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## Bad call

*Government should stay out of strike*

Seven and a half months and counting.

The major-league baseball strike continues to drag on. Apparently someone wants it to end, because now the matter has been taken to a new playing field: The court system.

It's a full count. The baseball season is set to start in five days, with replacement players if necessary. The owners aren't showing any signs of compromise and neither are the players, who will begin to feel the effect of the strike on their wallets.

So the National Labor Relations Board is bringing in a pinch-hitter, asking U.S. District Judge Sonia Sotomayor to issue an injunction that would bring back the old agreement between the owners and the players.

But such a court order will not bring the two sides any closer to resolving the problems at the heart of the dispute.

And there is a good chance that the owners will impose a lockout on the players. The owners are playing hardball; they want a new agreement.

But the one inescapable truth is that neither side is willing to budge. Both are rigidly set in their demands.

The Daily Nebraskan wants the government to stay out, for the good of the game. Any agreement the two sides might reach only after the government's strong-arming probably won't last long.

Until all sides are serious and willing to resolve the dispute, the strike should continue.

## Deathly dumb

*Protest of dance performance hateful*

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus has been littered with hate this week.

A Kansas church has distributed fliers protesting tonight's Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company performance at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. Jones founded the dance company with his homosexual companion, Arnie Zane, who died of AIDS. Jones is HIV-positive.

The fliers, released by Topeka's Westboro Baptist Church, reek with hate. They feature a picture of Jones with a triangle and the number 666 placed on his forehead. "Filthy Face of Fag Evil," the flier screams. Below Jones' chin is a picture of Herbie Husker with "AIDS" emblazoned on his hat and "FAGS" on his overalls.

Tonight, the church will deliver its hate in person, protesting at the Lied Center an hour before the show.

The protestors, lead by Pastor Fred W. Phelps, have every right to express their anger about and disgust of homosexuality.

That doesn't make their hateful message right or safe. And it doesn't mean people should listen.

Like the Christians who blamed the Black Plague on the Jews, Phelps wrongfully suggests that AIDS is an evil disease delivered from God to punish homosexuals.

But AIDS is a disease, not a deliverance. Viruses don't discriminate between good and evil.

Phelps claims he is trying to save homosexuals. He seems to be trying to find a cure for homosexuality, when instead we should be finding a cure for AIDS.

Phelps calls tonight's performance dangerous. But the most dangerous thing at the Lied Center tonight will be Phelps and his contagious hate.

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### Lincoln High

Lincoln High celebrates its diversity. It proudly proclaims so when it underwrites programming on Nebraska Public Radio. Just like UNL.

Like any large high school, it has a wide diversity of students whom it serves uncommonly well. Just like UNL tries to do in its well-intentioned and occasionally ham-handed way. Lincoln High has outstanding programs in the arts and has as many wins and losses on its playing fields as other schools. So does UNL.

Lincoln High also has uncommonly good academic standards and a host of bright-as-a-button high-profile scholarship winners. Sadly, they're often the ones who get swept out of state as brains are drained from the Cornhusker State.

Should unwed teen-age mothers be forced to drop out of school? Unshaven legs may not be everyone's cup of tea, but have you ridden a bus in Europe lately? Some people do things differently.

Lastly, what's a rugged, clean-shaven, macho brute doing reading Seventeen magazine? Sounds to me like someone has a lot of time on his hands that might be better served studying.

And to tell the truth, I always thought Seventeen was a, well, "girl's" magazine. Might this augur for a wider perspective vis à vis gender roles and inclusivity? Maybe there is a light at the end of the tunnel after all.

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### Adoption

I have had enough of the news reports of overcrowded orphanages and foster homes when there is a large population of ready and willing parents to take these children and give them just what they want and need: a loving and stable home environment.

Who better to teach a child about love than a couple so committed to

each other to risk ridicule and alienation to be with each other?

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Bret Gottschall/DN

### First Amendment

In response to the editorial "Stifled Liberty" (March 27): I am shocked at the middle-of-the-road stand the Daily Nebraskan has taken on this issue.

First of all, Gerhard Lauck was arrested for committing a crime, not just a random comment or letter. He was purposely spreading propaganda, which is against the law in Germany.

Second, he was arrested outside of U.S. soil, so I see no reason to try to uphold his American rights and freedoms.

Third, I understand why the Daily Nebraskan says freedom of speech should be protected, but let's use some common sense here. The ideas Lauck is promoting led to a World War and the killing of millions of innocent people.

Lauck isn't just exercising freedom of speech. He is promoting a dangerous and deadly ideal that needs to be stopped.

The Daily Nebraskan needs to realize that while this conduct is OK

in the United States, it is a serious offense in Germany, and I'm sure you could find plenty of support for his arrest in this country as well. And I do believe that in this case, Lauck's liberty should be stifled wherever the crime is being committed.

Maybe a quick look into the history books by the Daily Nebraskan staff will show what toleration of this ideology can lead to.

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### Jamie Karl

This is a letter in response to Jamie Karl's column "Students need more character" (March 16). As a "single-functioning parent" of a Link, I was appalled at Karl's lack of sensitivity as a human being in regards to the comments he wrote.

As a parent, never have I heard anyone who works in the public school system say, "If it feels good, do it!" Not once. That statement in itself implies very strange connotations, that Karl being a sexist pig probably understands. I am unaware that the LPS system "commands" its students to do anything except to be the best that they can be.

And what's so wrong with LPS wanting to help a child build their self-esteem? In these days where adolescents are under "a lot" of pressure from this society and their peers, they need all the encouragement they can get.

I have never heard anyone utter that building self-esteem was, as Karl put it, a "cure-all" for the problems that plague our adolescents.

The insensitive, downright low blow that Karl shot at Lincoln High was an ignorant article that leaves some parents, like myself, to wonder how in the hell people like him find their way into journalism.

Maybe The National Enquirer is looking for someone of his caliber.

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