

## Nixing nudity

### Proposed city ordinance neglects simplest solution

Is paying to lick whipped cream off a stripper's thigh immoral?

How about watching someone dance around topless?

One city representative thinks nudity should be outlawed in Lincoln, and she has asked the City Council to support her.

Two ordinances were brought to the council on Feb. 1.

One is aimed at stopping contact between dancers and patrons. The other potentially would ban all nudity in public places, with exceptions for art and breast-feeding.

The physical-contact ordinance is expected to pass easily, but the nudity ordinance is flawed.

One city representative thinks the council needs to outlaw nudity to show the city has a conscience.

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In reality, the nudity ordinance wouldn't do anything.

The term "nudity" is too relative.

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How about if she puts star-shaped pasties over her nipples?

Or should she wear a bra, a wet T-shirt or a bikini top?

If a man walks down O Street without a shirt, would he be nude, too?

There are too many exceptions to a no-nudity code.

If the council wants to end the problem, it should make an ordinance that would actually deal with the problem strip clubs present.

If the council outlaws strip clubs, then dancers have no forum to show off their bodies, and the problem would be solved.

But the council would rather come through the back door to solve the problem by enforcing an undefined rule.

There is no sliding scale for morality.

If nudity is such a big problem, the council should face it head-on and abolish all strip clubs.

The council can expect clubs that thrive off nudity and sexual behavior to exploit any loophole left open.

If the council wants to solve the problem, it must eliminate the problem.

The City Council just can't cover up the problem with pasties.

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### Obermeyer's VIEW



### Letters to the EDITOR

#### Skewed view

Did I miss it? Did I miss the editorial decrying Tom Osborne and his "taking this most fundamental of rights inherent to a republic and completely skewing it to her (his) desires," just as you skewered Hillary Clinton for running for Senate in New York (Our View, 2/7/00).

Really, Tom doesn't live in the 3rd district! According to you (if you're consistent), he must be one of those "wealthy political insiders" who will cause our electoral system to "decay further than it already has."

I hope the editorial board lets Osborne know that this "get-elected-wherever-I-can philosophy doesn't belong in our state" and works to get him kicked "out of our state and tell him never to come back."

Now don't give me any crap about Tom's being a resident of the state. That's the way it works for Senate races. For House races, one is supposed to be a resident of the district - not just the state. Hillary Rodham Clinton at least will live in her house after the election. Osborne will probably continue to live in Lincoln while using his other home for an occasional fishing trip and voting purposes.

In case anyone should mistake my feelings, I think both Clinton and Osborne should be allowed to do what they are doing. It's up to the voters of their regions to decide who they want to represent them. It's not up to an editorial board that seems to harbor a great deal of anger toward Clinton.

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#### Idiocy indeed

After reading Chris Gustafson's and Lucas Stock's column "Center of idiocy" on Friday, a few thoughts come to my mind. "Center of idiocy"

is a good title, but it should not refer to the university, but rather to the space allotted to these two simple-minded individuals.

I understand that their article is a joke, but aside from that, there are some things I would like to point out. These two should have learned that you shouldn't make fun of something that is above your level of intelligence. Obviously the fields of engineering, math and science are out of the realm of comprehension of these two writers, so they choose to make fun of that which they don't understand.

Maybe the problem is that they looked at their own majors and realized how worthless they are and decided they would try to make fun of everyone else who will actually get a high-paying job upon graduation.

When I read the editorial page, I would like to think that I would actually be reading something that causes thought or stirs controversy. My hope is that in the future, the DN will publish writers with such ideas and not this senseless drivel we have been reading for so much of this spring semester.

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