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### EDITORIAL

## Danger zone

Fans should think before storming field

The scene of fans storming football fields after a big win is a common sight. Unfortunately the crowds sometimes get out of hand and people get hurt.

Such was the case last weekend in Madison, Wis. About 70 people were hurt when fans stormed the field after Wisconsin defeated Michigan.

What happened at Wisconsin could have happened at many other schools across the country. Hundreds of Cornhusker fans have been known to take over the field after big wins. Each time it happens, it is lucky that many fans aren't seriously hurt.

Ken Cauble, director of university police, said security at football games has focused on controlling the crowds rather than stopping them from taking over the field. Guards are supposed to watch for fans on the ground to prevent anyone from getting trampled.

Preventive measures are the best option to take in this case. If stadium security asked fans to remain in their seats after the game, they would probably be more likely to storm the field.

Cauble said the number of guards patrolling the crowds after the games is less than during the game because some leave to patrol traffic. University police should increase the number of officers patrolling the fans inside the stadium after the game. More security guards controlling the fans can only increase security.

Most importantly, fans need to be aware of the danger they cause when storming the field. If fans and security officers aren't careful, what happened in Wisconsin could happen here.

## In pieces

Administration can't forget Middle East

Although the crises in Haiti and Somalia have captured the attention of the United States, the struggle for peace in the Middle East should not be forgotten.

Delegates from the Palestinian Liberation Organization and the Israeli government met Wednesday to discuss resuming peace talks that broke down Tuesday when the PLO walked out.

The Israelis and the PLO are negotiating an accord on the removal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Jericho. An agreement signed in Washington in September calls for some Palestinian self-rule in these areas.

It is essential the U.S. government do everything in its power to keep the talks going. It is in the direct interest of the United States to see peace between the PLO and Israel become a reality.

The United States has been forced to play a role in keeping peace in the Middle East since Israel's creation in 1948. If an effective peace could be worked out, the United States would be relieved of some of the pressure of keeping the region secure.

Chief Palestinian delegate Nabil Shaath said after breaking off the talks that a summit between Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat may be necessary for negotiations to resume. Israeli officials said that although they did not think a summit was essential, they would participate in one if necessary.

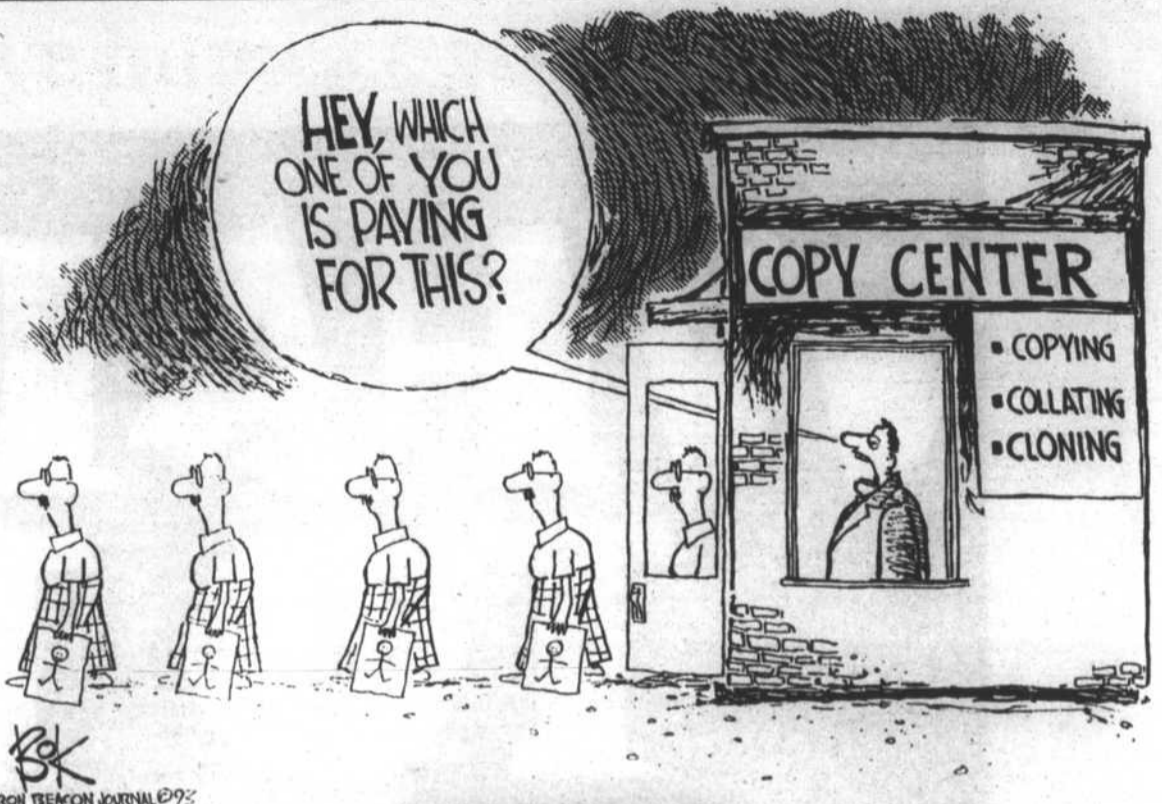
President Clinton and the U.S. government should put whatever pressure they can on both sides to continue the talks. If the Middle East is not secure, neither is the United States.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Justice

I think the execution of whomever is found guilty of killing Candice Harms is a far cry from the wishes or prayers of the Harms family. I don't believe they are blood-hungry for justice as some would like to believe. As Catholics, we believe that capital punishment is unjustified in any form. When you toy with life and death, you tread in waters solely reserved for God. Roger Bjorklund's trial is not about justice, it is about proving who raped and murdered Candy Harms.

I remember Stan Harms' touching words at Candy's memorial service last year at Pius X High School. His address was not bitter; rather, it gave the rest of us hope. He told us Candy had woke him up early the morning of the memorial service. She had plenty to tell us that she wanted him to say that day. At the service, he conveyed to us all how she didn't want us to turn away from God; she wanted us to embrace Him by attending Mass and offering our prayers to Him. Although choked with emotion, Mr. Harms dutifully finished Candy's message, afterward returning to his seat to embrace his wife.

Judging from what I have seen and heard, I don't feel Mr. and Mrs. Harms are looking for vengeance. Moreover, they are trying their best to forgive.

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#### Stickers

When will we end this absurdity? "The College Republicans' stickers serve no function." Exactly! But are they really offensive?

To remain politically correct, they should have stuck with pink hearts, yellow moons, orange stars, green clovers and blue diamonds.

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#### Capital punishment

In response to Mark Cederlind (DN, Nov. 3): Yes, let's not execute the man found guilty of killing Candice Harms. We should show him love and compassion, and we should help Candice Harms' parents and boyfriend by showing our love and caring.

We should forgive the killer and not execute him. Perhaps as a public we should just put him in prison for the rest of his life so he can soak up thousands of our tax dollars for the next 60 years. Perhaps we could let him go; that way he could do it to someone else's daughter and we could

do this all over again the same time next year.

Perhaps we could walk out in front of the County-City Building, throw a rope over a tree and have us a good ol' fashioned lynching. That way we'll save thousands of dollars on jurors, lawyers, judges and prison time, and justice will be done.

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David Badders/DN

#### Hat

I had intended not to write this letter. I suppose I had not foreseen anyone writing in response to Christopher Woerner's letter (DN, Nov. 1). It was a letter with no obvious intent — no logical arguments, no definite opinions were stated. Indeed the very subject matter seemed unworthy of any amount of serious thought. Now I feel I should end this travesty.

This is it — the exposé. Christopher Woerner is the boy in the hat. The joke was on the reader, and the punchline is that, in responding, we have given Mr. Woerner that which he craved — he obviously wrote the letter to create a controversy about himself and his beloved hat. Sadly, in writing this letter, I am contributing to the success of the boy's ambition.

However, the joke is on you, Mr. Woerner. Keep wearing your hat every single day. Keep making your plays for attention. You can expect some heads to turn, but do not anticipate the respect of the vast majority of grown men and women who will not condescend to your relatively low and extremely boring level.

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#### Lutheranism

I would like to make a clarification concerning the report from the leadership of the Lutheran Church

about masturbation, homosexuality and the use of condoms contained in an editorial reprinted from The Minnesota Daily (DN, Oct. 26).

The Lutheran Church of Australia has responded quite differently from the impression the article taken from The Minnesota Daily gives concerning the Lutheran perspective of homosexuality. The LCA is a partner church to the American group called Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

The position of the published LCA document on homosexuality is also accepted by the LCMS. The Australian document states, "God's Word is silent about homosexuality as a propensity. In view of this and in light of medical and psychological evidence, the church may not condemn or judge homosexual propensity. Homosexuality is part of the mysterious disturbance and distortion that has entered God's creation and His created social structures. Like disease, it may be seen in the context of the fall and the resultant intrusion of disruptive and abnormal forces which have upset and perverted God's original design. God's will expressed in His Word is clear regarding homosexual behavior. Such behavior is against the will of God and hence is sin." The Australian article distinguishes between the "propensity" toward same-sex attraction and the "behavior" of the homosexual lifestyle.

Regardless of the theory one accepts regarding homosexuality, an attraction toward someone of the same sex is not considered sinful, as we view God's Word. The same-sex attraction becomes sinful when it is entertained, gives way to lust or is acted out in homosexual activity between two individuals. This is the distinction between propensity and behavior.

If someone is born with a physical deformity, we do not say the deformity is sinful. The deformity, as well as all "disturbance and distortion that has entered God's creation" is the result of the general sinful nature that infects all of humankind. So it is with the propensity toward homosexuality; the basic attraction is not sin but a "deformity" of God's original intention and natural inclination of the attraction between men and women.

The question as to whether the deformity of a propensity toward the same sex can be changed or not is not the central focus. The most important issue is that God can redeem every one of his children who are all filled with the propensity to sin by faith in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Homosexual propensity is no different than a propensity to lie, cheat, steal or gossip.

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