



Letters

Student calls black coverage stilted

As a black student at UNL, I would like to one day read thought-provoking articles in the Daily Nebraskan that deal with the sleazy conditions African-Americans and other minority groups must endure at the university.

The only prominent place where African-Americans play a significant part is in the sports section. I find this insidious and arrogant on the part of the DN.

I am serious about seeing some changes in your lily-white student newspaper. It comes as a surprise to people in my community to see young black students attend UNL and return home with their brains washed of all semblance of black culture. I cannot say that the DN is solely responsible,

although it plays a role in this cruel parody.

I graduated from UNL 12 years ago. In spite of the Utah appearance of Lincoln, there were at least some features in the newspaper to illustrate that not all blacks at UNL were indecisive gladiators.

Local newspapers are a personification of the community. Therefore, when I read racist interviews with nonentities, I know what UNL thinks of African-Americans. Although many of your token African-Americans on campus often are into other activities, it always has been people with resilience who expose the disparities in this "anemic democracy."

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Schultz wants to play same game

Terrorism is rampant in the world, hurting innocent people every day. Politicians use this issue to manipulate the public and the media for their own political gains.

The Jan. 16 DN had the following news item: "In a speech at a conference on low-intensity warfare, Secretary of State George Schultz said the United States must have "the stomach" to strike back at terrorists and to take covert military action to further U.S. interests."

It will not be too far off to say that behind every major act of terrorism in the world exists at least one govern-

ment carrying out a covert military action to further its interests.

Thus, since terrorism is primarily a government-sponsored activity, Schultz wants to reserve it for himself and the United States' friends and deny it to others; the same old game that the most powerful play.

As long as politicians around the world are busy conniving covert operations, i.e. sponsoring acts of terrorism, innocent people will continue to suffer the consequences.

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Arguments for abortion ignore justice

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Also, Protestants such as myself and even self-avowed secular humanists support laws restricting abortion — it is now more obvious than ever that halting abortion is not a sectarian stand.

Argument Five: Restricting abortion forces all people to abide by a certain morality, one with which they might not agree.

Of course this is true, but the concession is hardly fatal to the pro-life cause. All law expresses a moral system that is "forced" upon those who may not agree with it.

That the robber doesn't appreciate the morality of not stealing hardly prevents us from rightly "forcing our morality upon him" and restricting his activities to only non-theft activities. The robber deserves such a restriction, as do those who seek abortions.

Argument Six: Anti-abortion laws simply will be ignored.

Almost every law is broken today, but that is hardly a compelling

warrant that all laws should be repealed. Rather, it warrants stronger enforcement of the law. Also, the oft-cited statistic that millions of illegal abortions occurred before the Roe decision is wildly overestimated.

Argument Seven: Women will be forced to get illegal abortions from back-alley butchers.

First, we must remove as many socio-economic blocks to carrying a pregnancy to term as we can, thus decreasing the incentive for abortions.

Second, in the pre-Roe era, "back-alley butchers" were a relative rarity. Studies indicate that most abortions were performed at the hands of licensed doctors who decided to act illegally.

Finally, crime doesn't pay. Abortion should be made criminal because life is being threatened. Unlike the mortality rate of back-alley abortions, in an abortion, the baby always dies. Society owes little to a mother who attempts to kill the infant within. However, most pro-

lifers agree that safe and legal abortions should be provided when the life of the mother is clearly threatened — but that is simply an instance of self-defense. Practically all abortions are performed for non-medical reasons.

Since 1973, more than 17 million children have died through abortion. The overwhelming magnitude of the injustice is causing the U.S. conscience to respond.

A January 1985 Newsweek Gallup poll reported that 58 percent of Americans support a ban on all abortions except in the case of rape, incest and danger to the mother's life. This is up 8 percent from 1984. Also, the poll reported that 40 percent of Americans question whether their own position on abortion is correct.

Regardless of numbers, the ideals of justice and of humane society demand that the slaughter must come to an end.

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