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The other article that caught my eye was staff writer Cathie Gazzy'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 "Sextist Pig of the Semester Contest."
Ivah as miracle. This is incorrect. Mitzvah is a Hebrew word which means commandment. The Hebrew word for miracle is nes.

SHERYLE 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 misleading 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. 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 misleading 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.

KEN YOUNG

SEXIST PIG

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter published Friday by Joan Friedenberg-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. Friedenberg-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

Contest held Dec 8, 1976