

# Prejudice against blacks, gays criticized

## Gay lifestyle normal; 'homophobics' a shame

I am terrified by the rampant paranoia of the homophobics on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus! Last spring I was in Chicago on an urban studies program. Toward the end of the semester, two of the students, one male and one female, "came out of the closet." They trusted 50 strangers with intimate details of their life. That takes strength and courage. The fact that they trusted us is still very special to those of us who were there to listen. I'm not gay but am very sensitive to the issues raised by homosexuality and the opinions raised by those it affects.

Words like "disgusting" and "immoral" really hurt. It's a tragedy to see that the fear and paranoia of uninformed homophobics is infiltrating our society and influencing the way we (society) treat gays and lesbians, or any person that is different for that matter. I've had teachers who were gay and it in no way blocked my learning from them. I probably learned more from them because they were so open and open-minded and I respected that. I have friends who are gay and they are more than likely some of the most talented, intelligent person I've known.

Shame on those who are so blind to the fact that homosexuality was and is considered "normal" by other people, cultures and eras. If those don't (and/or can't) accept homosexuality don't like it, I'm afraid they are out of luck. It is here. It has been here. It will continue to be here. It will always be normal.

A man who is owner and publisher of the Windy City Times, a homosexual, was assaulted during a rash of homosexual beatings by three men and a baseball bat in his office. He suffered only a broken arm. Only? He expressed a belief that people who are so violently opposed to homosexuality are merely so terrified that they might be gay that they have to prove their "manhood."

It is a shame that out society has become what it has.

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## Reader says letter 'proved point' inaptly

I guess Scott Wilhite was trying to prove a point to Jon Dewsbury (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 23), but he went about it the wrong way. As an afro-American woman, your comments were not greatly appreciated.

What's worse is that you wrote the letter and probably thought nothing of it. Where do you get off using afro-Americans as well as feminist as cases for your point? As a human being, you need to do some serious self-evaluating. Furthermore, the next time you need to prove your point, try using your own race and gender.

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## Black student lauded for fighting prejudice

I would like to give a loud round of applause to Kim Randle (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 26) in her reply to Scott Wilhite (Feb. 23).

Everything Randle said was a reflection of my feelings. I also have said that black students have become far too comfortable with the phrase "they don't mean me." Students, I have a news flash for you, they do mean you. Whenever anything negative is written about blacks, it is written about the whole black race that includes you.

Black students seem to feel that once they get to college, everything is fine and someone owes them something. No one owes you anything — you get just what you put into it.

We have stood by far too long and just let way too many things slide by unchallenged. People, open your eyes and become aware of the world around you. You are being taken advantage of and either you don't

know it or you don't care and that is really sad.

Randle, I take strong pride in knowing that there is at least one black female out there who is aware of the world around her and is strong enough to let everyone know how she feels. I'll give you a standing ovation any day.

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## ASUN 'spits in face' of student constituents

Well, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska has done it again. By increasing student fees, it has spit in the face of the people it's supposed to represent. ASUN doesn't seem to understand its role. It's supposed to represent the students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe ASUN is supposed to represent something like Campus Activities and Programs or the University Program Council, and it just puts the word "students" in its name to dupe us into thinking it actually represents us.

Maybe I'm not approaching this at the right angle. Maybe ASUN members actually think the students at UNL actually want to increase the cost of their education. I hardly think that's the case. College is expensive enough already.

Of course, voting against the Fund A and Fund B increases would be

very unpopular with some people at UNL. I think ASUN feels it is easier to go against the students than who ever comes and asks for increases. Come on ASUN, show some backbone.

If ASUN really wants to do something for the students, it should work at getting Fund B fees into the same category as Fund A fees. That is, in a category where students can get them refunded. That way, students who don't use the Cook Pavilion or don't go on outdoor adventures won't have to pay for them.

Since I've been here, I haven't seen ASUN do one thing that will benefit the students. It has voted for tuition increases, Fund A increases and now Fund B increases. Why don't they stop caving in to everyone who wants money and start representing the students. I should add that I am grateful to the two dissenting opinions against the Fund B increases.

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## 'Ignorant' letter insults aspiring black students

As a black female, I found Scott Wilhite's remarks (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 23) quite rude and very offensive.

The only thing he accomplished in writing the letter was proving just how ignorant some people are.

For too long now, blacks have

been the subject of jokes, rude remarks and ignorant views. In the past we have had our academic capabilities and our financial background insulted by people like Wilhite. Are we going to sit back and let these people insult and belittle one of our most powerful leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King? I think it is about time that we black students take a stand and say enough is enough.

A piece of advice to Wilhite and

any other people who are made to feel uncomfortable by black people: Get used to dealing with us because we are here to stay. Not only are we attending the universities, but living in suburban neighborhoods and holding money-making, power-holding careers. We are on our way to the top.


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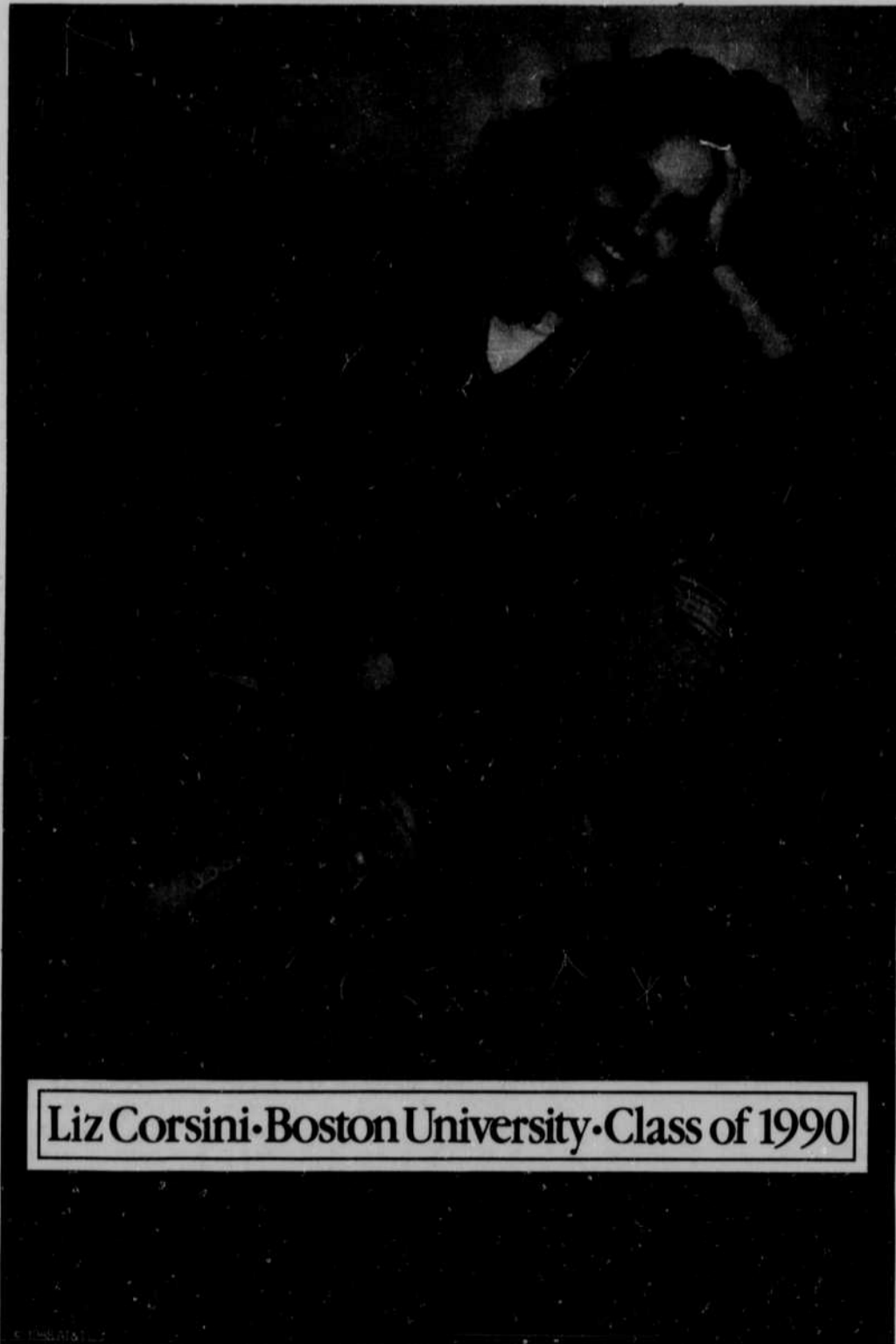


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