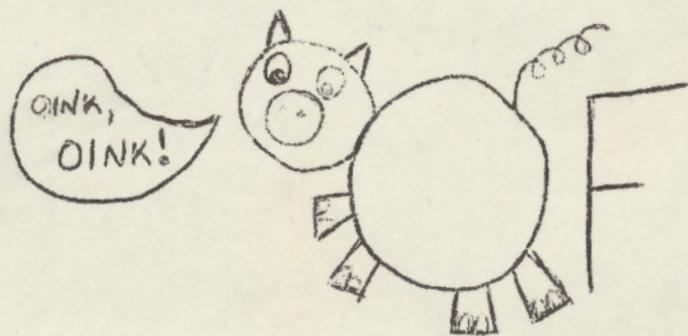


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Logic and light

To the Editor:

I am not a regular reader of The Daily Illini, and after reading several of the articles in the Dec. 8 edition, I doubt that I will become one. That is, unless I subscribe for the amusement. Allow me to be more specific: two articles especially caught my eye. One of them, Randy Kulat's column entitled "The illogical life of the death penalty law," was ridiculously hilarious. I am still uncertain as to the thesis which Mr. Kulat attempted to put forth, but I suppose it has something in common with the truism that we all, including judges, legislators and governors, are products of our time.

However, in the main the article is a hodge-podge of gibberish on capital punishment, which I suppose is an illustration of Mr. Kulat's thesis. Let us examine his argument. In the third paragraph he states: "...our misguided legislators will have forced us to take a step back into senseless barbarism." Then, in the fourth paragraph from the end he aptly sums up his argument for the reader: "I don't know who is really right, or who will win. But I hope my side does." Is Mr. Kulat saying that he does not know whether it is right to take a step back into senseless barbarism? As is obvious, I believe, Mr. Kulat has taken a stand on an issue, but has failed to reinforce it with suitable arguments. I would recommend that before you allow Mr. Kulat to write more articles on "illogical" subjects

that he take one of the fine logic courses offered here at the University. It may improve his arguments and your columns.

The other article that caught my eye was staff writer Cathe Guzzy's "Christian ideals upheld by athletes." This article was mistakenly put on the sports page—the comics were six pages back. Nevertheless, I'm glad to see that God is finally getting into sports, particularly football. Since He has fumbled so often in less important areas, such as human hunger, misery, disease, etc., I'm elated to hear that He has guided Dan Beaver's football to the "promised land."

Perhaps the fact that I am not a Christian prevents me from seeing the "light" as to how putting a quote from Philippians 4:13 on one's kicking tee upholds Christian ideals. I personally feel Mr. Beaver should have intentionally missed all of those field goals against Purdue four years ago in the spirit of "brotherly love" for the Boilermakers. Does he fully realize how his kicking abilities have blasted the hopes and blighted the dreams of so many of his opponents? God forbid. At any rate, enough amusement for one day.

HOWARD T. MAHER

Troubled by contest

To the Editor:

I must admit that I shouldn't take the time to write this from the enormous quantity of work I presently have, but I am deeply moved by the "Sexist Pig of the Semester Contest."

I don't think there is a human being on this earth who is more of a feminist than myself. Yet I am so troubled by this contest that I don't know what to do. Let me explain my philosophy to you.

As a woman, I often feel that I have been cheated: I have never been taught how to do many of the things that little boys learn while growing up; I was discriminated against by my high school guidance counselor who suggested I be a hairdresser until I got married; while visiting friends for dinner, I have been expected to help the hostess with dinner preparations while my husband was told to go watch TV with her husband; I have been laughed at by auto mechanics while trying to ask an intelligent question about my car; and I am placed into certain roles every day of my life by TV commercials who show only people of my sex when advertising household cleaners, baby needs, food and cooking needs.

If I let myself, I can become very angry and hate and destroy to get what I want and deserve. But I am a person who believes that setting an example and educating people is the most effective means to positive social change. I work hard every day to bring myself closer to completing my degree (so I can formally educate people on a large scale) and at the same time, I make an effort to help and encourage my female friends and family members to work extra hard and to make up for all the lost time that we, as women, have. I try to be a friend to men because if they like me and trust me, I can influence them and perhaps they will work together with me to change other people's thinking. I try not to make men my enemy because I know that they are like they are

because they were taught to be and by hating and insulting them, will only only confuse them and make them hate me and work against me. Instead, I try to educate men in a firm, but friendly, loving, constructive and intelligent way.

I cannot see doing things the way men do them, either. Why publish a Playgirl Magazine that seeks to make men sex objects just because they've done that to us? Why don't we instead work toward erasing all of that obnoxious type of thinking instead of creating even more? The "Sexist Pig of the Semester Contest" is, in my opinion, just as miserable as any beauty queen contest. It can only serve to make people angry and to make them want to work against us. We can accomplish more in the long run by devising more positive activities and means for raising people's consciousness and thereby attaining social change.

JOAN E. FRIEDENBERG-FIGUEROA

Force feeding

To the Editor:

Come on fellows, let's get down! Mick Ireland, although you may have mastered "integral calculus, constitutional law and oriental philosophy," maybe you ought to read up on the techniques of business. I bet you would not be willing to give your money to strangers—for certainly I have not gotten any. I bet you probably might want a dollar if I offered it to you. Why? Because it is a profit.

That's right, the name of the

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the daily illini!



vah as miracle. This is incorrect. Mitzvah is a Hebrew word which means commandment. The Hebrew word for miracle is nes.

SHERYLE E. BEGOUN

No Santa

To the Editor:

I don't believe in Santa Claus. Every year millions of young children are told that Santa will bring them presents if they are good. In my opinion, this has worthless and possibly damaging effects on a young child.

Why would anybody lie to a little child who knows nothing more than to believe what he is told? Well, some say, it's cute and besides it's part of Christmas to wait for Santa. Bunk. I don't see anything cute in this at all and it hardly is expressing the meaning of Christmas. This is forcing a

child to go through a time when he must accept the fact that he was told something that was not true. Sure this wakes him up to reality, but why not start him off in the truth to begin with? Well, he's got to have fantasy, all kids believe in that sort of stuff, they answer. Okay, so give it to him as fantasy. Just as there is no point in pretending that a story about three pigs building various houses really happened, there is also no redeeming value in giving the Santa Claus story as fact. Nothing is gained in misguiding the child and I fear things could be damaged as the child must try to relate his previous beliefs to a changing world where Santa is suddenly not real. Maybe this seems minor to adults, but I'm sure it's an enormous gulf the child must deal with.

I realize this apparently strikes deep at cherished and nurtured Christmas ideas. All I hope to accomplish is to at least alert people to the realization that, just maybe, they should hesitate before telling

useless lies to a human that is only a kid.

KEN YOUNG

Sexist pig

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter published Friday by Joan Friedenber-Figueroa. She says she believes education is "the most effective means to positive social change." That is exactly what the Sexist Pig of the Semester contest was all about. By thinking about what behavior is sexist and becoming educated about its existence, all of us received a great deal of heightened awareness.

The letter made a number of other grave errors I wish to clear up. First, this contest bore no resemblance to a male beauty contest which I would neither condone nor sponsor. That would involve

judging men by the same demeaning criteria by which the nominees in our contest judge women. Our purpose is not to perpetuate more of this type of behavior, but to make people aware of the blatant sexism already in existence. Second, she seems to see the women's movement in terms of an us (women) versus them (men) mentality. This is hardly the case. One of the most enlightening things I have discovered is the number of men who are working with us for positive social change.

The contest was a case in point. At least half of the voters were male, and on the whole their response was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. If and when Ms. Friedenber-Figueroa actually begins putting time and energy (rather than mere words) into working for social change, she may make the same discovery herself.

ANDRA GOMBERG
President, Women Students' Union

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