Letters

Cartoon 'racist, sexist'

Articles and "jokes" such as the one in the March 5 Daily Nebraskan promote and perpetuate the stereotypes forced on Hispanics and women. As one reads this "cartoon" it is evident that the Daily Nebraskan staff is not sensitive to the need to eradicate racism and violence. Such misinformation and word misuse gives your readers the wrong ideas about the characteristics and behavior of Nebraska's Hispanic population. This can have terrible repercussions in perpetrating racist and prejudicial attitudes toward minorities and women.

The fact that this newspaper was disseminated is a source of great concern. Our responsibility is to report with integrity and honesty, not only to report what we want to hear or show our biases.

Diversity of humanity is the key phrase. We live in a diverse society, and we should respect all peoples' human worth.

Lazaro Flores
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Call us irresponsible

Chris Welsch's scathing satirical attack on the beleaguered ASUN candidates (Daily Nebraskan, March 6) disappointed me a great deal.

I agree with him that the candidates tend to grope for clear, attainable goals. I also agree that a great many students consider ASUN superfluous, dull and powerless. For these reasons, they do not vote, which is fine. But to witness our student newspaper constantly deriding our student government is offensive.

It appears to me that the major problem with ASUN is a lack of student interest. This lack of interest leads to a corresponding lack of power. In order to attain any voice in student affairs, ASUN must have a formidable student backing. Therefore, it should follow, the leaders on our campus should encourage participation and stimulate interest in government, rather than participating in simple-minded criticism.

I consider it irresponsible for a student newspaper to suggest student government is dull and superfluous. This does not appear to be parallel. Perhaps if ASUN attains some legislative power it can ban the Daily Nebraskan for its dull articles and superfluous journalism. This is a learning institution: We are learning how to effectively run a student government as well as how to effectively print a student newspaper. They should be, to a point, mutually supportive.

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