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## letters to the editor

After reading the editorial on "the right to choose abortion," I felt compelled to speak out.

People generally miss the gravity of what abortion means to our society.

Pro-abortionists in this world (they're not just in the U.S.) reflect perhaps the greatest of all kinds of selfishness.

They are selfish in that for their own convenience, they choose to kill the child. The child may not physically resemble anything, or it may not by the Supreme Court definition be officially old enough to be labeled a human being, but the seed of that child exists within the parents minds.

To abort means to kill or eliminate that concept of a human being.

Blindness to this fact is just a result of selfishness. Selfishness is probably the reason for the pregnancy.

The result of this kind of societal selfishness is not greater individual freedom, but self-extinction. Everyone will agree by which we live.

in death.

Our environment is rapidly swirling

Please, respect life. That's all we have left!

Harry Berggren

## 'Bottle bill' urged

The Agriculture and Environment Committee of the Nebraska Legislature will be considering LB818, the "bottle bill", Friday.

For more than six years the Legislature has considered legislation of this type.

Nebraskans now support this measure three to one. Without question the time has come for passage of this legislation. However, some senators may need some encouragement to remind them that their constituency supports LB818.

Please remember that pop and beer are cheaper per ounce in returnable containers. Non-returnable containers cost you four ways: 1. for the contents, 2. for the containers, 3. for the container's disposal, and 4. for the litter collection.

The annual cost is estimated in excess of \$350 million for litter cleanup.

Nebraskans spend more than \$200,000 through taxes each year for litter cleanup. It is important to remember that nonreturnable bottles and cans compose a large portion of this litter.

Through the use of returnable bottles for beer and pop, we as Americans spend more than 1 percent of the total U.S. energy budget totaling more than 150,000 barrels of oil per day. Returnables significantly would save energy.

Contrary to the contentions of the bottlers and canners, a returnable policy would create more jobs. This has been proven in Oregon where a similar bill has been in effect since 1972.

Conservation of basic resources is becoming a national priority. Yet each year only 2.6 percent of throw-away bottles ever get recycled.

Assuming an 88 percent reduction in throwaways, nearly 70 tons per day of litter would be kept from our roads, parks and landfills.

The case for returnables goes on and on. It has been tested successfully in Ore-

gon. You can help make this badly needed legislation a reality.

Your attendance at the Public Hearing this Friday a 2 p.m. in the State Capitol 2230 can make the difference.

If you would like to become more active in this legislation, please call NUPIRG, 472-2448, or visit Nebraska Union 117.

## **Donald Macke**

## Letters wanted

I am a resident of the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, which is maximum security.

I haven't any friends in the outside world. Therefore, I don't receive correspondence from anyone.

I am young and intelligent, plus I have many interests. I can write interesting letters, if only I had someone to correspond with.

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