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to the editor

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It is good that the Daily Nebraskan publishes pieces critical of Zionism and sympathetic to the Palestinian plight and other Arabs. Surely such an agonizing issue deserves all the careful thought we can give it. However, I am certain that Brian Thompson's piece on this subject (Guest editorial, May 1) can serve no positive function. Thompson has tried to paint an in-depth picture of a complex subject by smearing large amounts of black and white paint across a crazily-shaped canvas. The white paint represents Palestinians and Arabs. The black paint represents Zionists and Jews. I must point out that Thompson's resulting picture taken as a whole is hysterical nonsense. One assumes that a senior philosophy major knows some of the rudiments of logic and the principles of bad and propagandistic argument. Thompson has not learned to apply them—in regard to this subject, anyhow.

Mordecai Marcus  
English professor

Pity

I too thought National Blue Jeans Day was a political suicide move by gays, but I must say that one can't be too surprised by the UNL reaction to NBJD.

I feel totally appalled by these God-fearing, all-obeying persons, who feel they can speak for the Almighty.

I feel pity for the person who made the statement: "Anyone who believes in God can say that homosexuality and lesbianism are wrong." (Letters, April 26) I feel sorry for him not only because he feels he can expound on God's words, but for being so insecure to go out of the way to not wear a "cursed" pair of blue jeans.

I, too, am proud of people who stand up for their rights, no matter what their ideas may be. But I feel sorry for the pathetic way some people had to strike out at others to feel more secure in their own beliefs.

Not afraid to sign my name  
Dawn Brackett  
Freshman, English and broadcasting

Day of infamy

April 27, 1978: a date which will live in infamy. On this day, Ralph Nader became the last student-funded speaker at UNL.

The student right to freedom on this campus is threatened by a bombardment of restrictions from close-minded individuals.

Our "liberal" education is at stake when contact with varying viewpoints are considered wrong. If we are to be deprived of "political" speakers, then what happened to freedom of speech? If competent, enthusiastic, interesting and nationally recognized people like Ralph Nader are not considered proper for student education, who is?

How can UNL forbid speakers when government is an integral part of every U.S. citizen's life?

If students are to suffer serious deprivation of others' views, is it right to stop with speakers? Next semester, students will pay \$23.50 per credit hour for many classes that will expose varying political views and ideas. Perhaps all professors should undergo

intense questioning to prevent infiltration of questionable opinions.

Freedom of speech must be balanced by a freedom to listen.

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