

'Corporation' history varies

Groups should seek peaceful goals

The ostensibly conservative affinity for the corporation is difficult to understand. Lest misunderstanding occur, let me first set forth the appropriate and just aspect of what we call the corporation: It is the voluntary association of individuals for the peaceful pursuit of social, economic or political goals and is both abundantly permissible as well as useful. If this notice of the collective pursuit of a goal is all that is understood by the term "corporation," little proper

objection exists to its functioning. However, legally the term "corporation" has meant much more than merely peaceful and collective action.

Jim Rogers

the famous Sutton's Hospital case of 1613 when the Lord Chief Justice, Sir Edward Coke, wrote that "(a) Corporation aggregate of many is invisible, immortal and resteth only in intendment and consideration of the law."

This idea found expression in American law as well when Chief Justice John Marshall, in an 1819 decision, wrote that "a corporation is an artificial being, invisible, intangible and existing only in contemplation of law." It is this legal abstraction which has led to modern injustice. Professor Hessen, in a conservative Hoover Institution publication, writes that "the current rule that shareholders are not personally liable for corporate torts because 'it is an entity distinct from 'them' has permitted and condoned an injustice: the use of the so-called one-man corporation and the close corporation. Instead of buying enough liability insurance to cover potential tort claims, a sole proprietor forms a one-man corporation, and then it (deliberately undercapitalized and under-insured), rather than he, . . . is liable to tort victims for the acts of its employees and agents. It is an abuse long-noted and vigorously condemned in legal literature, but one which is inevitable and ineradicable as long as the idea persists that a corporation is legally a distinct entity."

Obviously then the answer to the problem of the unjust privileging of corporate wrongs is to remove the privilege and require that owners and managers, rather than the corporate "person," accept liability for wrongs which they commit. Additionally, some

sort of compensatory action, such as a modest industrial deconcentration program, may be required to rectify the structural impact which the past privileging of corporate wrongs has had in the economy.

Be this as it may, the obvious and reasonable steps are to reduce coercive governmental participation in economic associations. Peaceful and cooperative action, even on the huge scale of modern industry, should be permitted.

Nader would not permit this and instead argues for a return to the policies of the despotic past where the ability to non-violently congregate and pursue corporate goals was not a matter of right, but rather a special dispensation of the most high state.

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Letters

Student says insensitivity, ignorance pervade campus life

Recently the Daily Nebraskan published an article about insensitivity to Indians (Page 4, Sept. 20) It was a fine article and I agreed with many of the points made. But why stop there? Why not talk about the insensitivity and ignorance seen every day on our own campus: insensitivity to people of every race; insensitivity to human beings?

The other day I was in the food service building of my residence hall complex and saw a sign in the window of a room on one of the male floors. It was a red circle with a red diagonal slash across it. Inside the circle was a crude rendering of an overweight female. Underneath it, in big letters, was the phrase, "No Fat Chicks."

Sunday I saw another window sign that was equally offensive. It read "Where's the Pork?" and proceeded to list a residence hall and room number.

I saw these two examples in

one week and they are the first examples of such blatant rudeness and ignorance that I've seen since I've been in this particular complex. They are what made me so angry that I felt I had to write.

First, I have to wonder what makes these people think they need to "comment" on the physical condition of others. I don't believe the old "they're so insecure about themselves that they have to take it out on others" syndrome that has been passed around as an excuse all these years. I'm ready to attest it to just plain meanness and immaturity.

I won't restrict this letter to the "fat girl" examples. Things like this happen to both sexes and for many other reasons.

There are dogbarks for those whom the "barkers" have deemed ugly, the "escort a loser" to class game that some Greek houses play (personal experience), and many other stupid little things that serve only to hurt some people while

giving others a cheap thrill.

Is this really what college life is supposed to be like? Aren't we supposed to be heading toward adulthood now? Weren't these juvenile attitudes and games supposed to be left behind in high school? One has to wonder.

I don't really expect this letter to do a lot of good. The people I'm writing about are so crass and ignorant that even if they did read this, they wouldn't recognize themselves.

But I do want to ask a favor of those who do read this. Think before you speak; consider the results of your words. Consider how you would feel if one of these things was directed towards you. Consider.

The insensitivity and unfeeling attitudes that exist on this campus sadden and infuriate me. The only way things can change is if people change.

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