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Another reaction was that of the student who shouted to a Palestinian heckler, "GO HOME!"

Little did this student realize it, but he hit upon the essential point of conflict in the Mideast: The Palestinians cannot go home!

Their homes are occupied by people like the Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who is from Eastern Europe.

If this American student is truly concerned about visitors in foreign countries who abuse their hospitality, then I suggest he direct his remark to Mr. Begin who, incidentally, immigrated illegally into what was then known as Palestine.

Generally the American reaction was that Mr. Rabin should not have been heckled. And I agree.

But one has to remember that the Arab reaction was not prompted by a desire to deny free speech. After all, foreigners living in America soon become inured to the pro-Israeli propaganda put out by the news media and our politicians.

No, the Arab reaction was prompted by the presence of Mr. Rabin himself. This was the man who in 1967 led the Israeli army in its conquest of Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian territory.

This was the man who caused the creation of 500,000 more Palestinian refugees.

When Rudolph Hess went to England to propose peace during WWII, he was not granted free speech but was put in jail.

Can one blame the Arabs if they are tempted to respond in the same manner as the English?

Krishna Madan
Senior, International Affairs
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Stadium opposition urged

The Council of E. F. Schramm Hall on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus is asking the NU Board of Regents to rescind their decision to build a \$5 million to \$6 million, 9,000 seat expansion to Memorial Stadium. We are acting in support of other concerned student groups, particularly the Residence Hall Association, and to encourage the exchange of views on university issues.

We feel, first of all, that the stadium expansion is unnecessary, since we already have the largest stadium in the Big Eight. The expansion is financially unsound, being dependent on sellout crowds for several seasons into the future. The expansion is also unattractive—for the campus, for the students and faculty who will have to live through its construction, and for what it says about priorities at UNL.

Secondly, we object to the timing of the proposal. The regents approved the expansion at their January meeting, during the semester break, when students were not around to effectively discuss the issue and express their views.

Most importantly, we believe that the regents do not concentrate enough on improving the quality of education at UNL. The time, energy, determination, money and other resources of the people of Nebraska put into the design and building of an expansion to Memorial Stadium could be better used in the design and building of a stronger academic program at UNL.

We ask students, parents, and all Nebraskans to keep informed and urge the regents to help us build a better university, not a bigger stadium, for the benefit of the parents and the future of Nebraska.

The Schramm Hall Council

Kelly clear up

There are some things that need to be cleared up concerning the Down One For Kelly promotion that was begun on campus last week.

Down One For Kelly was originally intended to orient the students at UNL that there is legislation intended to raise the drinking age from 19 to 21. We hope to do this by planning activities that would be interesting to students and would receive a large turnout. We do this in hopes of mobilizing a good number of people on campus who may care about this legislation but are not aware of what they can do to help.

Down One For Kelly is not intended as a personal attack on the senator. The name was merely used as an eye-catching slogan that many students would know. We too share in the concern that Mr. Kelly has

shown for increases in alcohol related traffic accidents. We further admire him for the tremendous amount of time he has devoted on the bills.

We are an independent group of concerned students. Although we do fully support the efforts of ASUN in their attempts to defeat the bill, in no way are we affiliated with them.

Finally, we encourage all university students to write their state senators and tell them of their concern on LB's 221 and 350.

We hope this has cleared up some of the confusion.

Down One For Kelly
Larry Novak

Death penalty proponent

My heart bleeds for Sen. Chambers and Assistant Professor Gardner for their opinions on the death penalty.

Professor Gardner states that "the form of capital punishment in Nebraska is particularly barbaric, and may be unconstitutional under new court rulings relating to cruel and unusual punishment."

Bull! Capital punishment for criminals is not barbaric, in contrast to the method of death that a victim has suffered by the actions of a criminal condemned to die; the punishment is merciful and quick.

Another statement which was made about new court rulings related to the death penalty and its enactment, to the fullest limit of the law, might be unconstitutional, is also in my opinion, Bull!

The Supreme Court of the State of Nebraska has an honest and moral duty to review the penalty should any new rulings be handed down from the Supreme Court of the United States.

Since to my knowledge, this has not been the case, Mr. Gardner's comments which venture that the existing law is unconstitutional and should be abolished, are unfounded and display on his part little moral consciousness. In my opinion, that same lack of consciousness is displayed by Sen. Chambers in his arguments.

I believe that only after the death penalty is carried out for those persons condemned to die, will there ever be any evidence for determining if the penalty of death is a deterrent to those crimes which that penalty is one method of punishment.

David Eric Moeller

Indecisive attitude

Mr. Don Lieneman's statement concerning the U.S. Constitution, the word of God, and "the direction we have at the state level" really blew me away. Such logic and such narrow interpretation of the Bible on an issue as important as the death penalty should be avoided. Hopefully no one took him seriously.

All civilizations have dealt with the punishment of major crimes in ways depending on the attitude of its leaders and people. Looking at the indecision on this subject, (the death penalty), by our leaders, and by us, it seems that we are not quite ready for a law of this nature, although we already have one. I wish Sen. Chambers luck in his effort to strike it from the books.

Bob Nelles

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