

letters
to the editor

The unsigned letter (right) was sent to the parents of Alicia Blumer, a freshman music major, along with a letter Alicia wrote to the editor printed in the Jan. 27 Daily Nebraskan.

The letter to the editor said, in essence, that once everything is considered, "What's left besides abortion?"

In response, Dixie Blumer wrote the following to the Daily Nebraskan:

Dear "human being" and all others who choose to read this:

I am against abortion, except in cases of rape, incest, when the pregnancy endangers the mother's life and perhaps some other extreme situations.

I also do not advocate premarital sex, although there are many people who do.

My daughter, Alicia, knows how I feel, but I cannot dictate to her what her beliefs shall be. Nor can you, "human being," dictate to me and my daughter, much less to the whole nation. We can only share our concern.

We are a free society, and that is why our abortion laws allow the woman to de-

Dear Mr./Mrs. Blumer,

Too bad no one ever taught your daughter that murder and abortion are one of the same kind. Maybe you better teach her before the Lord does.

A human being

side what will be done to her body. The U.S. Constitution provides protection only for citizens, not the unborn.

However, that does not mean the church, social workers, and the medical profession can abdicate their responsibility to provide guidance.

In pre-abortion counseling, every woman should be told that having an abortion is more than having an appendix removed—it is a human life with the potential to grow into an adult which will be taken from her body. How important is that potential human being?

I want to recognize that there are persons in this modern country of ours who are not aware of the relationship between the act of sexual intercourse and having a baby. There is a great need for responsible

sex education and birth control education.

When a woman enters into that relationship called sex, she readily accepts all the goodies. But is she also ready to accept the responsibility of a child? She should be. She should know it can happen, even when using modern contraceptive methods.

And if it does, abortion is not the only answer, as Alicia suggests. Abortion should be considered only as a last resort, not a first option.

To the young marrieds who want to wait a year or two or more before having a child or to decide if they want any at all, and to the unmarried couples in love, who find themselves confronted with unwanted pregnancy, I ask this question: Do you want to destroy that life which was conceived in your love for each other?

Having a baby will force you to rearrange your priorities, but with faith in yourselves and your love for each other, you'll make it—you really will.

And you'll have the love and joy of that individual you might have chosen to destroy by an abortion.

For you who are just having a little fun, are promiscuous, it will be much more difficult. You, too, must assume the responsibility for your actions.

Your unwanted baby, if allowed to be born, may be wanted by some childless

couple.

The poor and the woman on welfare, too, have a responsibility for human life.

Life is full of hard knocks. Meeting them head on, with the greatest courage one can muster, will make a more mature, wiser and fuller human being than taking what seems to be the easy way.

My daughter had the courage to sign her name to an article in a public newspaper.

"Human being" did not have even the courtesy to sign his or her name to the personal note written to me and my husband.

Maybe the Lord, in all His wisdom, is teaching Alicia. I hope so.

Concerned mother
of four young adults,
Dixie Blumer
Blair, Neb.

Gay Action group funding

In the Jan. 25 Daily Nebraskan, Regent Ed Schwartzkopf cited incorrect information.

The UNL Gay Action Group does not receive funds from student fees.

During the '75-'76 and '76-'77 school years we were allocated \$500 a year.

These funds were used to pay the telephone bill of the Gay Rap Line, a crisis/counseling line.

All telephone answerers volunteered their time for no pay.

During the '77-'78 fees allocation, the Gay Action Group was allocated about \$400. But because of pressure from the Board of Regents, the group was dropped from all funding.

The Gay Action Group is now self-sufficient but maintains no crisis line.

We do maintain a Rap Group at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

We welcome anyone interested in the problems of gays, whether or not they are gay.

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NU Gay Action Group



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