

opinion

Letters criticize Osborne, Green's column

Student says bills don't fight racism

There is no such thing as "reverse" racism. Racism is discrimination on the basis of race or ethnic group. An institution either discriminates on such a basis or it does not. Racism is either positive or absent.

Two bills passed recently by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska are racist for two reasons. First, the bills demand that positions in the university be filled according to a racial quota system. That means faculty members and ASUN senators are to be chosen according to what race they belong to. Secondly, the bills clearly aim to favor the members of certain ethnic groups at the expense of all other people. The bill states that ASUN should set a goal of appointing "at least" 25 percent of minorities who apply for all future ASUN positions — a set of people that constitutes a little more than 5 percent of Nebraska's population.

The senators who passed these bills certainly should "get down inside themselves" and devote some serious thought to what racism is. They may come to the realization that they are not fighting racism by institutionalizing it.

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Column deserves a '0', student says

I find the attitude in Chuck Green's column (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 17) archaic. You blame Robin Givens for all that has gone wrong with her husband, heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson.

Tyson has done as much to promote his unstable condition as anyone. Leave it to the press to sensationalize his assaults on his wife, friends and furniture, then turn around and blame his wife.

Is your macho model crumbling,

Chucky? Well, it's your profession and attitudes that bring him down.

If his (net worth) was \$50 and not \$50 million, Givens would have the sympathy of the press. She was harassed, assaulted and sued for divorce. The amount of money involved is secondary. It's the principle that counts, and that's the law.

A hypothesis: If Givens really is a gold-digging "uncaring witch" as Green says, that doesn't say much for the sugar daddies and big-money personalities she flutters around, does it?

The press and public probably don't have enough truth or information to make judgments. Green's column deserves judgment, though: a 0 on a scale of 1 to 10.

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Editor's note: There have been no confirmed reports of any physical assaults on Givens by Tyson.

Student questions DN sources, ethics

I would hate to see the day when the Daily Nebraskan has as much credibility as the National Enquirer. From the article I just read, that day is soon approaching. How could the DN print such an obviously biased article on Robin Givens and Mike Tyson (Chuck Green's editorial column, Oct. 17). What ever happened to journalistic ethics and responsibility? Judging by his column, Green has some things to learn.

I am so sick of the media running to the aid of "Poor Mike Tyson." He may not have graduated from high school, but the man is no fool. Green wrote that Givens "... is quickly

becoming best-known across America as the uncaring witch who took advantage of the naive millionaire." That couldn't possibly result from widespread articles such as this, could it? And since when does a responsible journalist rely on rumors, such as printing a source like this: "Rumors now circulating have her re-kindling an old flame with off-color comedian Eddie Murphy ... newest notch in Givens' gold-plated lipstick tube?"

As usual, Givens and millions of other women in America who divorce do it only for the money. What difference does it make that she is an actress on a TV series she got "with no assistance" from Tyson and has her own source of income. And it's impossible to think that she loved (or still loves) Tyson. Of course, it would be stupid for her to divorce "the world's greatest champion" because of fearing for her own safety? This reason alone is why so many women are staying with abusive mates: "Oh, what will everyone think if I disgrace him like that?"

Some people may say, "What a stupid thing to be complaining about," or, "This is just a campus newspaper, who really cares?" The point of my letter isn't about Givens and Tyson, it's about researching and objectivity in works presented to the public. If this was supposed to be a humor or gossip column, I didn't find it entertaining at all.

I would like someone to tell me when and where it is appropriate to care about such aspects of an article if it isn't now? How are students supposed to know if what is going on around us is true or untrue, accurate or inaccurate, in future features? Isn't it important that we care?

I would suggest that Green check his resources, his information and especially his representation of an article before he sends it to press. A lot

of people rely on the DN for information about the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. I would hate to see its reputation marred by supposed authorities in the field.

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Editor's note: Green's resources included reports from The Associated Press wires and Sports Illustrated, one of the most respected magazines in the world.

Osborne should be happy with winning

I can't believe what I'm hearing. What is Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne's problem? He is still not satisfied with the Cornhuskers' performance. What does he want, an absolutely perfect game? Why won't he settle for the win? That is what really matters, isn't it?

Chicago Bears' coach Mike Ditka used to have the same problem. Now even he realizes that you can't always have perfection. He recently said that at this point in the season, he just needs to worry about the performance of the team, as long as the team continues to win. I think Osborne should call Ditka for coaching lessons.

I know what is going to happen now. Even if we defeat Oklahoma by a score like 63-56, Osborne is going to say something like, "We really didn't deserve to win. Our defense should not have allowed them to score so many points."

For Christ's sake, Tom, why don't you just settle for what's important? You want perfection, and when you don't get it, you are upset. Why didn't you listen to the late Vince Lombardi when he said "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

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Student: Abortion is woman's choice

I would like to make a few corrections in responding to Terry Radke's letter (DN, Oct. 17). Although I don't have any strong ties to either candidate, Michael Dukakis certainly has my support for his pro-choice position. According to Radke, Dukakis should be looked down upon for supporting the National Abortion Rights Action League, a group that supports the rights of women. Does this mean you are against women's rights, Radke?

Maybe instead of a Band-Aid for a wounded conscience, Dukakis realizes that abortion is a choice for the woman to make, not for a sexist society. Did you know, Radke, that 66 percent of all fetuses abort naturally?

It is wrong to say that legal abortion is a tragedy. When abortion was illegal, more women died from coat-hanger-type abortions than men were killed in Vietnam. So, with that in mind, legal abortion saves the lives of women and gives a woman freedom in a dangerously oppressive society. Sadly, many men and women opposed to abortion do not realize that the control of women's bodies, not the rights of the unborn fetus, is what the anti-choice supporters are trying to accomplish.

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letter

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