

opinion
READER

Readers says Green is a sexist slimeball

DN column was sexist, illogical

This letter is in response to Chuck Green's column on sexism (DN, Oct. 25). Yes, Green, sexism is often "in the eye of the beholder," as the headline on your column reads. However, those holding sexist views are frequently blind. I agree with your right to the view that Robin Givens may not be an innocent victim of Mike Tyson. I have wondered myself whether this man was the victim of Givens instead of what she reports.

Your rebuttal of your column was fine until you digressed and showed us just how sexist your views are. Your wonderful argument of "I'm not a sexist. Ask any woman who knows me" is as good as the thief who claims, "I'm not a thief, just ask my buddy here." You went on to call anyone who challenges you "insecure and infantile" and something worse than a "sub-species of society who are sexist, racist or whatever." Then you attacked Lise Osvoild, who wrote a letter criticizing an advertisement in the DN that was looking for "attractive girls . . . 14-24 . . . No talent required." You argued had she "never admired a good-looking man. That's what I gather from the letter, anyway." What does that have to do with the ad being sexist? Does it make the ad or its ideology any less sexist if Osvoild finds men attractive?

Green, I don't think Osvoild is the one who needs to grow up. I don't see anything wrong with Osvoild taking exception with an ad that is a "very blatant appeal for female bodies." That's exactly what it is — a disgusting sexist appeal for flesh. Since this ad first appeared in the DN, I have been waiting for it to disappear.

Green, at the risk of appearing to be an insecure, infantile, self-righteous, nit-picky and sub-human, I

found your column to be completely illogical and extremely sexist.

David Whitaker
junior
English

Grow up, Chuck, understand sexism

I don't expect Chuck Green (DN, Oct. 25) to understand what I'm talking about when I protest a contest that asks only for attractive women's bodies. As a white male in the United States, what personal experience can he possibly have as a victim of either racism or sexism?

What bothers me is his arrogant attitude and eagerness to belittle those who, as he puts it, "nit-pick" when it comes to sexist institutions in our culture.

Wouldn't life be a lot easier if we could all agree that beauty contests are just one more innocent, good 'ol boys' way of having fun? Sounds perfectly harmless from that angle, doesn't it?

Unfortunately, Green fails to take into account (may even fail to realize) the following symptoms of our culture's review of women: that 90 percent of all girls go on a diet by age 13; that bulimia, as well as other eating disorders are becoming common features of any college campus as young women frantically attempt to fit into the thin "standard" set by our culture (especially through the media, beauty); and finally, that one out of every three women in this country is a rape victim, a result of the tendency to "objectify" women in America.

Add to those facts another simple one: that most women dislike their bodies, regardless of how attractive they may appear to other people, and spend a good deal of time and energy fretting over and at war with their

bodies.

I hope Green can step back or "grow up," as he so demeaningly suggests I do, long enough to see that he might not be the best one to judge when or how much sexism can affect women's lives.

Lise Osvoild
graduate student

Abortion violates laws of nature

I found Adam Wall's letter (DN, Oct. 21) on abortion grossly misleading. Abortion has turned into an emotional issue. Society is more concerned with "a woman's choice" and "in case of rape." According to Wall, "more women died from coat hanger-type abortions than men were killed in Vietnam." The facts are ignored and the facts are the real issue. Abortion is the premature termination of a pregnancy.

Wall stated that "66 percent of all fetuses abort naturally." I fail to see the connection between a miscarriage and the justification of abortion. Abortion violates natural law. The developing fetus is torn out of the uterus in its early stages while the woman is undergoing the hormonal changes of pregnancy. This procedure contradicts the laws of nature. More important, abortion violates divine law. Abortion doesn't coincide with the laws that God has revealed to us.

Finally, I would like to point out that pro-lifers are not against women's rights. They promote human rights. We support the right to life regardless of gender and age.

Susan Eller
junior
nursing

Nebraska will flush Lee Rood down drain

Pardon us Lee Rood for not being your land of milk and honey. I take issue with your narrow-minded rhetoric in which the DN allowed you to pass off as an editorial column (Oct. 17). You seem to be an intelligent young lady and you actually managed to spout some good ideas, although not your own or highly original, but sound ideas that do need the attention of our state leaders.

What I found in the poorest of taste was your whining attack on the supposed beauty of our state. Perhaps you slipped that dirty pair of underwear over your head in a Roodiesque version of rose-colored glasses. Having traveled through all of the nation's 50 states, I have found beauty everywhere and in many forms. That is, when I have taken the time to look for beauty. The fact that we have changing colors this fall is a miracle of sorts. Why don't you try surviving a scorching summer with less than half of your normal water intake and see if you have any energy left to dress out in vibrant colors. I get the feeling that if you were Mother Nature our ground would be cold and unyielding, our rivers parched and dead, and our horizons, well our horizons would probably have skid marks.

Yes, there is brain drain. Yes, Nebraska needs more educational opportunities. Yes, the state needs more jobs. Yes, Nebraska has its share of problems that will require tough solutions. Do something constructive. Do anything, but don't sit around whining about a state that you chose to live in. And remember that good and bad things go down the drain. So when you finally leave this "beautiful" state bound for your Metro Shangri-la, you will probably hear a rushing sound behind you. That will be the state of Nebraska flushing you down the drain with the rest of the unwanted

waste.

Loren R. Berthelsen
junior
news-editorial

Face the facts, Chuck Green

This letter is in response to Chuck Green's column on sexism (DN, Oct. 25).

In the article, Green defends a previous editorial (Oct. 17) concerning his opinion of Robin Givens' recent demand of \$25 million from heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson. Green stated that he was not sexist in believing that Givens doesn't deserve the money, that she probably "had a \$25 million twinkle in her eye from the day they were married."

Although I did not read the first editorial, I agree that this statement in itself is not sexist. In the Oct. 25 article, Green continued to defend himself as a non-sexist. "Ask anyone who knows me and they will confirm it." Again, I don't know Green, so if he and his friends believe this to be true, then his intentions are probably honorable.

Which brings up another issue. Intention is not the only criteria for determining if something is deemed as wrong or right. Green is confused by stating that "sexism is sexism only if it is intended as such."

He claimed that it could be just a "misunderstanding." I wish things were that simple, but they aren't. His position is a naive view, one that I tried to talk myself into believing at one point in my life. This attitude is a defense against facing the fact that sexism is deeply ingrained in our society.

Cynthia Griess
graduate student

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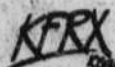
Saturday, October 29, 1988
8:00 p.m.

City Union Ballroom
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN Office of Campus Recreation 472-3467

1988 Fall FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE (2nd Session)

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS
Oct. 31-Dec. 16 M,W,F 12:10-12:50 p.m.
Cook Pavilion

Oct. 31-Dec. 16 T,TH 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Mabel Lee Hall 301

PROGRESSIVE AEROBICS
Oct. 31-Dec. 16 M,W,F 12:30-12:50 p.m.
E.C. Activity Building

Oct. 31-Dec. 16 M,W,F 5:15-6:00 p.m.
Mabel Lee Hall 301

Nov. 1-Dec. 15 T,TH,SU 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Abel Ballroom

ADVANCED AEROBICS
Oct. 31-Dec. 16 M,W,F 4:00-5:15 p.m.
Mabel Lee Hall 301

Nov. 1-Dec. 15 T,TH 5:15-6:30 p.m.
E.C. Activity Building

WATER AEROBICS
Oct. 31-Dec. 14 M,W 7:15-8:00 p.m.
Mabel Lee Pool — L. Schaper

FIRMER BODY
Oct. 31-Dec. 16 M,W,F 5:15-6:00 p.m.
E.C. Activity Building

Nov. 1-Dec. 15 T,TH 12:10-12:50 p.m.
Mabel Lee Hall 301

Nov. 1-Dec. 15 T,TH 5:15-6:00 p.m.
Harper Multi-Pur. Room

Cost for above classes: 2 days — \$12.00, 3 days — \$17.00, 4 days — \$21.50, 5 days — \$25.50

SCUBA LESSONS

This is the first module of two to become certified in SCUBA diving. Minimum age is 13 years.

Cost: \$150.00
Sign-up Deadline: Noon day of class
Nov. 28-Dec. 13 M,T 6:30-10:00 p.m.
Dec. 1-Dec. 16 TH,F 6:30-10:00 p.m.
Contact: Big Mac Scuba 464-3483

1988 Fall INSTRUCTIONAL SPORTS SCHEDULE (3rd Session)

The following is a list of non-credit, instructional classes offered through the Office of Campus Recreation. The classes are geared toward college-aged individuals and older, unless otherwise specified.

ADULT SWIM LESSONS
Cost: \$14.00 Sign-up Deadline: Nov. 22
Nov. 28-Dec. 14 M,W 5:15-6:00 p.m.

All sessions held at Abel/Sandoz Pool

BEGINNING RACQUETBALL LESSONS
Cost: \$20.00 Sign-up Deadline: Nov. 11
Nov. 13-Dec. 11 Sunday 7:00-9:00 p.m.

All sessions held at Schulte Field House
No Class on Nov. 27th due to Thanksgiving Vacation

ADVANCED RACQUETBALL LESSONS
Cost: \$30.00 Sign-up Deadline: Nov. 9
Nov. 12-Dec. 10 Saturday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Rod Orduna
All sessions held at Sports Courts
No Class on Nov. 26th due to Thanksgiving Vacation

CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS
Cost: \$18.00 Sign-up Deadline: Nov. 4
Nov. 7-Dec. 8 M,T,TH 6:30-7:15 p.m.

All sessions held at Mabel Lee Pool
No Class will be held week of Nov. 21st due to Thanksgiving Vacation

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