

Abortion, war upset readers

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The letter to the editor by Ken Linscott (DN, Jan. 16) regarding contraception, abortion and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's position on condom dispensers in residence halls may leave the mistaken impression that Planned Parenthood is financed by Lincoln's United Way. Quite apart from personal convictions, biases and inclinations concerning these complex moral issues, I would like to point out, for the record only, that Planned Parenthood is not affiliated with our United Way. Perhaps the author has in mind some other community whose Planned Parenthood chapter is financed by its local United Way, but such is not the case in Lincoln; or perhaps the author has misinterpreted the annual combined campaign for health and human services among UNL's faculty and staff (through which university personnel may choose to contribute to United Way and its agencies, or to Planned Parenthood, or to other organizations, all listed on one pledge form).

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War in U.S.: Operation Baby Kill in second decade

The gulf war (Operation Desert Storm) has started, and those opposed to using military force to stop a ruthless aggressor have taken to the streets demanding immediate peace in a region on the other side of the world. But there has been a war in our own country that has lasted 18 years and shows no signs of stopping. This is the Womb War (Operation Baby Kill), and since its formal declaration on Jan. 22, 1973, the body count has exceeded 26 million.

In the gulf war, journalists risk their lives to bring instantaneous reporting of the destruction in Iraq, and they regard statements from coalition military commanders with high skepticism. In the Womb War, evidence of the human slaughter is ignored, and the press releases from its commanders (Planned Parenthood and the Nation Abortion Rights Action League) are repeated without question.

Those who protest Operation Desert Storm close down public buildings, assault police, burn American flags and are promptly glorified by the popular media. We who oppose Operation Baby Kill pray in front of abortion clinics and are condemned by the media as terrorists.

Those who protest Operation Desert Storm say that human life is too important to be sacrificed for cheap fuel. But supporters of Operation Baby Kill do not believe that a baby's life is too high a price to pay for the guarantee of carefree recreational sex. Those who protest Operation Desert Storm shout, "No Blood for Oil!" We who oppose Operation Baby Kill say, "No Blood for Orgasms."

Those who protest Operation Desert Storm say that the gulf war will expand beyond anyone's ability to foresee. We who oppose Operation Baby Kill know that if the most innocent and defenseless of humanity can be arbitrarily classified as subhuman

and killed with impunity, who will be next? No one is safe.

Thanks to Operation Baby Kill, a child is murdered by abortion every 20 seconds. One child out of every four conceived ends up in a garbage dumpster behind an abortion clinic. Thanks to Operation Baby Kill, a child in the mother's womb has less of a chance of survival than a soldier in Saudi Arabia.

The Nebraska Walk For Life begins at the State Capitol on Sat., Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. Join the opposition to Operation Baby Kill. We can't expect peace around the world if we wage war on our own children.

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War in gulf not repeat of Vietnam

Last night, I was shocked to turn on Cable News Network and be greeted by the sounds of anti-aircraft tracer bullets and bombs exploding in Baghdad.

My immediate reaction was fear and tears rolled down my face as I realized that my generation's war had begun. But slowly, I became relieved because I knew that this war would not be another Vietnam. We are not fighting with our hands tied. We are using all our high-tech military weaponry to suppress Saddam Hussein.

So as far as the war in the gulf is concerned, it will not be another Vietnam War. However, it might soon become the Vietnam conflict here at home.

Surprisingly enough the events that occurred last night that upset me the most were all the anti-war demonstrations, not the fighting in the Persian Gulf. Will we never learn by our past mistakes? Wake up people and face reality! We are at war!

You can rally all you want, but no amount of yelling and chanting toward government buildings or on roadways is going to stop the war. Saddam Hussein is on a crazy power trip like Hitler was, and if we don't stop him now who knows what he'll try next? Don't get me wrong, I myself am a big supporter of peace and I feel that war is the easy way out. But I also don't want us to now repeat mistakes made during Vietnam, so here is what I propose to all you peace-lovers out there:

Let's stop rallying against war and let's instead pray for our service men and women to return home soon and with few casualties. Let's defeat Saddam and not fight a war at home as we did in the '60s. Above all, let's all support our servicemen and women and let them know we are behind them. The last thing they need is to come home to hatred and insults. Let's greet them with victory parades, hugs and cheers of joy. Then after it's all over — whether that be in a couple of weeks or years — let's take diplomatic steps to finally ensure that there will never be another war again.

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Confederate flag not a symbol of racism

We deplore racism as much as Jana Pedersen, and we agree that ignorance of other cultures leads to

prejudice. Unfortunately, Pedersen displays just such ignorance and prejudice in her column on Jan. 14.

The Confederate flag is not the emblem of white supremacists. As Southerners, we are deeply offended by this characterization of the flag.

The majority of Southerners are not racist, and we object to the persistent negative bias that depicts us as ignorant bigots. We are as sickened by the actions of Neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups (many of which are headquartered in the Midwest and the Northwest, not the South) as any Northerner.

The Confederate flag is a symbol of honor, of pride in the South, and it is incorporated into more than one of our state flags. Pedersen was in error when she classed the display of the flag with Jew-bashing and black-bashing.

The insult to the Confederate flag is felt especially keenly right now, falling so closely to a day that is very dear to the heart of many Southerners. Jan. 19 was the birth date of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and it is a day of celebrating the South and the virtues that we so value: honor, devotion to duty and courage. The Confederate flag symbolizes these qualities.

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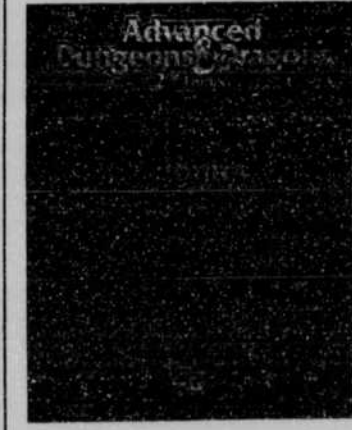
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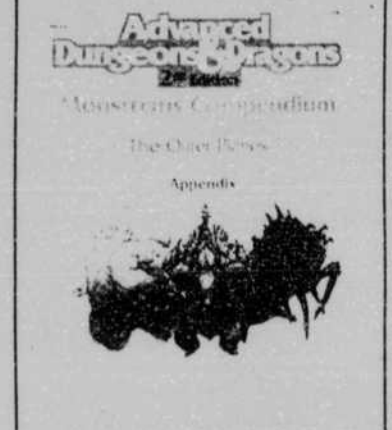
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