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Run Colin, run

Powell's character needed in campaign

Colin Powell stands, hat in hand, poised to toss it into the ring. Many polls show he has an excellent chance of wresting the presidency away from the current front-runners.



Even as a potential third-party candidate (the mark of doom to lesser politicians) his popularity is stunning.

But who is this man?

And where does he stand on the issues?

Described as a fiscal conservative, he remains firmly pro-choice. Where does that land him in the current political landscape?

Ground zero.

Many express a support for the man, regardless of his stance on key issues in the '96 election.

Is this just a case of the grass being greener where nobody mows?

Will a couple months of campaign slaughter reduce this former warrior to moral rubble?

Maybe not.

Powell's popularity stems, in part, from a sense that here, at last, is a candidate of a certain moral fiber.

He comes across as a firm man. A man of convictions.

And his work last year in Haiti with former President Carter lent him the air of a diplomat.

He looks good in suits.

And we know from experience that the man knows his way around a war room.

Still, that hardly seems enough to base a campaign on — unless it's the only thing there is.

Maybe what the voters are trying to say is that character counts for more than political savvy.

And maybe, in a figurehead like the president, character is what counts above all.

Only time will tell whether his popularity can survive the rigors of the campaign trail — many a "shining example" comes clean of that prevention under the glare of the public eye.

The man has no connections and he doesn't know the territory.

Regardless, the presence of Powell in the election would add a spice we haven't tasted since ... well, since last election.

On those grounds, we encourage you to run, Colin Powell.

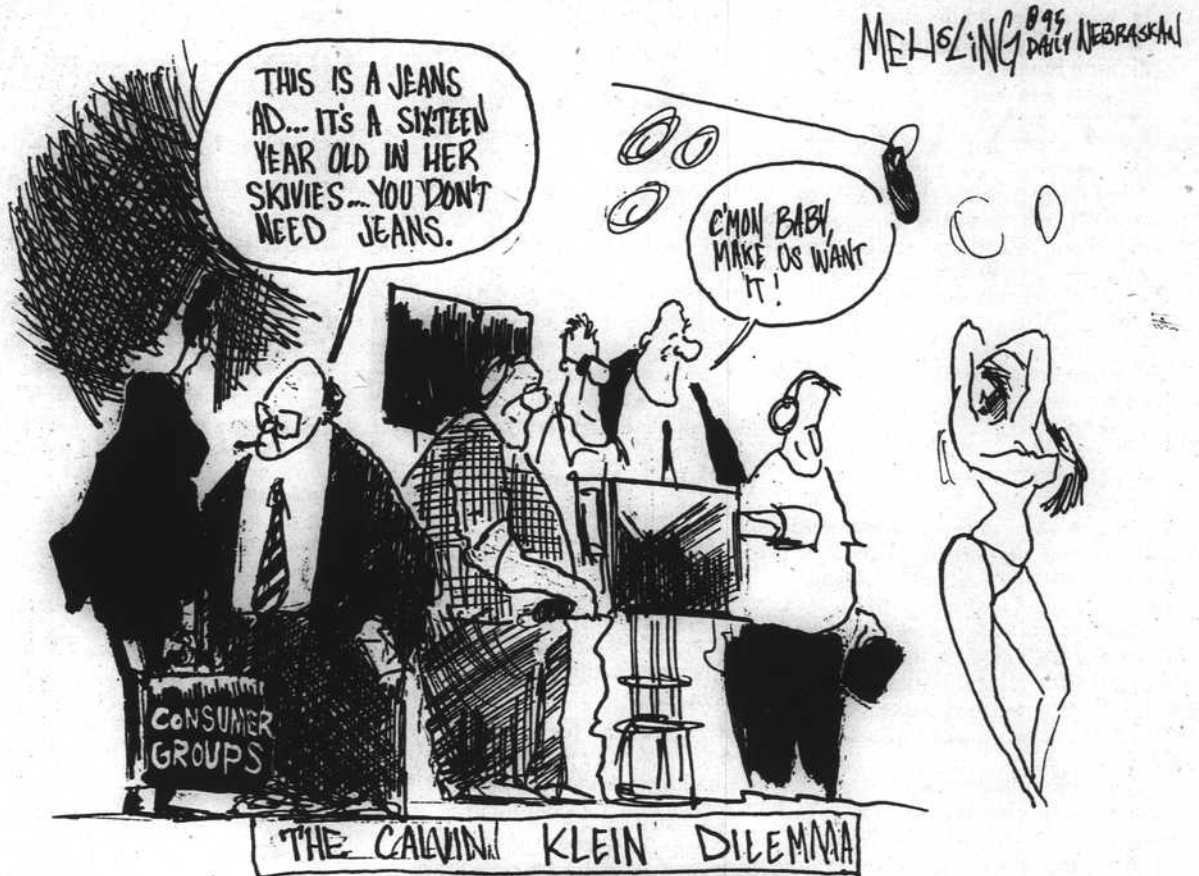
And may the best man win.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kessler confused

Usually my everyday ritual is to pick up a DN before my first class. Probably the most enjoyable part of the DN for me is the Opinion page.

I find it amusing to read the Letters to the Editor but never do I feel the urge to write one myself until today.

I am writing in regard to Eric Kessler's letter to the editor (Lesson learned? Sep. 18).

I don't care if Lawrence Phillips was raised by a wild pack of wolves it still does not give him the right to hit and abuse a woman or anyone for that matter.

Eric also stated that we should support Lawrence like we did when he ran for 359 yards and seven touchdowns, well my friend, if he had been in the same predicament that he is in now before he scored those touchdowns or ran those yards I wouldn't have supported him.

You have to understand Eric that no matter who you are, no matter how many yards you run, no matter how many touchdowns you score you're still a human being and you should respect the rights of any other human being, whether woman or man.

Alex Solomos
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via email

More "Konfusion"

For the last week I have been reading some of the stories and letters regarding Lawrence Phillips, and I have noticed some trends.

The one I find most amazing is that in this fine conservative town (and state) so many people are supporting Lawrence.

Eric Kessler (in his letter, see above) feels that none of us can understand the kind of pressure Lawrence was under, due to his difficult upbringing, etc.

I see a contradiction in that if Lawrence were just some guy seen being arrested on "Cops", then there would be considerably less support for him.

That is, if he were not a Heisman Trophy candidate playing for our beloved Huskers, then we would probably see more folks out to see Lawrence serve some jail time.

The coverage I have seen of late either paints Lawrence as some kind of victim here, or it tries to vindicate the image of NU football.

The Huskers won on Saturday, very convincingly I might add, and the TV people all started their shows with "Well the Huskers had a tough week, but they really killed ASU." As if winning on the field is all that really matters.

I was always under the impression that NU's program was as much about building leaders as well as National Champs.

I do not want to play judge and jury, but if Tom Osborne has kicked Phillips off the team, he probably did it for a good reason.

To me, this implies a degree of guilt.

So, while Lawrence may need football, I'm not sure that football needs him.

I know NU does not need him. Not because of the able bodied replacements, but because of what he, and others, are doing to the school's image and prestige. Lawrence got a chance that not many kids with his background get, to be a star running back, to get a (free) college education and to possibly make it pro.

He was told not to have any contact with Kate McEwen and informed of the consequences of his actions. I say, let it go.

I wish him luck and hope he learns from this incident.

I also hope Kate McEwen will heal well and get her life back to normal as soon as possible.

Marty Murphy
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Library runaround

I too am in complete disbelief at the UNL libraries system to allow journals to be checked out. (See: Conan the Librarian, Sep. 18)

I was outraged when a whole decade's worth of journals had been checked out.

I requested a meeting with a director, at which point I was given the same committee story.

Apparently there were more committee members who did not want to change the policy.

My question is: How many graduate students were on that

committee?

Jack, maybe we need to start a petition drive.

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I want my free TV

The Lincoln City Council, at the request of the Mayor, will be considering eliminating the Public Access channel at (next) Monday's meeting.

I agree with the Mayor that the quality of the programming currently available on channel 14 leaves much to be desired.

However, I fervently disagree that eliminating the channel is the solution to the problem.

It is my belief that in a free, truly democratic society, every arena of ideas must be equally accessible by all free thinkers.

Similarly, the common vehicles for expression must be equally accessible to every citizen.

Further, free citizens deserve the opportunity for expression uninhibited by a commercial motive.

In television and cablecasting, even simple productions cost a prohibitive amount of money for a member of the general public to effectively utilize the medium. Thus, the cable television forum is left to the realm of the commercially motivated producer.

If letters to the editor cost \$300 per hour to write, would we want to provide an opportunity to write letters to those without the financial resources to do so on their own? I would hope so.

It is a grave mistake to whimsically jeopardize democratic principles for the sake of censoring a minority viewpoint, even if that viewpoint is in "bad taste."

If the community (or the Mayor) has a problem with the programs currently on the cable access channel, then the community (or the Mayor) needs to get down to Cablevision, take the appropriate classes and produce some quality programs as an antidote.

I know I would appreciate it.

Carter Van Pelt
Director, Lancaster County
Democratic Party

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