

 **Letters**

Student questions editor's fairness

I am writing in regard to senior editor Stacie Thomas's article, "Health Center's actions anger UNL student" (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 6).

In the same day's edition of the Daily Nebraskan, the services of the University Health Center's after hours clinic were outlined ("Health Center heals after hours", Jeff Korbelik, Nov. 6) and then criticized by the editor. The same staff interviewed separately for the first article were attacked by Thomas in her article. At what point does the editor's anger become a petty vendetta? Does the editor contend that these two articles, a set-up and knock-down situation, appeared in the newspaper that she edits by coincidence?

The anger that Thomas has must be blinding as well; it certainly has blinded her sense of fairness. She attacks nurses and other personnel vehemently, claiming mistreatment of her sister. No doubt she would also decry the health center as vehemently if they violated the confi-

dentiality of her sister's case to answer the charge. This is something that a nurse cannot do. Thomas has constructed a case of hearsay evidence and the accused stand unable to contest her charges.

I am an employee at a general hospital, and the irresponsibility shown by Thomas angers me. Health services, be they at student health centers or anywhere else, exist to serve the public. They have a responsibility for the people that they serve. The Daily Nebraskan also has a responsibility to the students they serve. Thomas should put her anger aside and think of her responsibility to her readers. Her article says she is not trying to discourage students from using the health center; but what purpose did it accomplish? Opinions, while emotional, should be informative and objective. Thomas' were neither. Perhaps she should learn to control her anger and to keep her opinions to herself.

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Political backlash . . .

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It was Indira's secular kinship with the Sikhs which prevented her from effective action, and for which she was repeatedly pressured in the past three years as trouble was brewing. If she died, she died because the sins of commission — and a noble one at that. It is much better than the sins of omission. As she once said, paraphrasing Lincoln, "If I have to choose between the Union and the Habeas Corpus, I will choose the Union." She paid dearly for it. It is to her brilliant leadership that India is an ocean of stability in that region. Looking at the problems of Latin American and various Asian nations, one can see how she built up the institutional structure of the country. After the United States, India has the largest network of

universities and national institutes of learning, and after United States, it has the highest corpus of foreign students getting education relevant to their countries' needs.

In fact, isn't it ironic that a Sikh should be her security guard when many of her associates felt she should not have one. She was the least religious person of all, marrying a Parsee (a minority religion of India) and ascending to her son marrying an Italian catholic, the present prime minister.

I hope her death will remind the parochial groups that violence is counter-productive.

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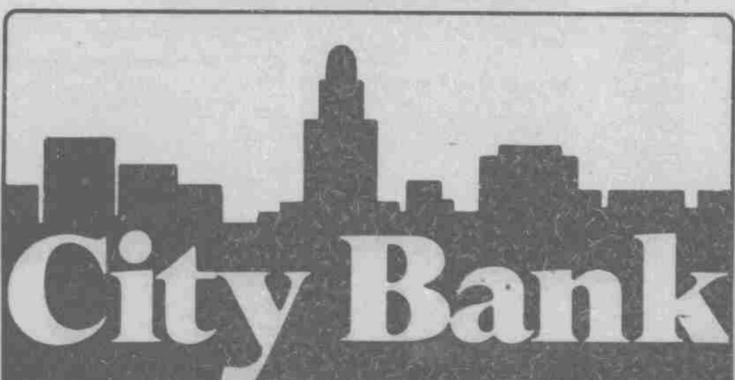
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