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EDITORIAL

Close call

Leaders should address arms reductions

On the surface, the United States and Russia have moved toward friendship. But below the waters, the Cold War is apparently still being fought.

Last month, a U.S. submarine collided with a Russian sub in the Barents Sea. Russian military officials investigating the accident reported Thursday that the U.S. vessel came close to striking the Russian sub's nuclear reactor.

Rear Adm. Alexei Ovcharenko said the U.S. sub came within 66 feet of hitting a vital reactor area in the March 20 incident. He said the accident could have caused an explosion that would have dumped radiation into the sea.

President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin will be having their first summit meeting Sunday and Monday in Canada. They will have many issues to discuss, most notably Yeltsin's tenuous hold on democracy in Russia.

But the two leaders should take the opportunity to begin dialogue on further cuts to their armed forces. If they are serious about friendship, arms reductions that would eliminate dangerous incidents like the subs' collision are in order.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Too many people get caught up in stuff they are doing. I kind of like to hang on to the kid (in me). That's why I like to wear my hat backwards."
— ASUN President Keith Benes.

"I deserve the death penalty. I would just like to see my father one more time and have some cigarettes."
— Serbian Borislav Herak, sentenced to death for war crimes.

"This is not a fair judgment. I am not guilty. I'd also like some cigarettes."
— Sretko Damjanovic, also sentenced to death.

"I guess you have to have some ego to do something like this."
— former ASUN president Andrew Sigerson.

"I didn't think we would body slam (San Diego) so bad. They believed they could hop on them hard, and they did."
— Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck, on her team's confidence against first-round NCAA opponent San Diego.

"Am I open-minded as we begin? Not completely, I must concede."
— Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., before Congressional hearings on homosexuals in the military.

"All the bullshit we've been hearing in the papers... I felt like I wanted to shove it up their asses."
— Nebraska pitcher Brian Martin, on tension with Creighton after UNL Athletic Director Bill Byrne asked the NCAA to investigate possible rules violations in the Creighton baseball program.

"I guess I'm either dumb or I have a high tolerance for pain."
— Nebraska linebacker Mike Anderson, on his injury-prone collegiate career.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Scapegoats'

I would first like to speak on the subject of the University Bookstore. You seem to have missed the bargains that are available in our bookstore. I went to a local supermarket and found 10 items in the school supplies that were more expensive than the exact same items in our bookstore. Surely the supermarket sells more pens and pencils than our bookstore, yet the bookstore is 30 percent cheaper on average than the supermarket. Our bookstore is a member of a cooperative that orders pencils and other odds and ends in bulk so that students can purchase them at lower prices.

Several factors combine to inflate the cost of the textbooks. Textbooks are short runs so the retooling cost to print an edition is high. If the tooling cost to reset the press is \$10,000 and you print 1,000 books, tooling costs are \$10 a book. If you print a million books, the price per book is 1 cent. Textbooks are built to last. Textbooks are hardcover and printed on heavy paper with several colors to make the photo quality the best possible. This kind of quality costs quality.

Why does the bookstore charge so much and yet give so little for the return of a used book? The professor is to blame here. The only market the bookstore has is the student who is told what to buy by the professor. When does the professor commit to the text for the semester? At the last minute. The repurchase of the books is a speculation by the bookstore. It is stuck with any books it buys back if the professor changes texts without warning. If the bookstore buys back 50 copies at \$10 each and the professor changes the text, the bookstore eats the costs.

Another scapegoat is the Lincoln Christian Church. I am not a member of the church, but I was invited to attend the services. I had no idea that the church was being accused of anything when I went there. I had a cup of coffee and a doughnut, then they let me sing a few hymns with them and then the minister got up and spoke. I have attended services in several different churches, and this church was not much different. All the sermons are based on the Bible. I saw no evidence of any form of mind control in the several times I went to the church. I saw no one deprived of sleep or food. I did see lots of friendly folks who were glad to welcome me to the fold, and they did not care if I was black or white, rich or poor.

Lincoln Christian is a group of individuals that share a common belief. I do not share that belief, but they seemed to respect me anyway. I have no need of any doctrine or dogma, and therefore I am not a member of any organized church. I did find the standard list of faults with Lincoln Christian that I found with every other

Christian church I have attended. All churches tell you what to do and what not to do. If you don't need their help to run your life, then don't go to the church. If you are a zealot for a thing at one point and then a zealot against a thing, it is a thing, and you are a zealot.

Mark McGovern
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undeclared



David Badders/DN

Surviving

Thank you for your piece on Leslie Worrell, "Seeing through the fog: Sexual assault victim rebuilds life with power of the pen" (DN, March 29, 1993). The piece was well-written, sensitive and so accurately reflected the lives that survivors of sexual victimization experience.

Similar to Leslie's, my history of sexual abuse began when I was 3 years old. It began with a father and grandfather and ended only a few years ago, when I was 25, with a stepfather. Sexual violence and victimization continued throughout that time by men I encountered. Like Leslie and many other survivors of childhood sexual abuse, I remembered nothing. I lived life as if in a thick, black fog, suffering from depression, somatic pain, anxiety attacks, crying for no apparent reason, lack of motivation, inability to concentrate, fear of men and inability to trust others. I finally realized that something was very wrong in my life and found a therapist to help me lift the fog.

Unfortunately, the events that we experienced are not unusual. Currently, one in every four women can expect to be sexually victimized be-

fore she is 18. One in eight men is victimized in his lifetime; the lives of men are just as affected by the abuse as the lives of women.

The process of healing from any type of sexual victimization — whether childhood sexual abuse, date rape or stranger rape — is long and painful and requires tremendous courage and support from loved ones. However, in order to become a survivor, not a victim, of sexual violence, the process must begin.

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Dissection

I submit this letter in response to Paul Koester's letter (DN, March 30, 1993) and as a general address to students of Biology 101. I strongly encourage all students now taking Biology 101 and future students of this course to participate in the dissection of the laboratory rat. The very fact that many of you will not enter into the medical profession, nor continue into the field of biology, is reason enough for you to relish this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Contrary to Koester's statement that the sole purpose of the dissection is to simply "see what a freshly killed mammal looks like inside," the laboratory exercise does, in fact, serve a valuable function. The purpose of this lab is to teach students fundamental principles of mammalian anatomy through the use of specimens structurally similar to humans. I strongly disagree with Koester's statement that writing a paper on animal experimentation as a substitute is in some way "more educational." Though obvious to me, it is evidently not obvious to Koester that writing a paper is entirely different from performing a laboratory dissection in a supervised setting.

I would also like to comment on Koester's brilliant comparison of plastic food models to plastic anatomical models. Koester would have us believe that artificial anatomical models are just as effective in the realm of education as are "plastic models of burritos" to enhancing our appetite. If this argument is valid, then I propose that learning anatomy on artificial models will be as satisfying to the student as eating the plastic food would be to Koester.

If Koester truly wants to undertake a cause in the name of humanity, I suggest he volunteer for the People's City Mission, Lighthouse or another worthy organization. They're just rats, Paul. Try to think "human" when thinking humanely, and have a plastic burrito on me.

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