

Letters

Reader says Helms not an 'embarrassment'

This letter is in response to Chris Welsch's column, "Ask Chris anything, anytime" (Daily Nebraskan, Jan. 20).

In fear of understanding my prognosis, I would say that you are politically retarded.

The statement Helms is "genuinely an embarrassment to this society..." is completely inexcusable. It is absolutely terrifying that any dimwit would have the gall to write a statement like this against a senior member of the United States Senate and Republican Party, not to mention the mental midget edi-

tors who let you get away with it. Do they actually turn you loose on this campus?

Whether or not Helms did accuse the great Martin Luther King, Jr. of communist sympathizing is not the issue. The trouble is that there are leftist-Marxist-Leninist-communist factions oozing into every known institution in this country — especially journalism.

The DN is well known as a leftist newspaper, but it jumped off the cliff in giving you a job.

Perhaps if that "madman" of the

50s, Sen. Joseph McCarthy, had been given a little more time, you and whoever formed your world views would be in prison now. Then we wouldn't have to tolerate communist scum like you.

Richard D. DeLorme
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Editor's Note: Welsch has worked at the DN for nine semesters and was editor in chief for two semesters.

Columnist wrong about victims of abortion

I wish I could make thousands of copies of Randy Donner's column, "More heroes are needed in war against unborn," (DN, Jan. 21), and give them to all the adolescent mothers whose lives have been shattered because of an unwanted pregnancy. Many are social and economic outcasts.

I also would give some copies to the abused children who are often the result of this situation.

They aren't heroes, they're victims. They might chuckle at your article before throwing it away.

Todd Fleischer
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Letter Policy

The Daily Nebraskan welcomes brief letters to the editor from all readers and interested others.

Anonymous submissions will not be considered for publication. Letters should include the author's name, year

in school, major and group affiliation, if any. Requests to withhold names from publication will not be granted.

Submit material to the Daily Nebraskan, 34 Nebraska Union, 1400 R St., Lincoln, Neb. 68588-0448.

Columns one-sided, limited to anti-abortion, male view

The editorial section of the Daily Nebraskan is usually the one I read with pleasure. The past two days, however, this has not been the case.

Starting with Randy Donner's call to arms, (DN, Jan. 21), to all pro-lifers and continuing with Jim Rogers' seven point sermon (DN, Jan. 22) against the evils of a pro-choice stance on abortion, I have read this section with a sick feeling of dull rage in the pit of my stomach.

It's bad enough that two pro-life editorials were selected as the DN's way of marking the 13th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, but what's worse is that they were both written by men.

I might not have taken offense at the fact that only one side of the abortion debate was presented if at least one of the articles was written by a woman. Not only have you ignored one side of the argument, but you have also ignored the gender it primarily affects.

"We cannot justly choose death for an innocent person." Just who is the "we" Rogers is referring to? It is a choice he will never have to face. I am sick to death of men forcing their opinions and decisions about the morality

of abortion upon women. It's easy to advocate laws that will govern other people's behavior because those laws will never directly touch your life.

Donner refers to the silent victims of abortion. What about the victims of anti-abortion laws who also are given no voice. Aren't they victims too? When reflecting on the position each person takes regarding abortion, people would do good to take into account the rights of women, fully developed human beings, as well as the rights of a 10-week-old fetus with fully developed feet but no nervous system with which to form any concept of self or future. Women considering abortion should also receive the benefit of the doubt.

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Editor's Note: Column topics are individually selected by their respective authors with no DN supervision. No columns, letters or guest opinions in favor of legalized abortion had been submitted when the columns were published.

King's actions depict 'true' patriotism

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White House table. Certainly, he would not be called a patriot.

The patriot of today is not someone who questions authority or institutions. The new patriotism, so celebrated by magazines, beer commercials and professional football teams, is always linked to conformity in action — in particular, the military. Just say that word and you see someone in uniform maybe saluting, maybe rushing across some rough terrain in an army-recruiting commercial in which war is indistinguishable from a boyhood game of guns — bang, bang, you're dead. They are the time-for-milk-and-cookies patriots.

But King was a true patriot. He

loved his country enough to challenge it to be better. He broke laws — bad laws, but laws nonetheless — and he went to jail for it. He agitated and condemned, exhorted and lambasted. He prayed for his enemies but never shirked from confronting them. He represented an institution — the church — but he challenged institutions he thought were doing wrong.

He was an authority figure — a minister — who did not hesitate to take on the authorities when he thought they were wrong. He started in the South, but was turning his attention to the North and, over the war in Vietnam, he was about to battle the very administration that had been his ally.

The real Martin Luther King was

a critic, not a cheerleader. The real Martin Luther King appreciated America's ability to do better — to improvise, improve, make the country work better for everybody. The real Martin Luther King would never celebrate the status quo and if someone proclaimed that America was standing tall he would say, yes, but we can stand taller.

Like Albert Camus, Martin Luther knew that real subversion is conformity and that the true patriotism is criticism and action. Martin Luther King had a dream, but Martin Luther King, as his achievements attest, was no dreamer.

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Cohen writes an editorial column for the Washington Post.

Residents oppose site

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Sites were chosen according to their geology, hydrology and topography, said Steve Masters, Lincoln utility coordinator.

Dan Drain, chairman of the landfill committee, said almost all the sites have organized opponents. Only site six has public support, he said.

"People want their trash hauled away. But they never want to worry about it after that," Drain said.

The Airport Authority, Lincoln Housing Authority, Commonwealth Receiver, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and residents of the Arnold Heights addition also have publicly opposed the site four selection.

Wayne Anderson, of the Airport Authority, said site four lies on the edge of a traffic pattern for incoming aircraft. The gulls attracted by a landfill would endanger flights to the airport, he said, because birds often get sucked into aircraft engines.

Dick Burke, an employee with the Lincoln Housing Authority, said his office opposes site four's selection because it is only six blocks from the Arnold Heights residential district.

"The area has a stigma. It's been called an old army facility and a low rent district," he said. "We don't need another identity to live down. We don't need one kid saying to the other, 'You live by the dump.'"

Digest

Christian author

Elisabeth Elliot, author of ten best-selling books, will speak about her experiences as a missionary in Ecuador during programs Thursday and Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon in the Centennial Room, Nebraska Union.

The program is sponsored by eight of the university Christian fellowships.

Assertive skills

An assertiveness training group will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5 through March 19, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the UNL Counseling Center, 1316 Seaton Hall to learn and practice general assertive skills. For more information contact Louise or Meribeth at 472-3461.

Figure drawing

The art department will sponsor a figure-drawing session for anyone who wants to draw from a naked figure. The session will be every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Richards Hall 206. Cost will depend on the number of people attending. Season tickets and individual admissions are available. For more information, contact David Routon, professor of art, 472-5543.

Police Report

MONDAY

8:51 a.m. — Potted plants reported stolen from Manter Hall.

9 a.m. — UNL student arrested for allegedly setting a fire in the Abel Hall garbage chute Sunday.

11:24 a.m. — Two-car accident reported in area 23 parking lot at 14th and Avery streets.

TUESDAY

12:18 a.m. — Locker room in North Fieldhouse reported vandalized.

12:26 a.m. — Checks reported stolen from residence in Neihardt Residence Center.

12:43 a.m. — Periodical reported stolen from Love Library. Student arrested for alleged theft.

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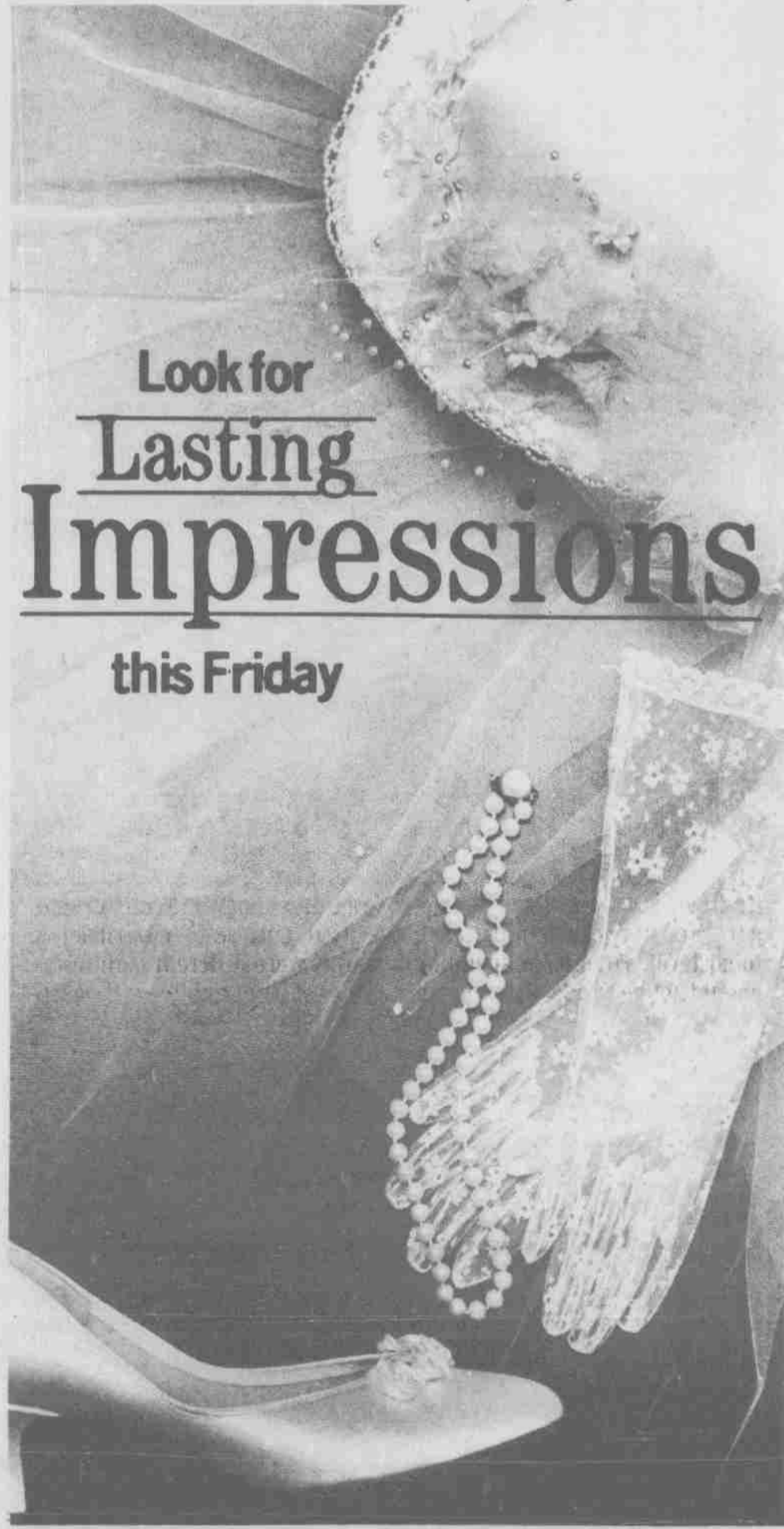


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