

Readers comment on columns, ASUN party, letter policy

CAP coordinator clarifies position on HORIZN

The purpose of this letter is to address the article "HORIZN announces candidacy" (DN, March 1). I wish to clarify that I am in no way endorsing the HORIZN party platform. I have not worked with Colin Theis on this proposal for the purpose of a political campaign.

Also, the first stage of the HORIZN party platform is a program that is currently being coordinated through my office. It is not a new idea for dealing with issues concerning racial minority students. Even with the best of intentions, in order for majority students to be effective, they need to work directly with racial minority students on a long-range basis. This means not just getting information from them, but establishing strong lines of communication, thus allowing racial minority students to set the pace and tone for the programs and services that are developed to address their issues and concerns. This is the needed foundation for activating change at UNL and overcoming the challenges of diversity.

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Gholson urges "rebuilding" of Washington, D.C.

Walter Gholson and his humane column (DN, March 7) reminded me of the city where I lived a few years as a boy. I lived in an exclusive part of Washington, D.C. It was white and privileged and safe. Although I was young and lacked the world experience then to describe my feelings about Washington, I now know I felt fear — fear of Walter's world, which was black and poor and violent.

Thirty years later, Washington still frightens me. Drugs and drug abuse continue to exact a hideous toll, which falls most heavily on the city's black citizens. Again, President Bush has brushed the dust off his "war" on drugs metaphor. Only, in the wake of the Persian Gulf conflict, many Americans might wonder whether Bush is being metaphorical this time.

Although so much time has passed since I lived in Washington and so little has changed for the better, for every frightening metaphor there can be a clear expression of hope. Walter Gholson urges the federal government to help "rebuild" the inner cities of America with "new schools, more teachers, more businesses, decent housing and job-training programs."

Even if all the drug dealers in Washington were dead, it would remain a city in which resources and oppor-

tunities are unequally allotted on the basis of race. The word "war" should frighten us. It's time we said "re-build."

Thomas McNeil
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Aspengren analogy of war, abortion called illogical

Eric Aspengren, your reasoning process needs a major readjustment, no, a total overhaul. How can you equate abortion to killing an enemy in war (DN, March 8)? An enemy who raped, tortured and killed innocent Kuwaiti citizens, an enemy who pillaged and destroyed a whole society is what you are comparing to an unborn baby. How can any sane person see even a slight similarity? How dare you imply that the destruction of those two are equivalent.

Sure, many of the Iraqi soldiers that were killed did not want to fight, however each soldier held (at one time) weapons meant to destroy other humans, first Kuwaitis and possibly Saudis and later Americans. What did that unborn baby hold? What did it do? Did it kill, rape and torture? I think not, Eric Aspengren. Was it part of a war machine waiting to get out of its "womb" and cause destruction to others?

No matter which side you stand on regarding the war, no logical person could say, "Killing does not change when its context does." The next time you have a virus, (a living organism), I hope you "consider your beliefs and decide if they are consistent" before you take a dose of penicillin to kill it. In the four years of being a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I have never seen a column so flawed, nor have I been appalled by one.

Chris Green
senior
math

Reader questions clarity of letter policy

I have just read Sue Kelly's letter concerning the anonymous letter policy (DN, March 6).

I don't know who made the policy, but I think you are overinterpreting it. On page four, it says, "Anonymous submissions will not be published." It is perfectly reasonable to refuse to print unsigned letters. However, I don't believe that the policy as stated requires that the names of all letter writers be published. Surely it allows "Name withheld by request" or some

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similar formula to replace the writer's name. I think most newspapers in the free world follow such a policy, encouraging people to present controversial views while protecting their privacy (sometimes persons and property), and thereby providing a real forum for the exchange of ideas.

In the Editor's Note appended to Ms. Kelly's letter, you say "... editorial pieces always are signed." By that analogy, if "E.F.P." constitutes a signature for the editorial entitled "Boat might sink" on page four, surely "S.K." is sufficient for Ms. Kelly's letter. That degree of anonymity would satisfy many people who prefer not to see their names in print.

From today's "Letters" column I conclude that either (1) the policy is not correctly stated, (2) Ms. Kelly misunderstood your position (the Editor's Note appended to her letter notwithstanding), or (3) you (or whoever makes the policy) actually do prefer a restrictive policy to editorial discretion. I don't see that "accountability" (whatever that is) is relevant.

Alice Teter
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No justice in justice appointments

I am writing to discuss the selection process for the student court. This is assigned through the ASUN office and all selections are made by President Phil Gosch.

These selections were made last week. The list contained seven names — one head justice and six associate justices. Out of seven names, five are associated with a fraternity or sorority on this campus. I am not saying

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How do people living off campus have a chance to get involved with campus activities? They are overlooked because they don't belong to a fraternity or sorority house.

I also find it very ironic that the one person who is in charge of this selection process is himself a member of a fraternity. You say that you have an open mind Phil, but I have yet to see it.

Brian Heath
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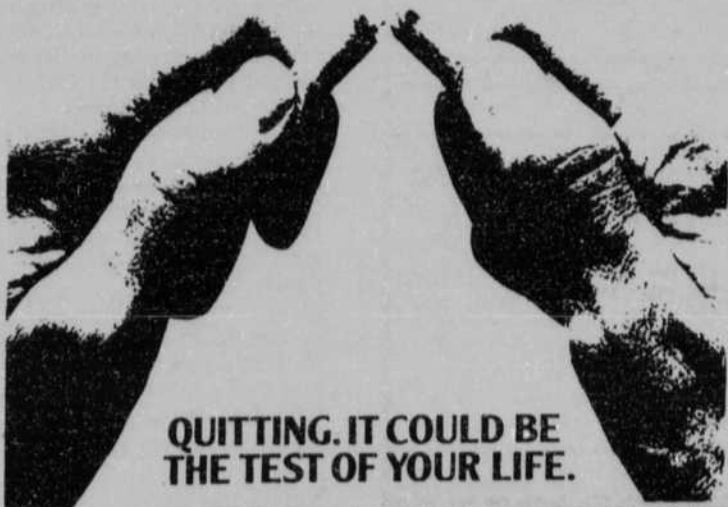
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