



Letters

Unbiased views needed

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"One week from today, UNL students will go to the polls and cast their votes for ASUN Senate president and first vice president. They will be choosing the people who in the coming year will fight the battles and lead the charges for student causes" (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 24, 1982).

Hopefully this decision will be a responsible one based on fact. I believe the unidentified author of this idea hopes so too, but the Daily Nebraskan staff cannot hope to improve the decision-making process by printing blatantly opinionated, unsigned editorials espousing one particular candidate.

The "Wedekind deserves presidency" editorial epitomizes shoddy journalistic practices. The editorial was printed without byline or signature, and if the author of the article was given anywhere in the paper it was not readily visible. How can the editorial staff expect to promote responsible decision-making when students cannot judge the validity of the information source?

Furthermore, since the Daily Nebraskan is the only large publication serving UNL, it is the public forum for political discussion and debate. If the Daily Nebraskan desires to truly serve the student body, I suggest that opposing viewpoints also be offered on the editorial page.

The students need good leadership, but leaders should be chosen by decisions based upon unbiased information. All editorials should be clearly signed, and if the Daily Nebraskan desires to print editorials espousing one particular candidate, then other opinions also should be offered.

The Daily Nebraskan bears the burden of being the only major student publication, and therefore, responsible decision-making by student voters begins with the responsible presentation of information by the Daily Nebraskan editorial staff.

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I think it takes more maturity and responsibility to go to Planned Parenthood to get contraception devices rather than to wonder a couple of months later how the female got pregnant and what to do with the unborn child.

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Child planning defended

This letter is in response to Chris Koenig's letter (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 22) on Matthew Millea's editorial (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 19).

In Millea's editorial the pope is blamed for over population and high infant mortality. In Koenig's letter, Planned Parenthood receives all the blame for declining morals and teen-age pregnancies. Koenig says the church's reason to promote natural family planning is to "impose self control on individuals or for curbing one's emotions." The Roman Catholic Church believes only in natural contraception because of its definition of life. The Catholic Church believes as soon as conception occurs a human being, with a soul, is born. This is the reason why, and not because it curbs emotions.

In Koenig's letter it sounds like regardless of marital status it is all right to have intercourse as long as it is not to excess. As for Koenig's opinion that the Planned Parenthood philosophy is an irresponsible "Do it but don't get caught" ideal, Koenig doesn't seem to be very knowledgeable about Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood realizes teen-agers will have intercourse, no matter what society says, so Planned Parenthood is set up to at least make teen-agers responsible if they decide to have intercourse. Unwanted pregnancies or abortions are one of the things Planned Parenthood is working to eliminate.



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