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EDITORIAL

'All' means all

Liberty and justice not just for status quo

If there is one place that should be free of discrimination in the United States, it is the Congress. The elected representatives in Congress are entrusted with making laws and protecting the citizens of the country.

Republican Congressman Bill Barrett of Nebraska failed to meet that responsibility with statements he made Wednesday. The Associated Press reported Barrett said he probably wouldn't hire someone who admitted being a homosexual.

"An overwhelming majority of my constituents have told me — especially during the debate over gays in the military — they don't support the promotion of homosexual lifestyles," Barrett said in a statement. "This is their office."

Barrett's remarks were related to a petition that has been circulated in Congress by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a gay and lesbian political organization. Individuals who sign the petition pledge that they will not discriminate against gays or lesbians in hiring.

The Constitution guarantees homosexuals the same rights as everyone else in the United States. Their private lives have nothing to do with their ability to work. If they are the most qualified applicants, they should be hired.

We cannot say in the United States that everyone has rights except people who are homosexual. The rights we have under the Constitution are universal. If everyone's rights are not protected, then everyone's rights are in danger.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I really would like to spend the rest of my life with (VISION second vice presidential candidate) Judy Rishel."

— Matthew Brinkman, LETTUCE second vice presidential candidate, explaining why he got involved in Association of Students of the University of Nebraska elections.

"You have the audacity to say I look like Jesus. I am Jesus."

— Matt Kissler, LETTUCE presidential candidate, revealing at an ASUN debate why he was wearing a brown robe.

"I think the biggest factor is that (Loudon) had 89 people kissing his ass to get the cheeseball elected, and the people got the biggest snow job they've ever seen in their lives."

— J.B. Howell, RESUME presidential candidate, responding to VISION candidate Andrew Loudon's victory.

"Anyone and their dog could have predicted that VISION would win."

— Gary Doyle, organizer of Dave Letterman's write-in campaign, after VISION's victory.

"He was extremely calm. That's what bothered me."

— Connecticut Capitol Police Sgt. Tony Murphy, describing the emotions of a man who cut off his finger in front of the State Capitol to protest gun control.

"I haven't done anything wrong and I'm not going to do anything wrong."

— President Clinton, who said he had nothing to hide in the Whitewater investigation.

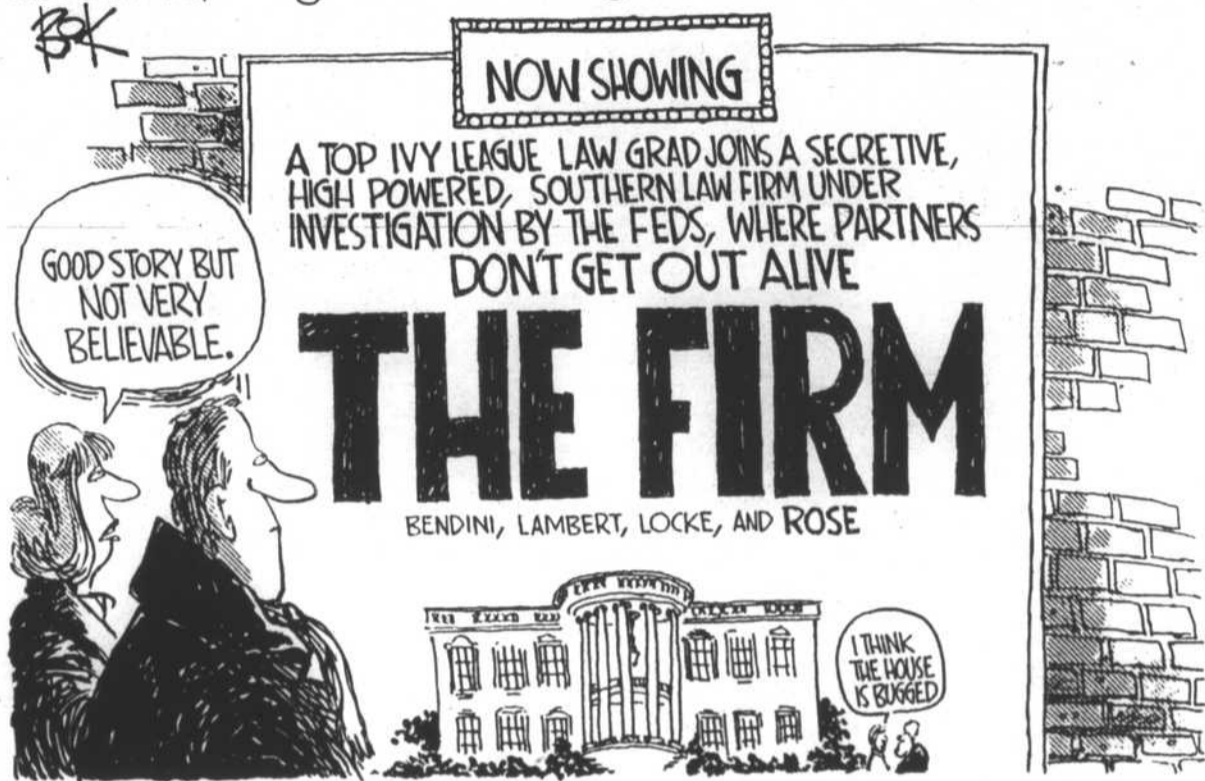
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Homosexuality

Are homosexuals really a race, and if so, do they deserve special rights over and above the rights of the majority? Is it possible to define a group of people that have similar likes and dislikes as a race? Can race be defined by actions instead of physical characteristics?

If homosexuals are a legitimate race, then by the same standards, so are the Black Panthers and the KKK.

If homosexuals deserve special rights, then the Nazis also rate equal representation and due consideration for their practices.

When the Cub Scouts "discriminate" against gays by not allowing them to be scout leaders, the American Civil Liberties Union cries, "hate criminals," but nobody would say anything if David Duke were denied the same position.

Why can society determine what is normal and abnormal except in the case of "sexual preference?" Depression, phobias, multi-personalities, schizophrenia, bestiality, necrophilia, the act of rape and pedophilia are obviously all wrong and abnormal, so why not homosexuality?

If society can define right and wrong, then what is the point of it all? Why is murder or rape illegal, and why do we even have laws to begin with? Everything should be for our selfish desires.

It has yet to be explained why 98 percent of society is heterosexual if, supposedly, none of them think it is animalistic and barbaric. What keeps them from crossing the line, and what makes them heterosexual?

Of all the people I have known, I have never heard anyone call homosexuality "natural love." I've lived in California and seen people jumping up and down and yelling, "I'm God, I'm God," over and over again, and others walking around with mice on their shoulders, eating hair. I guess that should be called "natural life."

As far as rights and privileges, all people have the Bill of Rights. That's it. If you don't like it, I dare you to try your luck somewhere else.

Christopher W. Winkelmann
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Farrakhan

It's apparent that Kim Spurlock (DN, March 10, 1993) has not studied enough about Hitler and his plan to have an Aryan race dominate Europe. Hitler's career in politics began as a soap box speech in bars and on street corners.

He was mistaken for a nobody, and the world ignored him. After his book, "Mein Kampf," the German people listened and were brainwashed by his message. Hitler blamed the Jewish

community for Germany's poor economic state.

The same is true for Farrakhan. Farrakhan is searching for somebody to blame for black repression in the United States. When you can't blame the Koreans or whites, you search for a specific group of people to be the cause. Now it's the Jews.

Do we need a war in our country over the color of skin or between the Islam and Jewish faiths? America was built by people who were oppressed. We are all the same race, the human race.

Stop the suspicion and the hate, lest we are to become the messengers of death for those that come after us.

Neal King
junior
English

Stand your ground even if it is the unpopular thing to do.

Make sure that now you are elected, your platform does not become a memory. You were elected to achieve those things, and I hope you keep working on them all year.

Finally, I hope you're strong enough to take a stand for what is right, even if it's politically wrong. Don't be like past presidents and do the politically correct thing even when you know it is wrong.

Every student on this campus has the right to be treated the same, so treat them the same. Loudon, work with the press, instead of against it. Change ASUN's image to a positive one.

Loudon, you have the potential to have a lot of power. Take the responsibility and the power and become a president this university can be proud of.

J.B. Howell and the RESUME party
RESUME presidential candidate

Tougher standards

There has been much said about the increasing costs of an education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. There has been just as much said about the increasing of class sizes to meet budget requirements.

An acceptance rate of more than 90 percent would not seem to help this problem. Neither would a freshman drop out rate of more than 50 percent. UNL has both of these.

It seems we might have located one source of wasted funds. Those of us who want to be here are supplementing the costs of coming-of-age processes for rural Nebraska's children. This is not just another stereotype. It's a fact that more than 90 percent of UNL students are native Nebraskans.

This seems fair, though, when we look at how much of the tuition costs actually come from students — less than half. The rest comes from the state of Nebraska in the form of tax dollars.

A university forum of education should be run for those who haven't made up their minds. Isn't that what the military is for?

Some of us have travelled thousands of miles to attend this institution on the basis of its merits, not so we can get game-day tickets for the folks at home.

So yes, President Smith, it is the faculty. How about eliminating the seat warmers by toughening up entrance standards so more of us student types can gain more from the faculty.

Gordon Bjorman
sophomore
agribusiness



RESUME's advice

Now that the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska election is over, the RESUME party would like to say a few things to those newly elected.

First, we would like to congratulate the whole VISION party on a job well done. You won, and you deserved it.

Next, to the senators: You have a large responsibility ahead of you. Take hold of the power you have and use it. Don't waste your time or students' time talking about things you don't need to. Don't be like the little Dutch boy who stuck his finger in the hole when he saw it was leaking.

Next, to Judy Rishel and Britt Ehlers: Keep Andrew Loudon on his toes. He is going to need a lot of help. Just make sure he does what is right.

Finally, to Loudon: I saved you for last. Make sure you remain honest with the people and keep your integrity. Don't sell out and don't compro-