

Soft, weak women, disappointing attitude focus of readers

Women suited for kitchen duty, not combat duty

Women should not be involved in combat roles in the military. I feel that they are getting too carried away with this equal rights movement. Why put a woman in a situation where her presence will result in the deaths of men that would not have otherwise occurred? The American society has built women into soft and often beautiful creatures that in no way could handle the stress or trauma of combat. True, some nations do have women in combat, but that is the way it has always been in those countries. Our country has always viewed and treated women as something less than men. Due to this fact, women have always been somewhat weaker and better suited to domestic activity. Granted, there are exceptions, but for the vast majority this is true.

Women are unable to perform at the same level as the men. You will notice that all physical activities are modified for women in the armed forces. This is not acceptable if women want to be in combat. They must be able to perform equally to the men in unmodified physical activities, this would only qualify them physically. Women are not able to endure the hardships of combat as well as men. Just the thought of carrying 75 pounds on her back, plus a rifle and Alice gear, through 30 miles of snake and leech-infested swamp is enough to scare most women. That isn't even a bad scenario. Women are much too emotional for combat. What do you think a woman would do if her friend got caught and was being tortured by the enemy where she could hear it? I'll tell you what she would do. She would either break down and give the unit's position away, or she would do something foolish like trying to save her friend and getting herself killed in the process. The armed forces don't need that type of help.

A female in a company would also provide a dangerous distraction for the males in the company. Oh sure, why in peace time it's no problem. The troops can always go into town and get a whore, but what about war time? Picture this, a furious battle has been raging for three months, the unit has already been in a country for six months, there is a break in the fighting one evening. The men start to relax and think about their other needs beside survival. Who happens to be there but a few combat women. These guys haven't had a woman in nine months and these ones are looking pretty good. Do you honestly think that a handful of women are going to stop an entire unit of horny men from pulling a few trains? I don't. So while the guys are having their fun, the enemy sneaks up and kills the entire unit except for the women. They then take the women prisoner and have their way with them. If the women are lucky they will be killed. If not, they will become the toys of the enemy. That is a complexity that is unnecessary in war.

Outside of those reasons, I would like to point out a few more problems with having women in combat. A woman can only be considered combat ready three out of the four weeks every month. The war won't stop just because a woman is having her period. The irritability that comes with

this is a detriment to whatever, if any, fighting ability a woman may have. Females are naturally weaker than males which provides us with another problem; what happens when a unit gets involved with hand to hand combat? There are no substitutions for strength and power which women are obviously lacking.

In conclusion, I would say that women should remain at home doing the things that they are suited to doing. Why should they be permitted to attempt to do something that they are incapable of coping with? Although, I have no argument with letting women do things such as cooking and office work in the military.

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Vote empowers ASUN senators to voice opinion

Douglas J. Shonka displays a disappointing attitude when he states, "Now, I see the ASUN senators for the self-important resume stuffers that they are (DN, April 18). I was shocked and outraged after discovering that the ASUN Senate passed a resolution condemning the military for excluding homosexuals from military service."

Shonka then asks what qualifies student senators to express an opinion on this issue. Doug, your vote, if you voted, qualifies last year's student senate to take this position. The ASUN is empowered by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's bylaws to recognize and regulate other student organizations and activities. A majority of your elected representatives felt that the ROTC's policy toward homosexuals is discriminating and they protested this current U.S. military policy.

Doug, you have every right to disagree with the action that the 1989-90 ASUN undertook. That is your right, and I encourage you to continue to voice your opinion -- that is how our system of government remains representative.

But your criticism of ASUN for taking a position is foolhardy at best. ASUN chose to take a stand on a controversial issue that has become prevalent on many U.S. campuses. Your student government was designed to do just that, and your input is welcomed. Discussion, debate and criticism are the foundation of democratic government. Criticize ASUN for its decision -- that is your right -- but questioning the legitimacy of ASUN only when you disagree is a knee-jerk response that I hope you'll rethink.

Phil Gosch
ASUN president

Reader suggests Thompson should stop reading ads

In Fran Thompson's letter (DN, April 18), she referred to people who want to adopt a child as "vultures, scavengers, carpetbaggers" just because they want an unwanted child or a child that may not have the op-

portunities that they could give it. Fran, you have a very small mind. You have no idea how loving these people might actually be.

Reading these ads, I realize some of the working could be mistaken for someone who was terribly insensitive, but they aren't. If these people say they are Christians, wanting to give a child a loving home, don't doubt them. They aren't out to take a young woman's child away, "leaving her alone with the grief of such a loss." They are people like you and me, except they can't have children naturally and want to adopt. And, more than likely, they want to find out about the natural mother and want her to know what kind of family her

baby will have.

Chances are, too, that the only people that even read these ads are the young, pregnant women who are considering giving their babies up for adoption, and you. If a young woman has no intention of giving her baby up, she won't even read the ads, and if she does, they won't change her mind. She has decided to keep her baby. OR, she may be going to have an abortion, which is fine and dandy in some people's eyes. But these people placing the ads want to appeal to her better judgment and let her know that if she goes through the nine months of bloating, pain, discomfort, etc., that there is someone in the world who is willing to raise her child, because

abortion is NOT a form of birth control.

These people don't want orphans, they want newborns that they can raise their way. The child won't already have someone else's values. They don't "wish to separate a living mother and her wanted baby," if the mother wants to give up her baby, and reads these ads, that baby is definitely NOT wanted.

So, Fran (and those of you like her), please, either open your mind and shut your mouth, or don't read the ads.

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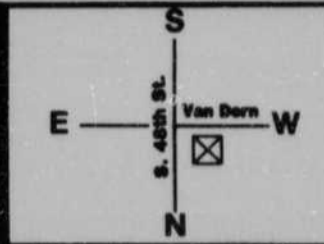
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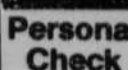
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