

# Common sense questioned, requested by DN's readers

## Comparison between drinking, brutality ridiculous

Setting aside the question of racism, the beating of Rodney King was an unforgivable and absolutely inexcusable crime. The editor in chief of the Daily Nebraskan was irresponsible in making such a comparison between public attitude toward drinking on campus and police brutality.

I really believe that most students didn't care whether or not the students did it. Although it is not to dismiss the tragic results it can bring, drinking is a fact in college and campus life. The calls mentioned were probably motivated by politics.

Commissioner Gates is clearly responsible for his police force and their actions and role in society. But he seems more concerned for his job than Rodney King. The guilty officers are not scapegoats. They are criminals and they are guilty. And they must be brought to justice. Of course, justice won't solve the problem of racism, but it will make the statement clear that such brutality will never be tolerated — no matter how many incidents like it occur.

Furthermore, the firing of Commissioner Gates would warn all those in charge that they must take action to prevent such abuse.

As a student of the university, I'm embarrassed that the editor of this paper would publish such a carelessly thought-out editorial. As a human being, I am outraged by the way he trivialized the inhuman treatment of another human being.

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## Why is DN so infatuated with O'Rourke's?

Why is the Daily Nebraskan, specifically Divisions, so infatuated by O'Rourke's? Just wondering.

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## People, agencies are available if needed

Pat Dinslage's article (DN, March 14) on the "Experts' cry for help" brings to light an issue that most people do not want to talk about. I want to believe the incident was an unfortunate, isolated case.

In my years here at UNL and in the Lincoln community, I know there are people and agencies who can address the events surrounding a possible suicide. The article prompts me to address the issue of awareness about such offices as the Educational Psychology Clinic, the Psychological Consultation Center, the University Health Center and the Counseling Center who are capable of addressing this issue. I think Dinslage's negative generalization of UNL and the Lincoln community not being able to respond to potential suicide incidents is unfair and inaccurate. I know many hard-working individuals and agencies who are very sensitive to the issues surrounding suicide.

Marty Ramirez  
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## Spring break time to make healthy decisions

As Spring Break 1991 draws near, we, the members of the University Health Center Student Advisory Board, would like to bring attention to Surgeon General Antonia Novello's press conference of two weeks ago concerning college students' "binge drinking" and spring break.

Although Dr. Novello's request to brewers to refrain from sponsoring promotional items that attract underage drinkers was favorably received, we on the advisory board strongly encourage all UNL students to exer-

cise extreme caution if they choose to drink.

In her presentation, Novello cited some facts and statistics that were released from the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Substance Abuse Prevention. We would like to share that data with you:

- Of 21 percent of all college dropouts, alcohol plays a role.
- Of those presently enrolled in college, somewhere "between 240,000 to 360,000" may lose their lives because of alcohol.
- Many students "spend more money on booze than on books."

Safer sex should always be a No. 1 concern, not just at special times such as spring break.

Remember, by safer sex we mean condoms for males, spermicide for females, or abstinence — each and every time.

So, those are the facts. Now it's up to you to decide your course of action. Nonetheless, for your own safety and the safety of others, please employ common sense and caution.

Have a happy and healthy spring break!

Keith A. Malo  
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## Have respect for different views, societies

I recently wrote a very sarcastic letter to the Daily Nebraskan. To those who were offended by my extreme attitude, I apologize. My object is not to offend. I just want people to open their eyes and ears.

I'm frustrated. I have to keep my mouth shut, even around my friends. Being anti-war is very unpopular. I have been stereotyped and put down as less of an American.

I really feel that the TV is the opiate of the people. I think that letting a TV run one's life is worse than doing drugs. Look at our country. Look at the things that we support and do. It dictates our lives, our behaviors and our appearance.

I got rid of my TV several months ago and the way I view things seems to be changing in a very unpopular way. When I see press coverage on the war, it is so blatantly one-sided. How much discussion is given to the deaths of the Iraqis? How about their suffering? The American people would probably have a hard time supporting this war if we were being shown the full picture. It's sad that we seem so content knowing so little.

The TV makes an excellent propaganda tool. Even the poor in this country have them, or have regular access to one. What a curse they have become. How else could the politicians get the American people, who are basically good people, to support slaughtering thousands of human beings? How else can they get us to support a war that is obviously over oil and power, despite our new environmental awareness? How many people who wave flags and ribbons have any knowledge of Middle East culture, history or the motives behind this war? America seems to be in some kind of trance.

How can I get you to see that these people who are suffering are people like us? Do you care? Their family members have been killed. They have no dependable food or water sources. Disease is a threat because they have no sewage system. Can you imagine

## Got an opinion?

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Pick up an application in room 34 of the Nebraska Union and ask to sign up for an interview. The application deadline has been extended until Friday.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

how you would feel? Can we even begin to imagine?

All this because Saddam was a "Hitler." He's still in power and killing the Iraqi people, on top of what we've done to them. Can you imagine the despair? The only ones to lose this war are the Iraqi people, and they will continue to lose for a long time. Why won't we help them? Why can't we

see that this is a terrible injustice? It's not too late to say we were wrong in supporting this, and make amends. In the meantime, more Iraqis will suffer and die. Turn off your TVs, and turn on your minds. Let's learn from our parent's mistakes.

I see a nation where everybody could have all they need, plus some. We could export more than we im-

port. We could quit burning filthy coal and oil. We could have free education for everybody. We could be so great, but we choose to take a different road.

I really love this country. It's very beautiful with an abundance of resources. If you still feel that war was right, that is your right. All I ask for is respect for being a man who respects the environment and human rights.

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