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## Strike out?

Clinton throws the first pitch, a deadline

Players. Owners.  
Owners. Players.

For months now, the baseball strike has carried on and the two sides seem as if they aren't the slightest bit closer to an agreement.

That could change. This afternoon, on the 100th anniversary of Babe Ruth's birth, is the deadline set for a negotiation to be in place, ordered by President Clinton, of all people. Clinton and many Americans no doubt hope that the deadline will be kept.

That could happen. But it likely won't.

And why should it? And why is President Clinton getting involved in this issue anyway? The United States is facing more pressing problems as it is, and baseball labor negotiations do not involve Clinton, as well-meaning as he may be.

Since Clinton imposed his deadline, the National Labor Relations Board has said it would file an unfair labor practice charge against the owners. Hardly a level playing field. So the owners tossed out their salary cap.

That may have been good for the players, but it put the situation back to square one.

Clinton and his government should set a different deadline: one to get out of the way. Since when has government been known to get things done?

One thing has been constant throughout the strike: Both sides have shown a blatant disregard to the fans and to the game of baseball. No one wants to solve the problem.

If baseball owners and players can't come to an agreement by themselves, then they don't deserve to have a 1995 season, and the Daily Nebraskan doesn't want to see one.

## It's about time

President's line-item veto long overdue

The 104th Congress will do today something the previous 103 have not done. It will give the president of the United States the power of the line-item veto.

On former President Ronald Reagan's 84th birthday, the Republican-controlled Congress will give our nation's chief executive a very effective tool for controlling spending.

"We're doing it on President Reagan's birthday as a way of honoring him because he fought for it for so long," Speaker Newt Gingrich told The Associated Press.

The line-item veto would let the president reject individual provisions of a spending bill without rejecting the entire proposal. Most states' governors already have similar powers.

In Nebraska, Gov. Ben Nelson has often used the line-item veto. It makes our state government more efficient.

It will do the same for our federal government. That certainly is one thing we can use.

The truth is that a line-item veto is long overdue. It should have been instituted even before Reagan's term.

President Clinton and future presidents will be able to cut unneeded pork from bills, thrown in by senators and representatives trying to take something from Washington home to their constituents.

And presidents also can veto certain measures they oppose on principle.

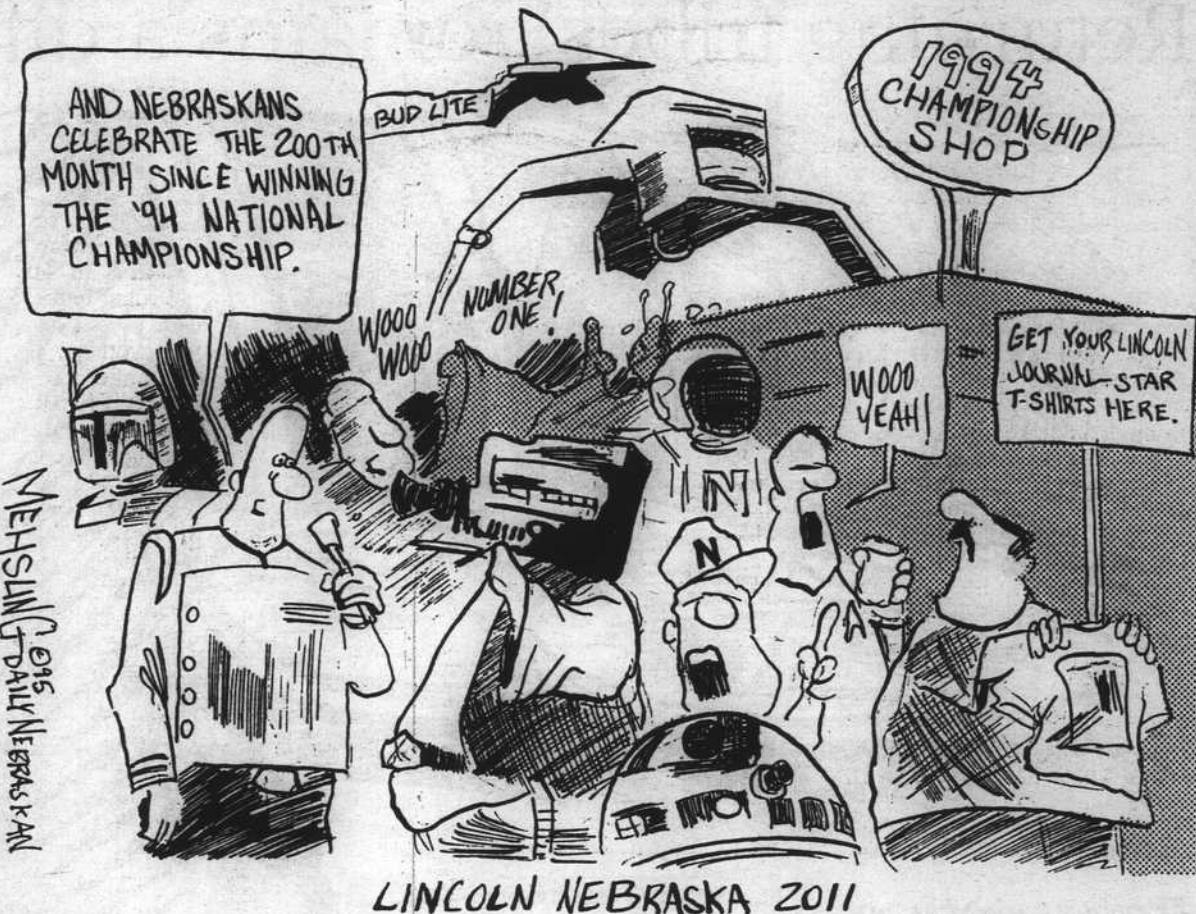
With our federal government spending money at an enormous clip and unable to balance the budget, anything that might help us get in the black should be welcomed with open arms.

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## Nudity equals smut?

Since when is a picture or a video of a nude woman or of many nude women considered "smut"? Since when is female nudity "degrading to women"? And when did sexuality become a social pariah?

I think some people are too uptight with these expressions of human sexuality. In response to Lori Savery's letter (Feb. 3) about the "Strip Pool" video, if these were naked children playing sexually erotic pool, or if these women were being forced to play eight ball without their consent, I could see where it would be problematic. But these women made the choice to trade their bodies for money and minor-league fame.

Everyone has a choice. I hate seeing Young Republicans ads in the Daily Nebraskan. These people offend me more than any naked pool player could. I don't like my students fees going to support them; however, I don't deny them the right to obtain money and minor-league fame.

My choice is to turn the page. I suppose I could be an extremist and boycott the Daily Nebraskan. But if I boycotted every little or big thing that offended me, I'd be wasting my life, time and energy.

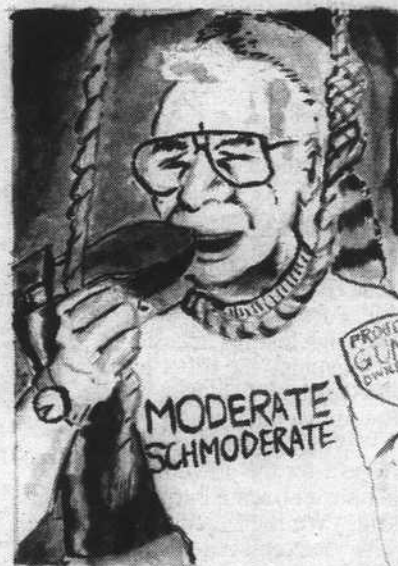
Woman to woman, Ms. Savery, chill out. You too have a choice.

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## Plainsmen

I was very insulted by the Daily Nebraskan's article on the Plainsmen (Feb. 2). As a pro-life activist, I found the Plainsmen's actions insulting, degrading and damaging.

Larry Ball does not represent the pro-life movement. His tactics (hanging a noose and bullet-ridden steel plate on the fence outside of Planned Parenthood's new abortion



mill) were uncalled for and in poor taste. His comment, "this doesn't mean that you have the right to spread your legs in the back of every car ..." was crude and unnecessary.

The only thing that his comments do is paint the pro-life people as gun-toting, self-righteous radicals. The majority of pro-life advocates are against violence.

If the Daily Nebraskan wants to run an article about protests at the new abortion clinic, why doesn't it focus on the majority of protests that have occurred since early December; the silent, peaceful protests.

Could it be that it is only looking for negative publicity for the pro-life movement? The reporting certainly suggests the bias.

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## Fear hurt rally

The other day I saw a news report where a pro-life supporter was claiming their rally was a success because it had a much larger attendance than a pro-choice

rally the same day.

I found it interesting that the pro-choice people (who are called savage murderers by the pro-life people) are afraid to exercise their constitutional right of assembly for fear that the pro-life people will harass or murder them, again.

It seems that the reason the pro-life rally had such a good turnout was that the "savage murderers" do not pose such a grave threat to the pro-life supporters' lives and happiness.

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## Whose choice?

Abortion radicals have been recently plaguing our local and national presses. If it isn't "pro-life" people blocking an abortion clinic entrance, it's "pro-choice" people telling people that a fetus isn't a living thing.

Let's be realistic. Abortion is legal; that won't change. I personally don't believe in abortion, except in the case of rape and incest, yet I do believe the fetus is a living being. The choice of abortion should be left up to two people, the mother and the father, not just the mother. Humans don't reproduce asexually.

Another point that should be established: The two sides in this issue are anti-abortionists and pro-abortionist.

"Pro-choice" people aren't pro-choice if they believe in welfare, state-funded abortions, job quotas, minimum-wage laws and affirmative action.

I know many pro-choicers who believe in these laws and that certainly isn't my choice. So they're pro-choice, except for my choice and those who believe as I do.

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