

Anybody for cribbage?

On Eeb. 17, the article "Athletes find non-varsity competition" failed to mention cribbage. Many of the students have shown a great deal of interest in this old and honorable game.

If those who love the game would make their interest known to Jerry Howell, and one of you will act as coordinator, I will provide the tournament boards and scoring system in use by the American Cribbage Congress.

Jack Wunderlich **American Cribbage Congress** Tournament Director for Nebraska

Editorial 'disgusting'

The chutzpah in your editorial against tax funds going to Commonwealth depositors (Daily Nebraskan, March 5) left me breathless. There are thousands of working class people from the Wyoming line to the Mormon Bridge who regard any tax money for your university in general and your newspaper in specific to be a swindle and an offensive waste of their taxes.

I have taken spiritual and intellectual nourishment from your newspaper for a generation now. Editors come and go. And yet one theme has remained constant: an enthusiasm to fasten on the public for any passing scheme or fancy to fatten the bones around the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Three groups could profit from a tour of real Nebraska. I urge your staff, the AAUP union whiners, and the local country club set that wants millions for an arts center to confer with the 80-yearold former middle class Lincoln resident now on food stamps as a result of the Commonwealth crime and the state's malfeasance. This is a poor state, but it isn't so poor as to be without some shred of honor. Your editorial was disgusting. I will remember it fondly when next you blubber about funds for hog barns and the English professors.

Hal Gildersleeve associate professor **UNL Libraries**

Fresh opinions needed

There is an ever increasing wave of conservativism in our country at the present time. The policies of the Reagan administration display a conservative, apathetic ideology towards the poor, disadvantaged, and minority.

In my perception, conservative elements in our society would have us heading back to the "Dark Ages" of societal development and government policy. It is my belief that to be a 100 percent conservative means monotony, boredon., and stuffiness.

On the university campus as well as throughout our fair nation, there is a need for a diversity of opinion to counterbalance the Reagan ideologies. My call is to the disadvantaged, oppressed, and diversified to stand up and speak out for your cause. Do not be afraid of the conservative element, for that is exactly what they wish.

Freedom of speech and expression are something we must exercise, or else lose these fundamentals. Rodney Allen Bell II

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Still. I think a new compromise must be devised to replace the old one. We need a careful formula to raise the threshold for unrestricted abortions, while allowing exceptions. Nancy Rhoden, an assistant professor of law at Ohio State University, has suggested a cutoff date of 20 weeks, except for serious genetic defects or maternal health problems. There are difficulties with such a law - who decides which exceptions? - but it reflects a need to revise our ethical guidelines, acknowleging the claims of both woman and fetus.

In any such revision, we still have to confront this central moral ambivalence about abortion. Compromise is not a cop-out; neither is ambivalence a

weakness. It is appropriate. We are twice as likely to accept abortion if the woman has been raped or carries a deformed fetus than if, as a married woman, her contraceptive has failed.

The age of the fetus is another piece of that "situation." As Frances Kissling, the head of Catholics for a Free Choice, says: "We are always weighing values.
As the fetus develops we need more compelling reasons to justify abort-

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the life of the fetus over the life of the

woman. There are hard-liners who

regard the fetus with no more concern

For a long time, we cloaked this

ambivalence behind an argument

about "viability." But now at a rare

moment of vulnerability in the har-

dened debate over abortion, we have a

chance to openly discuss this process

of moral decision-making, to honestly

talk about the inherent conflict in an

unwanted pregnancy. We have to ad-

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