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In concluding, the author of the article I am responding to and America as a whole should be appreciative towards Mr. Young and Rev. Jackson. They compensate for the lack of imagination and intelligence in American international policy. Mr. Young and Rev. Jackson are the last of a great breed. Others that will follow Mr. Young and Rev. Jackson will not be so helpful and obliged to criticism.

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Abortion discussed

A strange happening in Omaha was reported by the *Omaha World Herald* on Oct. 9, 1979. A Dr. C.J. La Benz was routinely going about the business of aborting a fetus when, unexpectedly, out came a live infant. How this "live infant" came to be where it was was not explained, but perhaps an investigation is in order. What did the "live infant" do with the "fetus" which should have been there? Was this infant part of a conspiracy to embarrass poor Dr. La Benz? Perhaps these questions will never be answered, since Dr. La Benz courteously did not interfere with the infant's right to die, which it chose to exercise 2½ hours later. Said the doctor: "I feel very badly. That is the last thing I would ever want to happen to any patient or the medical personnel involved." Indeed; how rude of that "live infant" to show up. When one has bought into the abortion business, live birth is truly a disaster.

How is it that our respect for life, our concern for those who cannot care for themselves has fallen so low that there is only remorse for the "patient" and the "medical personnel", and none for the children who pay the ultimate price to protest our "right" to be economically well off or free of inconveniences in our life-styles?

In the recent past we were fed on the idea that a "sexual revolution" would somehow solve almost any sort of ill. Now we see the fruit of that revolution in terms of rampant venereal disease, yearly unwed teenage pregnancies in the hundreds of

thousands, skyrocketing divorce figures, no decrease in rape and other sex crimes, increased homosexuality, etc. But question the merit of the revolution? Never. Unwanted pregnancies? Well, if contraception cannot do the job, then we will no longer inhibit abortion. And today contraception in this country fails 1,000,000 times each year. How long will people continue to ignore this slaughter in our midst? How long will people comfort themselves by playing word games, calling the same organism a "fetus" if the parents decide to abort and a "baby" if they decide to keep it? Life is life and if one form of humanity does not deserve protection and respect, then no form does.

In the last century, the United States Supreme Court upheld the idea that black people are chattel property in the Dred Scott decision. In this century, in the 1973 *Rowe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions, the unborn were left with non-person status by the court. But as the former case reminds us, the court is not an infallible guide to truth. The *World Herald* story mentioned above only serves to illustrate how tragic the 1973 decision was.

The *Nebraskan* was bombarded with outraged letters at the thought of two men allegedly being denied a seat in a poetry class, and that is well; I'm sure it was a painful experience. We will never be able to ask that nameless "live infant" what it experienced as it died. But perhaps we will find the courage to ask ourselves why there was so little outrage over this greater crime.

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Correction

The Daily Nebraskan ombudsman incorrectly stated Friday in his column that Catherine Kidwell does not visit the Women and Poetry class. She does visit the class.

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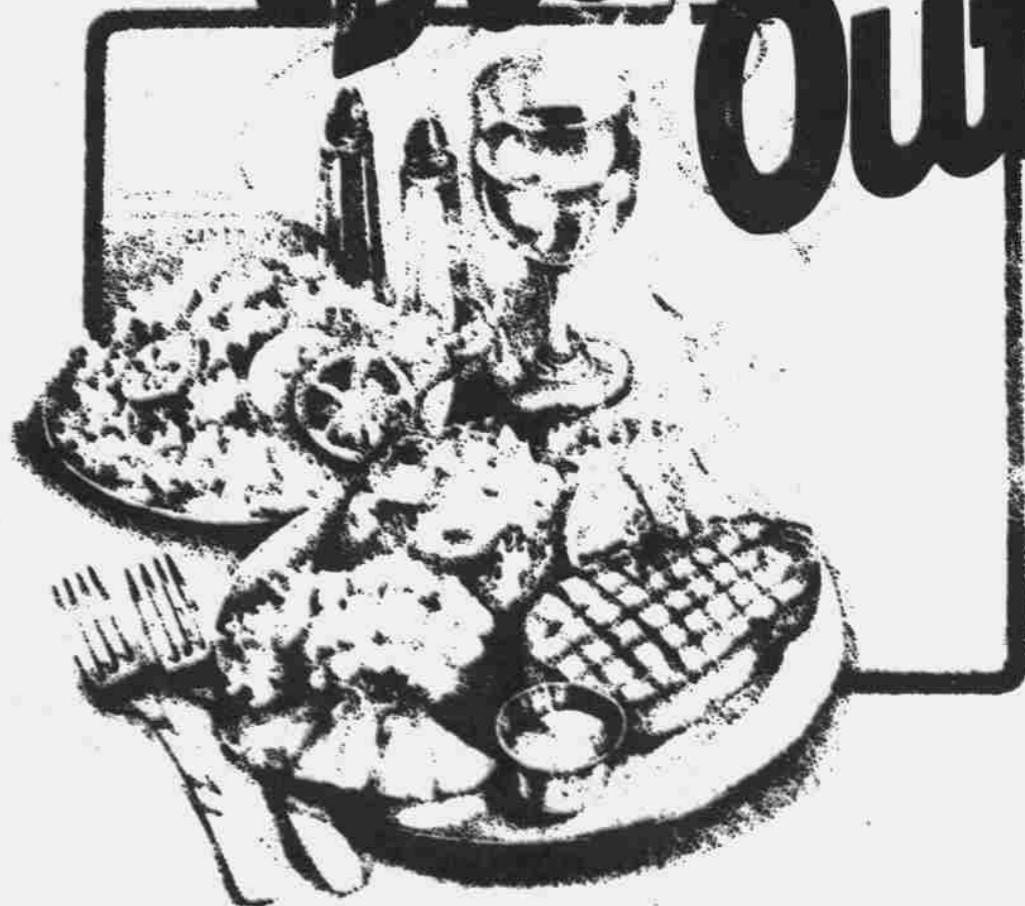
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