

**Letters**

**AAUP speaks**

The letters column of the Daily Nebraskan recently has been the forum for a debate concerning the position of the American Association of University Professors on the rights of homosexuals. Nels Forde (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 27) argues that we support "special rights" for homosexuals. In a followup letter (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 10), he dismisses replies by Scott Stebelman (Daily Nebraskan, Sept. 28) and Louis Crompton (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 3) and concludes "Let the AAUP speak for itself."

In fact, the excellent letters from Stebelman and Crompton, who are both AAUP members, accurately represents our position. Forde's efforts to present the issue as one of "special rights" completely distorts what is really involved.

The AAUP believes that hiring and termination of faculty should always be on the basis of the faculty member's competence. No one should be refused a job or fired because he or she is black, white, male, female, Moslem, Christian, heterosexual, homosexual, or for any other irrelevant reason of race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, etc.

This simple principle applies to all people and accords all of them equal

rights to be judged on the basis of competence. It has nothing to do with any "special rights" for homosexuals, heterosexuals, or any other group.

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**More than looks**

On Oct. 5, a panel discussion sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists, was conducted in the Nebraska Union Rostrum.

The news co-anchor at KETV, Carol Schrader, made the comment that women in general needed to be more concerned with their looks than men do, because society expects them to look their best and "youth and beauty are drilled into us."

I realize that appearance is important for males and females when before the public eye, however, it is sad that females must be held more responsible for their looks. Women have many more talents to offer than simply youth and beauty.

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