

letters to the editor

Pro-choice logic fogs issue

May I take this opportunity to comment on Ellen Goodman's article that appeared in the 4/29/81 issue of the Daily Nebraskan? Her arguments concerning the Human Life Bill will obviously lead readers to inaccurate conclusions and should be corrected.

Ms. Goodman's observation that what the scientists agreed upon in the Senate hearings is that human "biological" life does indeed begin at conception is the very fact that the pro-life movement has been declaring since 1973. As she stated, "even the most ardent pro-choice advocates will willingly confess that he or she was once a zygote." What Ms. Goodman and other pro-choice people do not understand is that there is no significant difference between a human zygote, a human infant, a human child, a human adolescent, and a human adult. The scientific name, zygote, or the realistic name, unborn child, is the name of the first stage of human development. Human beings deserve the protection of their right to life at every stage of development. Abortion is not a "fierce, unabating . . . controversy" over who has more claim to protection, the unborn child or the mother, there is no controversy, both persons deserve equal claim to protection.

In another statement, Ms. Goodman argues that, "The Human Life raises a host of sticky constitutional issues about the relationship between Congress and the courts." Again this is misleading and false. Precedent was set on the voting-rights legislation in which Congress went further than the courts did in outlawing the practices of certain states. Again and again, pro-choice advocates try to cloud the central issue of whether or not the unborn child is a person. Need a person have to meet certain "complex legal and philosophical terms" in order to be defined as a human being? Using this logic, what segment of people will be the next to be crossed off the human being list? the elderly? the handicapped?

Douglas Novak
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President

Statement was not criticism

In an article about the new lounges in east Lincoln which appeared in the March 5, Daily Nebraskan, I was quoted as the manager of the Neighbors Lounge as saying, "I think people are tired of the downtown bar scene, and the lounges out here provide a welcome change."

I feel that I was misinterpreted and that the statement was used out of context, therefore many people took this statement as a criticism of the downtown bars and lounges.

In the conversation with the reporter, I did comment that for a variety of reasons such as the hustle and bustle, the crowds, poor parking facilities, etc., many people have grown tired of the downtown bar scene and for those people who are tired of it, the lounges in east Lincoln have a lot to offer.

I worked in the downtown area as a bar manager for many years, and I know the downtown area is "alive and kicking" and the bars are full of excitement.

Stan Goes

Ball goes from left to right

In bowling, there's a term called overcorrection. It happens when the bowler rolls the ball down one gutter, then corrects it by rolling it down the other gutter.

Overcorrection may apply to the last election. We took the ball out of the "left" gutter and decided to roll it down the "right" gutter with Reagan. We asked for it.

Robert L. Gilliam
Senior, Geography

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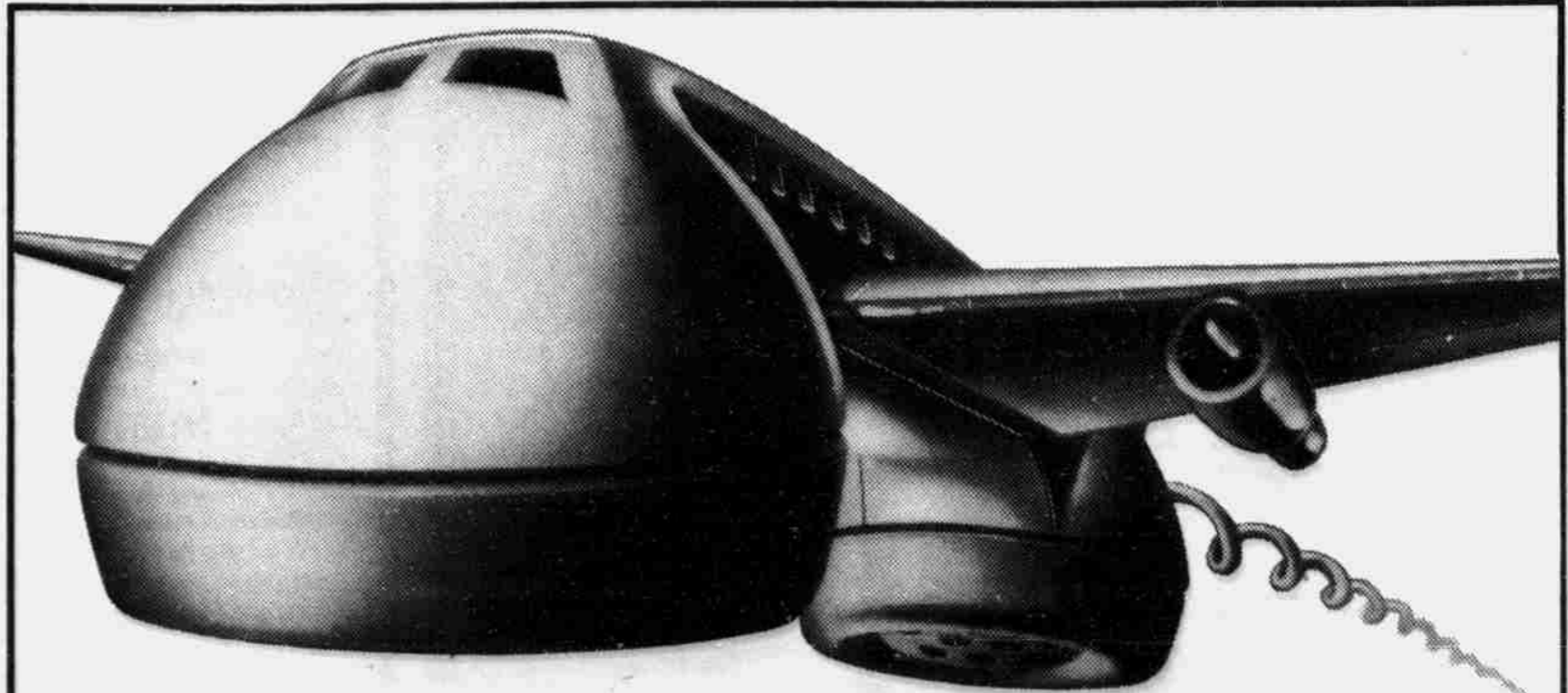
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