



Letters

Mondale is better pick

Concerning your editorial "United States needs a leader, not Mondale," (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 5), the one thing America does not need more than it does not need Walter Mondale as the next president is to see Ronald Reagan in another term as president.

You are correct when you state that the economy seems to be on the mend (statistically). But, I challenge you not to get lost in the haze of cloudy smoke the Reagan administration pumps out daily. Certainly, the economic indicators may be slowly on the rise; but, on the rise for whom, definitely not for any of the minority groups in America.

You really know how to pick 'em. Reagan has been advocating New Wave Racism (changing the scope from that of black and white terms to that of an economic basis) from the very beginning of his early campaigns for president. Though the terminology has changed, the underlying truth remains the same

— the Reagan administration has sent the progressive clock backwards, concerning the advancement of minority groups (and the advancement of people in general). This translates into political bias.

Indeed, as the editor of the Daily Nebraskan, how can you be so blind to what is really happening today, economically or socially? Your naviete is stunning if not outright comical. Someone needs to disassemble your imitation Mickey Mouse Pen (a tainted version of a Walt Disney Production, no less) to hender further scribblings of such utter stupor.

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Facts misinterpreted

The front page story about welfare cases (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 26), was an unfortunate example of not gathering the facts of a news story properly. The reporter interviewed me via the telephone about one week before the story appeared, which should have given him enough time to re-verify anything in his story that he was unsure of.

I would like to point out just a few of the errors in the story. First, the 15,699 figure was the August Aid to Dependent Children cases, not dollars. The correct numbers are 15,699 cases, and \$5,006,585 in expenditures for the month of August. These numbers make a better story as well as an accurate one. I did not say "no Department or Agency examines the reasons behind such fluctuations." I think a more accurate quote might have been, "I cannot explain the continued increases in ADC, and I do not know if anyone can."

The last sentence of the seventh paragraph is a complete misinterpretation of what we were talking about. We never discussed a time lapse between the

need and application; what we did discuss was a "lagging" indicator between the unemployment rate and a drop in welfare cases, because the welfare clients are normally not the first ones to get rehired when economic conditions get better. I do not know where the reporter came up with the paragraph on Medicaid. Some of the statements are true, but they have little or no relationship to each other.

Needless to say, I am disappointed in the story as it was written, since it has my name and the department's attached to it. I can only hope in the future your reporters can do a better job of gathering their facts.

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Shame on James Watt

In regards to the column concerning James Watt (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 5): you've finally done it. I thought the columnist's last article to be unsurpassable but with this one, she has truly achieved the zenith of mongoloid reasoning. She lambasts Watt for saying that the board is made up of two blacks, a woman, a jew and a cripple. Of course the board is made up of two blacks, a woman, a jew and a cripple but never mind that. How dare he state that fact! Doesn't that pig-headed bigot realize that we never achieve true equality until we refuse to acknowledge differences between people? For shame, James!

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