



Letters

B-ball for breakfast

Concerning the column "Pro basketball season stretched to infinity" by John Kopetzky (Daily Nebraskan, May 1):

I read your (yawn, yawn) article Tuesday. When I woke up, I turned on the tube and began to watch some pro basketball.

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Greeks 'having fun'

Yes, Kate Moran, I am replying to your ignorant letter (Daily Nebraskan, April 30) which I read with a humorous, but disgruntled attitude. I, too, walked out of the Nebraska Union last Tuesday afternoon and saw — oh, beware — people having fun!

This wasn't a blatant act of racism. These "boys" were merely preparing for a party (and you undoubtedly are aware of it) titled "Islander." I do not think that because of a few individuals who "unknowingly" participated in a "racist" act, the entire Greek system should be labeled racist. I am sure that if you were invited to the party, you would not have taken offense.

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Freedom of speech?

Wednesday, I watched a classical "Bible Beater" preach his message outside the union. His message was typical and, of course, the crowd that had gathered around him was there for entertainment rather than to be "saved" as the preacher would have desired. Nevertheless, the sermon continued. The content of the speech held my interest little due to the overbearing mood of hostility presented by the students. I was amazed.

In the half hour that I attended, I saw a fairly random sample of this "educated" student body express themselves most barbarically. The assault

began slowly by a few crowd members using one-liners to blatantly degrade the speaker. Shortly after the mood was set, the crowd closed the circle that had been the stage and entrapped the speaker. Shouts of conquest and victory rose from the crowd as they converged like a pack of dogs. The man was forced to take refuge on a nearby bench, but security was not offered there. On numerous occasions he was pushed from the bench only to rise again. More than once his clothes were pulled at in a provocative manner. Suppressive fingers jabbed his chest with spurious authority. The man's face was splattered with a piece of pie.

Now, fun is fun, but where is freedom of speech? Disagreement is healthy and intelligent, but where is consideration? I didn't feel the man posed any threat to us students, and we did have the right to walk away. How old are we anyway?

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Proximity important

I am responding to Jeff Goodwin's editorial "China," (Daily Nebraskan, May 3). Goodwin lacks any basic understanding of President Reagan's visit to China. Goodwin has proven himself to be anything but a practical writer. He showed a very anti-capitalistic attitude toward the United States and a total misunderstanding toward foreign policy, and how it is carried out. He claimed that Reagan has considered the Republic of China as no threat to U.S. security and that he condemned the nation of Nicaragua as a threat. Since Goodwin openly disagrees with this statement, he has shown his lack of understanding of America's real security need.

The nation of China is thousands of miles away and offers vast economic power for the United States. The nation of Nicaragua is only a few hundred miles from the United States and could prove a vast threat if communist influence were to rule it indefinitely.

For someone who claims to be a writer, Goodwin obviously didn't bother to think before he wrote his column.

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Soviets still a threat

In response to Eric Peterson's column, "Truth, lies and Ronald Reagan" (Daily Nebraskan, May 3). I think he should dig a little deeper before he begins slamming Reagan and his concern over Central America. I have a couple of friends who, with their families, are missionaries in Guatemala. They are very close to the situation and are daily watching what is going on, even within their own government.

One of them was in the United States last year, telling many people he talked to that things are much more serious than journalists want to believe. The Soviets are just as much a threat to the United States now as they were in the 50s. Regarding any peace talks and tactics used by Soviet leaders, people can believe nothing they say but everything they do.

I would encourage Peterson to open his eyes to sources other than fellow-journalists and reporters who are influenced by the left. If he values his freedom, he should start doing what he can to support in his writing those who are trying to protect it (i.e., fighting against the spread of communism in Central America). Try living in the Soviet Union or Central America sometime. Speak out publicly against one of their leaders and watch what happens. Your opinion of Reagan and what he stands for may change a bit.

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