

Letters

Blacks feel they're pushed out of UNL community by blind whites

After reading about "Is the Dream Over" in Newsweek on Campus, the article prompted me to write. To think of or read about racism makes my eyes fill with tears. That word is so hateful. To even think that people could have such a negative and hateful attitude toward another group only poses me to think that this group feels threatened. The acts that occur across campuses toward black students are uncalled for. We are being stopped from achieving successfully in this society. It is as if some people feel that we are invading the territory that was left only to them. It makes no sense to me to have to read

about and see abuse put on my people by blind whites in this society. What gives them the right? To my knowledge, we are all equal and by no means is one race better than another. Another issue to note is that Afro-Americans do not separate themselves intentionally. Many times we have no choice because of the treatment we receive from whites and, most will agree, people tend to associate with close friends who happen to be the same race. We pursue separate social lives because universities such as UNL are not sensitive enough to provide universitywide programs that cater to

our interests. A message to my black brothers and sisters, particularly the male athletes: We need to wake up and become aware of the unfairness that blacks experience on this campus and campuses around the country. It is our responsibility to get to know one another and begin to respect each other. We need to learn how to handle racial problems in an effective manner to diminish this growing problem that affects us all. Tonya Horn junior home economics Afrikan People's Union, president

Headlines tell plight of Nebraskans when 400 nurses needed

- Headlines Then, Now and Future:
- 400 Nursing Positions Unfilled
  - Roskens Offers Up Nursing Division
  - 400 Nursing Positions Unfilled
  - Number of RN Grads in State Down by Half
  - Physician-Dominated UNMC committee Offers Up Nursing Division
  - 400 Nursing Positions Unfilled
  - Number of RN Grads in State Down by Half
  - Nebraskans Seek Wellness
  - Andrews Eyes Nursing Budget
  - 400 Nursing Positions Unfilled
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  - Farm Families in Distress
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  - Regents Eye Nursing Budget
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  - Farm Families in Distress
  - Number of Chronically Ill Elderly Climbs
  - Patients Leaving Hospitals Sicker and Quicker
  - Appropriations Committee Offers Up Nursing Programs in Omaha-Lincoln-Scottsbluff and Kearney
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  - Legislators
  - Bathe AIDS Victims
  - Start I.V.'s
  - Teach Breastfeeding
  - Make Home Visits
  - Identify Nits
  - Consel the Distraught
  - Carry Bedpans
  - and Promote the General Welfare.
  - Carol McShane
  - Creighton graduate student
  - former UNMC nursing instructor
  - Roskens, UNMC Physicians, Andrews, Orr, eight Regents, nine Appropriations Committee Members, 49 Legislators
  - We Face the Plague
  - Legislature Cuts Nursing

No Cuomo good news for right

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It is of course possible that this is just a strategic maneuver, like Nelson Rockefeller's "withdrawals" from the candidacy for his party's presidential nomination in 1960 and 1968 — to be followed, after the last primaries, by an official "re-entry" into the race. This was necessary in Rockefeller's case because he knew he would take a terrible drubbing in the primaries, and was thus forced to count on such support as he could cadge or buy in the non-primary states. But primaries have become well-nigh universal in the ensuing 20 years, so that option isn't open to Cuomo even if he were as rich as Rockefeller. Besides, candidates who have risked their necks in the primaries aren't likely to stand aside for the "drafting" of somebody who didn't.

At the same time, we can dismiss the various formal excuses Cuomo offered for his decision. Devotion to his duties as governor — a consideration — is hardly the explanation. (If it were, then why all these months of assessment and indecision?) And a touching concern for his family is scarcely more persuasive. By the time a man becomes governor, he has already subjected his family to most of whatever disadvantages public life entails, and he may even have persuaded himself that he is doing his relatives a favor.

This forces us to conclude that Cuomo, after a hard-eyed analysis of the probabilities, simply decided that he couldn't win the nomination. And (although he would be understandably reluctant to admit such a thing) he is probably right. Cuomo is an intelligent and ambitious man, and a tenacious fighter. In another era, when widespread economic hardship had laid the groundwork for a resurgent liberalism and the politics of envy, he would be a formidable contender for the presidency. But he has apparently concluded that in 1988 the Democratic party will not look in that direction for its standard-bearer.

For conservatives, that is good news. It would have been fun to take on Mario Cuomo and beat him. But it is even more gratifying to know that not even he thinks hot-eyed liberalism is the winning strategy in 1988.

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