and cold brew and still get stumped about the protein maze. There’s a difference. 26. Social Work: We’re not in it for the money, we’re in it for the outcome.

11. Music: We go from bar to bar. 27. Environmental Scientist: It’s called SOIL not dirt.


17. Education: It’s not about being right; it’s about being right.

36. Linguistics: Studied 16 languages, am fluent in none of them due to Goo Translate.

10. Art: You complete it, we critique it. No refunds. 38. Marketing: Persuading people to buy things they don’t need, so you can buy things you don’t need.

9. Psychology: If you aren’t planning on getting a PhD, enjoy your HR job.


5. Math: I just want to be a math teacher, OK?

25. Chemistry: The only place alcohol is in the classroom is in the science experiment. 29. English: Are you going to teach? ‘Cause if not, good luck.

24. Accounting: Selling your soul to make a profit.

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part of the NIU system, UNMC is also affected by those cuts, and Agency 51 lan
 Threatens the access Nebraskans have to the Medical Center.

Finally, Senator Anna Wishart, representative of District 27, which com
 mences western Lincoln, voiced her opinion on Agency 51 in an email on the
 morning before the hearing. Wishart mentioned her support for QSA as a
 member of the Appropriations Committee, I am not in favor of destruc
 tion and hindering our ability to attract
 educational programs, raising student tu-
 ition and a potentially lower student-faculty
 ratio.

committed to the college, QSA is a
 place of love and respect, happiness
 and laughter, and a place to let stress
 and worry, and be yourself," said L

When asked how QSA has positively af
 his life, Landanger said, "QSA is a
 real example that you are not alone." He
 said members have often gone through
 their own similar things in life: mental
 illness, abuse, bullying, family issues, be-
 ing pushed away or not accepted simply
 because you are not straight or cisgender.

During his first two years after com
 my senior year. "I wouldn't have even
 known that QSA existed," he said. "I
 didn't get involved with a lot of other
 programs, as follows:

Fine Arts and Humanities: three
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 ratio.

QSA, to me, is a safe place. QSA is a
 safe and welcoming space to not only
 people with differing gender identities but also sex
 ual identities.

If students are interested in gen
 der-inclusive housing, they can go to the
 Office of Residence Life page on the UNK
 website for more information, or they
 can reach out to Horken personally.

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titles in two relay events: both the 4-
 by 400-meter relay and the 4-
 by 800-meter relay. Both titles that he won were before his
 senior year.

"Just kind of threw us in the events," Bellamy said, reflecting on his
 state championship experience. While
 winning two state titles felt great and is
 a part of many high school pride, Bellamy
 still feels strongly about not making
 the state championships as a se-
 nior. "We still feel the said the qualifying
 system may have some flaws.

"Unfortunately didn't make it that
 year. Kansas has a weird qualifying sys-
 tem, I had a top time in the state, but they
 only take the top four from each region."
 After his high school career, Bellamy
 moved to Kearney to attend the Universi-
 ty of Nebraska at Kearney.

When asked about his most memo-
 rable track experience as a Loper, Bellamy
 recalled the 2016 Pitt MECA champi-
 onships. "It was the last race of the day, the
 400-meter relay," he said as he set the
 scene. "The day was just wrapping up
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 redshirt.

After his college track career, Bend
 stayed close to the track program. "After I
 graduated, I wanted to get into a GA
 program. I talked to coach Bomall, the UNK
 men's and women's track and field coach.
 During his first two years after com-
 pleting his undergraduate program, Bend
 has been working as a graduate assistant.
 Reed says that the biggest difference is
 not competing in college and out in
 the real world. He was the last
 meet was completed, "We all just kind of
 went our separate ways." 

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UNK, community celebrates Valentine’s Day

Shelby Nethercot (left), third year organizational and relational communications major from Greenwood, and Libby Allan (right), first year multimedia major from Gibbon, stopped by OMA Wednesday to make Valentine’s Day cards. The Office of Multicultural Affairs, located in the Nebraska Student Union, is a place where students with diverse backgrounds can gather together in a welcoming environment. Every Wednesday is Worry Free Wednesday in OMA. Stop by during the day for fun activities, and students who attend eight will receive a free T-shirt.

The Kearney Public Library currently has a bookshelf near the front desk full of wrapped books. “Blind Date with a Book” is an event going on through the month of February, encouraging people to not judge a book by its cover. People ages 16 and up can check one out based solely on the clues written on the wrapping, such as fiction or biography. Each book comes with a “Rate your date” card, and if returned before March 4, patrons are entered into to win one of four prizes that include gift cards and other prizes.

LPAC’s FAME Talent Show rocks

1. Shota Suzuki from Tokyo, Japan demonstrates his martial arts skills. Suzuki can break a board of wood with his bare hands.
2. Awadia Kuku, a freshman hoping to major in law from Seattle, Washington sings “When I Was Your Man” by Bruno Mars. Kuku has an upcoming audition for America’s Got Talent and has auditioned for American Idol in the past.
3. Nathan Strasser from Omaha and Rachael Nordhues, a sophomore health and physical education major from Syracuse sang and played guitar. Strasser and Nordhues won first place for group performance.
5. Anfernee Covarrubias, a senior psychology major from Lexington performs a hip-hop dance. Covarrubias won second place for individual performances.

CSSA puts on 11th annual Chinese Spring Festival

Chinese Scholars and Students Association hosts popular cultural event. Highly polished performances accompanied a wide variety of Chinese food.

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Photos by Robynn Milewski

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