

Guest
Opinion



Is it so terrible to fight for beliefs and freedoms?

Eric Peterson, in his column (Daily Nebraskan, April 4), seems to state that the option exists to "pick and choose" which war is worth fighting in. We certainly do not want to get involved in a war any more than Peterson, but we will not go to the extreme that Peterson would to avoid standing up for what we believe in.

Pick and choose what war you want to attend? Ridiculous! No one can predetermine that a particular conflict is not worth the time. Just because national security is not immediately threatened does not mean it will not be in the future.

An example? OK. Just what is the purpose for Russia's invasion of Afghanistan? Military experts state that the Russians would be in an ideal position to launch an attack on the oil fields of the Middle East. The United States has an interest there - an interest to protect that which would sustain the livelihood of its people - oil. Not worth fighting for? Then just sit in the dark with no electricity while you try to find your gasoline ration card with a flashlight.

There are things worth fighting for, and we do not realize that fact until we are deprived of those things. The most amusing line is Peterson's column is, "They saw and heard Hitler, and decided to stop him." How nice! Good thing they made the decision, huh? That was not a time to "decide" to stop Hitler, it was a time to stop him, period. No deciding about it.

We do not trust the Soviet Union in the same way. No, we don't propose a once-and-for-all showdown with the Soviet Union. We do not believe it will necessarily come to that. What we do believe is that somewhere, somehow, a war is going to occur in which we must participate to protect that which is in our nation's interest.

Peterson slants the poll, which states

that 71 percent of Americans are willing to participate in a war, by bemoaning the fact that Americans are willing to fight for what they believe in. Somehow, they are supposed to sound terrible. What is so terrible about protecting that nation, America, that we like to call the model for the world? We are gratified to hear most Americans do not take their freedoms for granted.

What burns us the most is that those who would be willing to protect their country must carry the burden so that others may sit back and enjoy the freedoms granted to all Americans without taking any of the responsibilities.

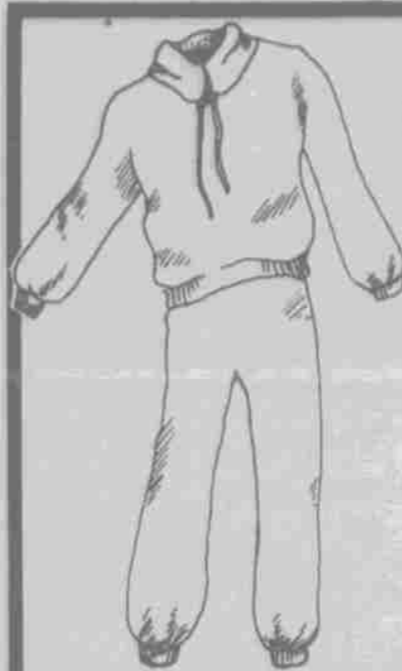
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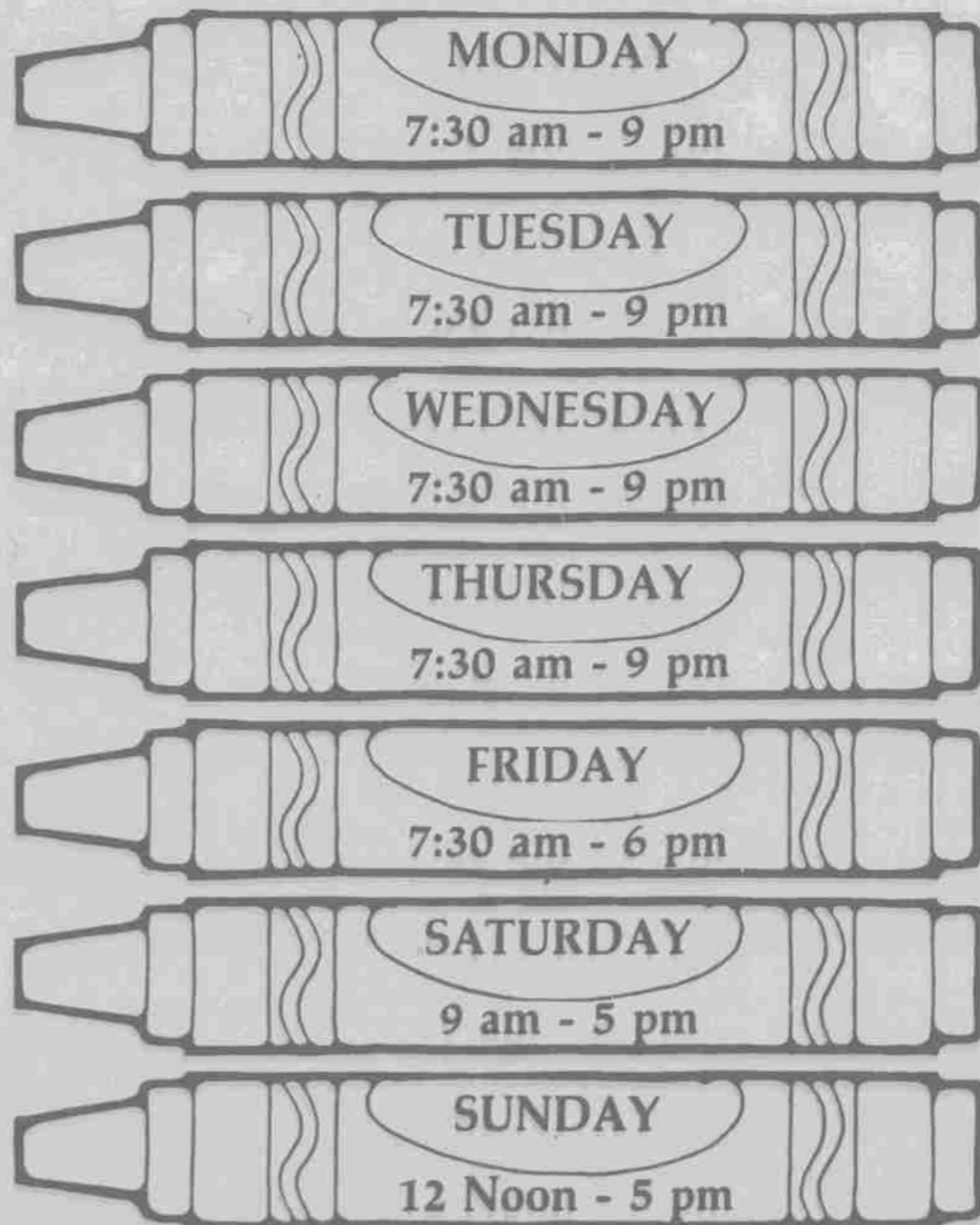
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- * Drama Performance: "Out of Our Father's House" 1:30-3:00 p.m.
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Presenter: Norma Hall, Women Involved in Farm Economics (W.I.F.E.) East Union
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Presenter: Susan Powers-Alexander, Planned Parenthood City Union
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