

letters to the editor

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Maybe I've misinterpreted Mr. Essex's comments somehow. Then again maybe I didn't. Possibly it is the liberal view that to be effective and respected around this world we have to be the No. 1 patsy. That is what I oppose in the liberal philosophy. That is why I voted for Ronald Reagan.

It's time we stopped allowing other nations of the world to step all over us, and show them we care deeply about what is ours. I truly believe that is how we can get other nations to respect us and to have any chance of them liking us.

Tom Shelton  
Freshman, journalism

Errors clarified

I would like to take this opportunity to correct two major errors in the Nov. 5 Daily Nebraskan. In an article concerning Willie Watters' complaint against Randy Essex, Daily Nebraskan editor, in UNL student court, Patti Gallagher wrote that: Coe . . . sent a letter to the Daily Nebraskan in May. The letter alluded to was, in fact, sent by Mr. Coe to former Daily Nebraskan editor Harry Allen "Rocky" Strunk.

In the second instance, Ms. Gallagher writes that a 1973 Nebraska Supreme Court decision supports the Daily Nebraskan's independence in the area of editorial policy. This too is wrong. For clarification I quote from Larson vs. Board of Regents, 189 Neb. 688, the Supreme Court said: "Where a university newspaper is supported by mandatory student fees, or by other university funds, reasonable supervision is required by the university authorities, with a view to promoting and permitting the reflection of a broad spectrum of university life and reasonable representation of the various aspects of student thought and action."

It is hoped that in the future, the Publications Board might exercise this supervision when editors err against students.

Jeremiah M. Murphy  
Junior, Political Science

Keep displays up

"By all means, take time to be alone—learn what thy soul doth wear." This statement, found on a poster at the Nebraska Student Union, clearly expresses a thoughtful sentiment. It is ironic that someone liked the quotation so much that the poster was stolen last Saturday. Certainly, there is a dichotomy between that person's ideals and actions.

The poster was placed on the Student Organization Information Board to let people discover more about the ideals of ECKANKAR. Our student group would like to reach out to people who are trying to make sense out of some of life's basic,

personal questions, but are not getting satisfying answers from traditional sources.

Everyone has more to learn about life because there is no such thing as a stopping point. The person that stole the poster is a symbol to each of us to take some time to look within and become more aware of the many lessons that there are to look at.

We intend to continue to display attractive posters with our information about ECKANKAR because they are a valuable form of communication. It is our request that everyone take some time to learn a little about our group and help us keep our display for others.

Keith Larsen  
Graduate College

'Not in our hands'

To all the people writing the recent letters concerning abortion, I have one question: Is abortion murder or isn't it? This is what the whole question of abortion comes down to. If abortion IS murder, the age of the mother, the marital status of the mother, the condition of the fetus or any other "contributing factors" are beside the point.

There is no logical excuse for murder. If a child is born retarded by a single, 14-year-old girl who was raped, would anyone get by with killing the baby? Of course not, since it is born, it has a right to live. Does the fact that the baby is not born yet give anyone the right to kill that life? It shouldn't, nobody knows what that unborn baby will accomplish when alive. If it is God's will any person not live, let God take that life—it is not in our hands!

Mary Kansier  
Freshman, Accounting

Purpose defined

After being interviewed last week by one of the Daily Nebraskan reporters, I awaited the ensuing article concerning the organization I represent, the Arnold Air Society. When that article appeared (Oct. 31) I was stunned and angered at its content and structure.

I feel compelled to write not to criticize the misquotes, the lack of complete sentences, or quality of the article, but to more accurately inform your readers of the purpose and activities of my organization.

Existing at 142 colleges and universities throughout the country and composed of more than 4,100 members, the Arnold Air Society was chartered to support the Air Force, Air Force ROTC and the development of officers. Arnold Air is the only

honorary program within Air Force ROTC and membership is limited only to members of the AFROTC program. Since the Air Force and AFROTC are chartered primarily for defense-security and not advertising, one of the goals of the society is to enhance the public's opinion and increase its knowledge of the Air Force.

Structurally, the society is composed of a National Headquarters, 14 area headquarters and the 142 local squadron units. This year the National Headquarters is located at UNL. As National Headquarters, my staff and I are responsible for maintaining

the continuity of the organization this year.

I was glad to receive exposure in your publication; my disgruntlement arose because of the inaccuracies in the article and the way in which my organization was mistakenly portrayed. I imagine it is difficult to accurately describe the purpose and effectiveness of any group, however, when a five-minute telephone "interview" is used as the basis of a writer's research.

Steven D. Vick  
National Commander

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