

Lied Center, anti-feminism, DN column criticized

Stock's defense of homosexuality flawed, inaccurate

In response to Michael Stock's blasphemous column (DN, April 12) on "tight theology," I would like to point out some errors Mr. Stock has made in his futile attempt to condone homosexuality.

Mr. Stock's first argument refuting Biblical truths is based solely on the number of pages in the Word. Nothing further needs to be said about this terribly weak argument, which just happens to be his argument.

Mr. Stock then tried his hand at explaining several passages of Scripture in order to somehow condone homosexuality. He used Leviticus 18:22, which states, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: It is an abomination." Mr. Stock attempts to explain that an abomination means "distasteful" and taste "is a question of opinion." This is a natural response, further proving the constant struggle by many to justify all types of immoral activity. To Mr. Stock, opinion is the only moral foundation on which to stand because as II Corinthians 4:4 says, unbelievers are blind to the truth.

To correct Mr. Stock's poor research and interpretation, the original Hebrew word for abomination is towbah, which is something morally disgusting and repugnant to God. I hope this clears up any confusion over the question of whether or not God accepts homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle.

The remainder of Mr. Stock's article attempts to explain Biblical passages in this same manner and thus it is not necessary to take any more space refuting such foolishness. Rejecting the truth of the Bible is an act for which you will someday be held accountable and that is up to you. If you don't believe the Bible, then don't believe it. But why do you attempt to use the Bible to condone an activity clearly labeled as sin when you don't even believe in the Book in the first place?

The ultimate question is whether or not the Bible is inspired by God. II Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is inspired by God . . ." You either believe it all or you don't. However, I don't expect you to understand this because I Cor. 1:18 says, "For the Word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

Next time, Mr. Stock, try to explain I Cor. 6:9-10, "Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor HOMOSEXUALS, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers shall inherit the kingdom of God." Note the company with which God places homosexuals.

Please be more careful in your next attempt at being a theologian. Thank you.

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Lied could cut costs, reduce ticket price

In the April 16 Daily Nebraskan, Jack Goebel indicated that revenues for the Lied Center would be below the forecast level. Because of this, Lied officials have been asked to look at the expense side of their budget. As a frequent customer of the Lied, I'd like to suggest that they also look to the revenue side of the budget.

I've attended several performances in the past year where the house was approximately half full (I'm an optimist, or I'd have said half empty). Although I'm not an economist, I think that one of their maxims applies

here: "When faced with a choice, the business will make every move which is expected to bring a marginal loss" (quoted in Elbert V. Bowden, "Abridged Economics: The Science of Common Sense").

On the nights when it is evident that there is not a sellout, call the dormitories, the sororities, the fraternities, even the old-folks homes, and offer seats for some nominal fee, perhaps \$2. It would have to be done early in the evening, say 5 or 6 p.m., to give the people time to prepare, but it would provide the following benefits: First, it would provide additional revenue above and beyond what would normally be collected; second, by reducing the risk, it would introduce people who might never attend a performance to the arts; third, some of these people would undoubtedly like the performance enough to become regular patrons, thereby increasing future revenues; and fourth, since the acoustics seem to be better with a full house, everyone attending would benefit.

There is precedent for this type of revenue enhancement: The airlines offer cheaper standby fares, and I recall buying last-minute seats at a reduced price for New York shows.

On the cost-cutting issue, I suggest they cut the number of articles in the programs, use cheaper paper and print enough programs so that each customer can have one. Although the articles are well-written and informative, it appears that nowhere on the campuses of this university can they find sufficient writers to avoid recycling the same articles from program to program. This is a waste of space, hence a waste of money. People are there to attend a work of art, not learn about paper-making.

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Lied patrons shouldn't occupy students' parking

I have been a non-traditional student at UNL since 1984. As a non-traditional student, I have always had to hunt for parking anywhere close to classes. It wasn't a problem until about two years ago when the university started making more and more parking areas "reserved" areas until the time most evening classes begin. I finally decided last fall to invest the money in a parking sticker for certain reserved lots so that I would have a place to park for my evening classes.

I've not had a problem with any of these lots until the other night. There usually is at least one place that isn't reserved. If the problem would have been that the lot was full, I would have been a little upset but I also realize the parking permit does not guarantee me a spot.

However, last night made me very, very angry. When I got to my usual lot (just east of the Lied Center), I found that it had been roped off with no parking allowed from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The lot was over half empty. I was not the only person having to try to turn around in that alley and then find other parking. The sign did not indicate why we couldn't park there; however, since I saw a commercial bus out in front of the Lied Center, I assume it was for an event there.

I'm sure the Lied Center is a great place — heaven knows enough money was spent on it. So why didn't the planners also plan for a parking lot? I do not feel it is in the least bit fair for the parking lot reserved for students and teachers (for which we pay) to be "borrowed" for events at the Lied Center. I've seen letters in the Lincoln Journal-Star stating that patrons don't want to have to walk two or three blocks and you can't find parking closer. Sorry about that — talk to the planners. Don't take our parking that we pay for and use all the time!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Admitting women to all-male schools would be beneficial

Our colleague, Mr. A.M. Hedrick, has written a letter (DN, April 11) arguing that because women have been mistreated (his euphemism for rape, perhaps?) and harassed at other military institutions, they should not be admitted to the Citadel or the Virginia Military Institute as this would create new places for harassment to occur.

We wish to point out that using that very same logic, one could say that because women studying physics at other schools suffer harassment, UNL's physics and astronomy department should not accept women as majors, graduate students or professors. This is clearly absurd: Avoiding a problem is not the same as solving it.

Sexual harassment of women occurs when someone is unable to deal

with women as human equals. Its least severe forms are caused by ignorance; at worst, it springs from active malice. In either case, all-male schools provide a congenial place for it to fester. We do not wish to imply that all men attending all-male schools are sexist, but in a situation where one has no female peers, these attitudes cannot be brought to light and corrected.

With increasing numbers of women entering the armed services, it is increasingly probable that a Citadel graduate will encounter women as subordinates, comrades and commanders. It would certainly benefit "the Citadel Man" to be able to interact with these women in a mature and professional manner. Acting like a sexist asshole does not honor the reputation of a Citadel Man.

After pondering the idea of unisex greek houses, we conclude that it has no relevance to the issue. Although a fraternity member may live in an all-male house, the university setting with its classes, committees and clubs

provides many opportunities for interaction with women. All-male schools, in contrast, cannot provide their students with these opportunities. On the other hand, any group of students who wish to create a coed greek house is free to do so. This concept already has been incorporated into the UNL residence hall structure.

Throughout his letter, Mr. Hedrick fails to produce a single rational argument in favor of all-male military academies. Instead, he uses emotional, anti-feminist rhetoric. We find it troubling that he cannot discuss these issues in a calm, rational manner.

In closing, we would like to comment on Mr. Hedrick's unwritten, but implied, statement that if men's schools are opened to women, women's schools should be opened to men. We agree.

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