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EDITORIAL

Unleashed

Senate right not to limit Clinton's powers

The Senate rejected Thursday a provision that would have limited the president's powers in foreign policy. It voted 81-19 not to restrict the president's ability to commit troops to Haiti.

The provision by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., proposed stripping Clinton of the right to commit troops unless their presence was needed to evacuate Americans, or unless Congress provided specific approval.

Instead, the Senate enacted a non-binding provision saying Clinton should seek approval from lawmakers before committing troops to Haiti, but he is not required to do so.

The Senate made the right decision. In case of a serious emergency, the president needs to be able to respond quickly, without having to negotiate and get approval from such a large group as Congress first.

Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said Clinton "made it clear that he would not tolerate any attempt to tie his hands, affect his ability as commander in chief."

Clinton was right in making his authority clear. The president must consult with the Congress in making foreign policy, but he or she must also be able to act in situations where there is clearly not enough time to get a consensus from 535 people.

The president has the authority as commander in chief of the armed forces under the Constitution. He or she needs to be able to make decisions in a crisis and be held accountable for them.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"The men's track program was raped. I'm for gender equity, but not for tearing down a sport that took years to build in order to build up another program."

— Nebraska track coach Gary Pepin

"The power of prayer led to the verdicts. I'm giving the victory to Jesus."

— Georgiana Williams, mother of Damian Williams, who was found not guilty of attempting to murder trucker Reginald Denny during the 1992 Los Angeles riots

"You have something that politicians do not have. You are the vote. If you wanted this country painted purple, you could get that done."

— Ross Perot

"There were times in the hospital when I thought death was a much more pleasant alternative."

— Eric Lindvall on losing his left leg; undergoing 10 surgeries and experiencing cardiac arrest after being trapped this summer for 13 hours under 1,100 pounds of drywall.

"He doesn't make \$125,000 a week to stay home and watch television. They ought to suspend him for a week, maybe two."

— Houston Oilers line coach Bob Young, angered that starting tackle David Williams missed Sunday's game to be with his wife following the birth of their first child

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Assault

Mr. Griesen, perhaps Boon-Chung Ong was, as you say, "at the wrong place at the wrong time (DN, Oct. 19)." But, as vice chancellor for student affairs, we hope you take as much an interest in Asian foreign exchange students as you would any other ethnic/minority student.

It's ironic and maddening to wonder how the campus would respond if it were a black student who was assaulted by members of any other racial group. It's funny how quick we were to acknowledge that the Rodney King beating was racially motivated, when we can't even begin to recognize what's happening on our own campus.

To all Asian foreign exchange students and all Asian-American students, this is not a time to debate Ong's ethnicity. It doesn't matter that he may not be of your ethnicity, but that he was one of our brothers who needs our help. The time is here for us to stop turning our cheeks to what is happening. We need to unify all of our Asian strengths. Let us show the campus that we are a race that transcends our "weak" stereotype. We can and we will show the campus we are not invisible.

Kimberly Hee Stock
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whatever, and provide a non-intimidating atmosphere where this can be done. They should not be lobbied as instruments for special-interest groups. There is not a need for these stickers, for if there is, then there is not a need for some instructors.

Dan Rezac
senior
finance

There are many Canadians at the University of Nebraska who are amazed that the Daily Nebraskan would allow this article to be published. If Cooper cannot handle a Canadian franchise winning America's favorite pastime World Championship, then maybe he should stop watching baseball. It might diminish his hatred against Canada.

Justin Finney
freshman
undeclared



David Badders/DN

Discrimination

Yes, Jacqueline Ann Baez-Thompson, I have been denied possible opportunities because of the fact that I am a "young, white heterosexual male." (DN, Oct. 19)."

In August 1992, as a sophomore transfer student, during my initial visit with my first UNL adviser, I was told point-blank that I would have a "very tough time" getting into law school. The reason for this was that I would need a substantially higher grade-point average because of my "white male" status. I was told that my LSAT scores would also have to be considerably higher than the scores of my black or female counterparts to merely be considered for acceptance into law school.

Now, Jacqueline, explain to me: Who is being discriminated against?

Tim Hedegaard
junior
architecture

Canada

The article by Todd Cooper (DN, Oct. 21) was offensive to all Canadians and written with prejudicial content toward Canada.

Coercion

Oh, Mark Baldrige, you were doing so well (DN, Oct. 20). You talked about the game of coercion that takes such subtle forms, about the connotations of the words "warlord" or "Desert Storm"; the manipulation by the AIDS statements and the "safe place" stickers of the Affirmative Action Office. But then you fell, not a big drop, mind you, just a little tumble.

You bought into one of those little tactics to "bring the sheep gently into the fold," as you put it — namely the gay/lesbian community's changing of the phrase sexual "preference" into sexual "orientation," implying an absenteeism of choice and a predisposition of genetic evolution.

As the "safe place" sticker campaign goes, you are right: no professor should be blackmailed into following this silly idea. It is not homophobia that a professor refuses to put one of these stickers up. Rather, professors should have the professionalism and fortitude to talk with students no matter what the student's background — be it sexual preference/orientation, gender, race, creed, color, ethnicity or

You cannot judge a nation of people by an owner of a Dairy Queen and a dominant Canadian major-league baseball franchise. Yes, there are a lot of Americans on the Toronto Blue Jays, yet poor journalism on Cooper's part failed to mention that there are not zero Canadians on the team, but there is actually one, a native Canadian named Matt Butler.

If I am not mistaken, the ever-expanding National Hockey League, founded in Canada with franchises in Florida and California, has 60 percent of Canadians on most teams. So I guess that is a contradiction in terms on Cooper's part, as I quote, "Canada must buy Americans to beat Americans." The United States uses Canadians to beat Canadians at a Canadian-dominant sport.

Every country has a national anthem. What is the importance if the anthem refers to a war or not? Canadians are just as proud and are willing to die for their country as Americans, yet we do not have to win a war and gloat about it in our national anthem. Canadians like people to know we have a beautiful, friendly country and not a country that thrives on military dominance in being the policemen of the world.

Gay rights

I am writing in response to Jason A. Beineke's letter opposing gay rights (DN, Oct. 18). This so-called garbage that is a bill to protect homosexual jobs is being proposed because there are bigoted white males in corporations today firing gays and lesbians solely on the basis of sexual orientation.

People were screaming the same thing in the '60s about the civil rights movement as Jason is today about gay rights. The only thing different in the '90s is that it is civil rights for gays and lesbians. Until homosexuals are guaranteed full rights under the law to jobs, fair housing and first-class citizenship, there will continue to be protests and rallies.

Letters like Beineke's are usually written by white heterosexual males who are insecure and give in to deep-seated fears of the day when being a white male does not, for the most part, guarantee a chance at a good job and a decent life, and also because they listen to Rush Limbaugh.

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