

## letters to the editor

### Clark visit unpublicized

In his editorial on Thursday, Oct. 29, 1981, the editor of the Daily Nebraskan rags on the students of UNL for not attending the talk given by Ramsey Clark on Wednesday afternoon. The main reason for lack of attendance was not lack of student interest but a lack of publicity concerning his visit.

Nowhere in Wednesday's paper was there any mention of Ramsey Clark's visit. No ads, no news stories, no anything. Before the editor criticizes the students for not attending, maybe he ought to take a critical look at his own publication and its skimpy, if not non-existent, coverage of upcoming campus events.

Furthermore, the University Program Council should share the blame for the lack of attendance. Hopefully, in the future, speakers with similar high credentials will be afforded the publicity and subsequent attendance they deserve.

Jim Wolken  
Mark Rupert  
Tim Bledsoe

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### Editorial points vague

I am writing in response to the Oct. 27 editorial on handgun ownership, and would like to point out some points which seem to be either vague or unsubstantial.

First, the article cites a 1939 Supreme Court decision which, the editorial claims, "did not guarantee individual ownership handguns." The author states that the court ruled that it was illegal to own a shotgun having a barrel less than 18 inches long. A shotgun which fires a spread pattern of many lethal projectiles compared to a single projectile fired from a pistol. Although both are potentially lethal weapons, a small, concealed shotgun is much more capable of hitting a target than a handgun which requires greater proficiency to aim.

Secondly, the editorial states that a ban on handguns "would not seek to take guns away from hunters or pistol clubs and

### Democrats organized

In the Oct. 26 issue of the Daily Nebraskan, the president of the College Republicans stated that theirs is the only state-wide youth political organization.

This is untrue. The Nebraska Young Democrats are organized across the state from Omaha to Chadron. We have clubs

### Ban on rifles implied

I wonder if you realize that your Tuesday editorial includes all guns, not just handguns. You said that the Second Amendment is not absolute; you said that The Supreme Court ruled that handgun ownership is not guaranteed by the Second Amendment because they cannot be effectively used in the militia; and then, you said that people with handguns won't make any differences if the United States is invaded.

Would people armed with rifles make any difference if the United States is invaded? I fail to see the logic in your argu-

ment. antique dealers." Then it states that "hunters have no use for small handguns because of their inaccuracy." This seems to be a contradiction.

Also, any look at a hunting magazine would show that pistol hunting is a fast growing sport in many areas of the country. Many hunters can boast superior accuracy with handguns. Also, many hunters carry small sidearms in addition to a rifle to bring down wounded animal and/or to put it out of its misery. This is preferred method of killing a wounded animal rather than ruining a valuable pelt or prize rack with a second shot from a deer rifle.

I am not against refusing sale of handguns to convicted criminals, but an across-the-board ban on handgun ownership is neither feasible nor in accordance with the Constitution.

Michael Brier  
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functioning at Creighton University, UNL, UNL Law School, UNO, Wayne State, Kearney State and Chadron State. Additionally, we are organizing at the county and high school level.

Nancy Lloyd, president  
Nebraska Young Democrats

ment.

Perhaps you can see where your argument would naturally lead. I know you didn't come right out and say you are against the ownership of rifles as well as handguns, but your editorial sure implies it.

To say that the Second Amendment applies only to the militia and that the founders of this nation did not intend for every citizen to have their own weapon for personal use means the total disarming of every U.S. citizen.

John Kube  
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### Petition supports rights

This is in reply to a letter to the editor that appeared in the Oct. 23 Daily Nebraskan. The College Republicans' petition in support of the people of Poland is just that, support of the people of Poland's struggle to gain personal freedoms. It has nothing to do with support for or against unions either here or in Poland.

As for the PATCO strike, President Reagan made it clear that there was no strike. The air traffic controllers signed an agreement that they could not walk off the job. When they did, they were in violation of their contractual agreement and were terminated.

There is no double standard here. The College Republicans petition is in support of the basic rights of freedom of speech, association and religion for the people of Poland. That includes formation of unions. The College Republicans are not anti-union in the United States. They support the president and his legal duty to terminate federal employees who walk off the job illegally.

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