

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASUN president reports from Washington

In an effort to inform students at UNL about what is happening in our nation's capital, I am writing this week to access the impact of Ross Perot and his withdrawal from the race for the Presidency while I am interning in the White House.

Ross Perot accomplished something only few have done in our history — he has forced the two dominant political partisan our system to change their attitudes and beliefs towards the American voter. What a system! Americans complain against the rich politicians who are elected to run our country, and then rally around a billionaire who promises to bring change by spending hundreds of millions of dollars to get elected. The people demand honest public servants who are not connected to government, and then the people fill petitions for a man who got rich on the government. But, is it their fault

they want change — certainly not.

Who would not want change? We sit and watch our federal government officials fight and argue amongst themselves while the country swims in federal debt and rots inside its cities. The President puts forth proposals and the Congress rejects those proposals or holds them up in the never-ending committee structure that exists to get elected officials re-elected. Ross Perot said if we did not address these problems, we would parish into the depths of a third-world country. Well, that is doubtful, but although Ross dropped-out, he expects us to thank him for opening our eyes. Fortunately for our country, when we did open our eyes, Ross had disappeared, taking his money with him. America needs to stand-up and look around.

We cannot expect government to work if we elect a President from the opposite party of Congress. We cannot expect government to function effectively if we allow our elected officials the ability to re-elect themselves through free mail, free phones and free press, all nicely paid for by the taxpayers. We cannot expect government to perform if Congress can exempt itself from the laws it passes for the rest of the country. No, government does not need term limits to solve these problems, it needs responsible citizens who care enough about what is going on to get involved in the process, if nothing more than voting.

If the Perot people want change, they should stay active in the process, encouraging others to get involved. They should look at who has

proposed changing the system to allow for parents to make a choice in their child's education, to allow businessmen to open in the cities without having to pay taxes on their small profits, to provide inner city citizens the opportunity to buy their own homes and have a stake in their future and to open the debate on the idea that strong families are better than government programs.

If does not take a rocket scientist to look past the liberal media and see why domestic programs have not been passed to help solve our national problems. It partisan warfare out in D.C., and the Democrats can claim victory, at least for round one. Unfortunately for the citizens of this nation, it was not the President who lost the match, but the country.

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Editorial confusing

I must admit that I was confused by the editorial entitled "Sin spreads AIDS" in the July 30, 1992 issue of the Summer DN. In particular the passage "Homosexuality is wrong. Heterosexuals having sex outside of marriage is wrong. Doing drugs is wrong." baffled me for several reasons. From what vantage point is the editor making these normative judgments? Why is homosexuality wrong? Is it intrinsically wrong — if so what are the reasons? Is it wrong because homosexuals have sex outside of marriage, as in the next case of heterosexuals having sex outside of marriage — if so shouldn't homosexuals be allowed to legally marry? Why is heterosexual sex outside of marriage wrong — is it a moral or legal issue? If it is a moral issue, from where do we draw our knowledge of this wrong? And finally, why is 'doing drugs' wrong? Is the editor advocating a return to prohibition? The three topics labeled as wrong — homosexuality, extra-marital sex, and drug use are labeled without specifying the editor's particular moral vantage point. Well, I think that I can probably point to fundamentalist Christianity as the unspoken source of the author's wisdom on right and wrong. And now for a rebuttal to this incredible journalistic endeavor. For many in the world, including myself, Christianity is not the base of our value system. So please stop labeling certain acts or groups of people as wrong and sinful — especially without some credible support.

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Reader insulted

I have just read your editorial in the July 30, 1992 edition of (THE RAG) an appropriate name for this university's newspaper. Sin spreads AIDS! What a crock. Your bible-beating editorial does nothing to address the concern that this disease poses to everyone regardless of sexual preference, ethnic heritage, religion or anything else. To say that sin is the cause and abstinence of sin is the solution is at best retarded. I cannot believe this editorial was even printed, but since your the editor I guess anything goes. I know damn well you will be hard pressed to find anyone in agreement with your view except for the fanatical fundamentalist racist homophobic bozos in your ignorant world order. Enough for Now!

Hugh B. Riley

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