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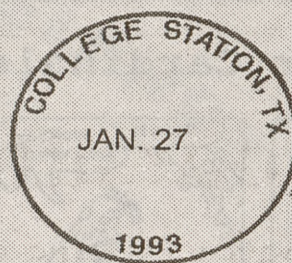


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MAIL CALL

Discrimination suit aims at sports organizations

Tomorrow I plan to march down to the little town that Texans call the state capitol, Austin, and file a lawsuit against the National Football League, the Major League Baseball Association and the National Basketball Association at the state court house. What is the lawsuit for, you ask? Why, I plan to sue the three major sports associations for discrimination against white athletes and failure to be equal opportunity employers.

Over the Christmas holidays, the Reverend Jesse Jackson met with the owners of the teams in the Major League Baseball Association to discuss their minority hiring practices of personnel in the upper echelon of baseball.

Jackson's claims that the Major League owners hired a large number of whites rather than blacks reflect recent allegations against Cincinnati Red's owner Marge Schott.

Schott is accused of being racially prejudiced against blacks working as executive-level personnel. Rev. Jackson would like to see a better ratio of blacks to whites in the upper levels of the league's personnel. Jesse Jackson is right!

The time of hiring personnel based on merit has reached its end. For far too long, the whites have dominated all of the upper-elite jobs just because they were better qualified. It's time we let lesser qualified minorities have those jobs because it's not fair for them to actually have to work to get them. The age of equality has come, and we must work to instill equality in everything.

That is why I am filing my lawsuit against the MLBA, the NFL, and the NBA. If there is going to be a hiring quota to instill equality in regular everyday jobs, then there ought to be a quota for equality on the playing fields of the NBA, MLBA, and the NFL.

Even the office of the presidency is affected by hiring not on merit or qualifications, but on the color of the skin, as is evidenced by the cabinet appointments of President Bill Clinton.

Many times a black person has won a lawsuit against a big business because they were not hired because they were black. Never mind that their qualifications were not as good as some white person's. Well, I may not run as fast as some of the black players in the NFL, but I think that people like myself should have a nice job like that anyway. I mean, come on, we want equality in all jobs, right?

I called the league offices of the aforementioned sports associations and was utterly shocked at how grossly behind the times they are in regards to equality.

For instance, in the National Football League, there is a 47-man roster per team

and there are 28 teams. That makes 1,316 players. According to the Public Relations Office, 60 percent of those players are black. That's 789.6 black players. Now, 60 percent is a pretty staggering number, but it's nothing compared to the NBA.

According to the league office, 75 percent of 353 players in the National Basketball Association are black, and these statistics are two years old! I was told that the percentages are even greater now. Based on these statistics, I am confident that I will win my lawsuit against these racist sports associations and put an end to discrimination against white athletes just because we don't have the same qualifications that black athletes do.

Gee, I've always been a Dallas Cowboys fan since I was a little kid. Hopefully, I'll get to be on their team! Heck, they should waive Emmitt Smith and let me take his position. Yeah....

David Doyle
Class of '95

Dickerson's column shows faulty reasoning

Congratulations to columnist Matt Dickerson for successfully employing both faulty logic and misrepresentation of the pro-life movement to subsequently draw ridiculous conclusions regarding the views of those who value the right to life.

First, concerning the case of unborn babies endangering the lives of their mothers, he accuses "smug pro-lifers" of hypocrisy in accepting such abortions and then turning to condemn "other" abortions as murder.

If Dickerson will read the U.S. Constitution, he will notice that the law provides for the use of lethal force in self-defense if one's life is threatened. Therefore, abortion in the case of defending a mother's life from lethal attack is provided for by our Constitution, while abortion on demand for the sake of convenience is not.

Furthermore, Dickerson's amusing scare-tactic of taking the pro-life position to its supposed ultimate conclusion attempts to imply that the U.S. will become "tyrannical," with government agencies spending all of their free time seeking out "new zygotes to protect their rights," and accomplishing this by demanding that women report all pregnancies to the government.

Well, since Bill Clinton is now in office, what happens if we take the pro-choice position to its ultimate conclusion? Abortion for the sake of sex selection will become commonplace. Couples desperately desiring to have a girl may need four or five "terminations" before they get their wish, but when you have unlimited chances, who's counting?

However, abortion on the basis of gender is only the beginning.

With the government potentially allowing Medicaid to fund these many underprivileged minorities will be targeted to have their babies eliminated. Using this method of "ethnic cleansing" the U.S. government can help assure the continuation of a white majority, ensuring the pro-choice advocates' denial of their so-called "liberties," the devaluation of God's most precious gift of life, will be complete. And millions of children will have their lives drastically cut short.

Mark B. Bendick
Physics Department

Pro-choice logic forgets essential question of life

In his column ridiculing the abortion movement, Matt Dickerson presented some interesting "what-if" scenarios, but I'd like to add a couple of my own:

Does a woman have the right to terminate her pregnancy through abortion at the onset of labor, if at that moment she begins having second thoughts?

Does a woman have the right to "pull the plug" on a baby born three or four months prematurely?

After all, such an infant could survive outside an incubator and, if still in the womb, would certainly be labeled as a game by the pro-choice crowd.

In either of these scenarios, should the father of the fetus/baby have any part in the decision? While such questions are a great way to fill column space, they are ultimately irrelevant.

Strip away the judicial and journalistic activism, the name-calling, the hazy marches, the clever slogans, the hazy barricades and all of the lofty rhetoric about "rights" and "choice," and you find the question that could instigate another civil war. Is a fetus nothing more than a mass of tissue, to be disposed when considered to be an inconvenience or handicap, or is there even the slight possibility that it just might be human and therefore worthy of a little more consideration?

That is the question. It is the only question.

Luke O'Connell
Class of '95

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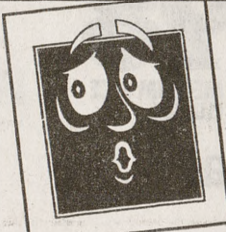
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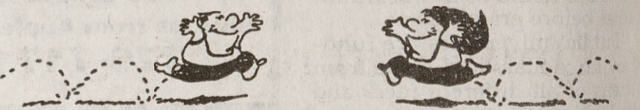
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