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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Who says helping people can't be enjoyable? There's nothing wrong with a fund-raiser or public awareness event that's also enjoyable."

— Steve Janovec,
chairman of The Great Plains Winter Sleepout, defending the sleepout against accusations that it made light of homelessness

"These people are out there in their \$300 sleeping bags, nice clothes and long underwear, and they have no idea of what it's like to be homeless."

— Andy Hird of Humanity Plus
protesting The Great Plains Winter Sleepout

"There is no need for a lot of rah-rah because we know what's on the line and what is at stake."

— Calvin Jones,
Cornhusker I-back,
discussing his approach to Saturday's game against Colorado

"This is our rivalry. It's the game we shoot for all year. It's the only game marked in red on the board in our locker room. Really, this is our Orange Bowl game. This is Nebraska."

— Rashaad SaLaam,
Colorado running back

"See if you think it points to Roger Dale Bjorklund as one of the persons who snuffed out a life for no good reason."

— Gary Lacey,
Lancaster County attorney,
discussing the evidence in Bjorklund's first-degree murder trial

"You learn to drink water when you're jonesin' for a pop."

— Don Denton,
a UNL student who lives on a farm south of Lincoln,
discussing the hardships of country living

"She was standing there and then, blammo, she was gone."

— A cable installer
discussing his sighting of a ghost in Neihardt Residence Hall

"If someone is going to break into my mama's house, they've got to worry not just about the sheriff and the police chief, they've got to worry that she has a gun and she might shoot them."

— Sen. Phil Gramm,
R-Texas,
discussing President Clinton's crime bill

"You hit the radio."

"Good."

"But you didn't kill it. It's still playing."

"That's too bad. I hate Rush Limbaugh."

— An exchange between Pete Piccini, a Jefferson County, Wash., sheriff's deputy, and Harold Maddox, who shot at construction workers' radio playing Rush Limbaugh after they refused his request to turn it off

"They worry and do not feel safe about their children here."

— Cheow Teong Oh,
Malaysian Student Association President
on relatives' reaction to the beating of a Malaysian UNL student

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Denny trial

A travesty occurred in Los Angeles when Reginald Denny, a law-abiding citizen, was dragged from his truck and brutally beaten. At the end of the Denny beating trial, another travesty took place: the acquittal of Damian Williams and Henry Watson.

When L.A. officers Koon and Powell were acquitted in their first trial, a cry of injustice went up, followed by riots. Stores and property were vandalized and burned, and businesses owned by Koreans were singled out.

Rodney King was brutally beaten, true, but had been caught speeding excessively and was on probation for armed robbery and had a history of drunken driving. Between the beating and the first trial, King was arrested three times. Recently he slammed his vehicle into a concrete wall while driving intoxicated. How soon before he kills someone? What will it take to jail Rodney King?

King is a convicted criminal with a long rap sheet. Justice has not been served in Los Angeles. It will not be until people like King, Williams and Watson get the punishment they deserve.

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Music programs

I think it's wonderful that the UNL marching band has been invited to participate in the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Dublin (DN, Oct. 28). What an honor for UNL! I think it's terrific also that Scarlet and Cream has been invited once again by the armed forces to entertain troops overseas. We should all be proud of them.

I am also proud of UNL's University Singers, who returned several weeks ago from two weeks in Eastern Europe. They were the only American choir invited to the international sacred music festival in Riga, Latvia. They sang at a festival in Prague, Czechoslovakia, as well as at several other venues in the two countries. But I didn't read about their experiences in the DN. Why not?

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'Rumor mill'

I gave up reading the editorials awhile back after I realized they were just a rehash of some article off the front page. Almost word for word, the facts were listed, followed by an insightful conclusion usually contradicting the editorial of the week before.

Out of boredom, I broke down and read the editorial concerning the need to control the spread of rumors (DN, Oct. 27). A most honorable stand, but for some reason the writer saw the need to give an example of the backfence news he or she was concerned about.

Yep, one sure-fire way to stop the rumor mill is to print them in the newspaper.

"Only after the case is fully brought to light will speculation be replaced by facts." What are you going to do? Keep printing rumors until you know all the facts?

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James Mehling/DN

Baseball

As Joe Carter's fly ball cleared the left field fence at the SkyDome for the World Series Championship, I felt a sense of jubilation and emptiness. Once again, I and millions of other baseball fans experienced the amazing dramatics of October, while realizing that as soon as we finished celebrating for the Blue Jays or feeling disappointed for the Phillies, we faced a bigger loss: the off-season. I enjoy watching the NFL and NBA, but baseball is the greatest.

As the late commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti once wrote: "It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins again, and blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come, it stops and leaves you to face the fall alone. You count on it, rely on it to buffer the passage of time, to keep the memory of sunshine and

high skies alive, and then, just when the days are all twilight, when you need it most, it stops."

Thanks for a memorable year Joe, Lenny, Mitch, Paul, George, Carlton and Nolan. It's going to be another long winter.

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'Tolerance'

How splendid it is to see the Lutheran Church come out of the closet to champion its acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle and masturbation in the name of "tolerance" (DN, Oct. 27).

I, for one, think it's about time that all churches abandon any references to sin. Think how unconstrained life would be for everyone if only we didn't have to worry about such trivial things as the teachings of the Bible.

What America needs, I gather from the Minnesota Daily article, is a good dose of amorality. We need to free ourselves from the shackles of right vs. wrong and good vs. evil. We need to admit to ourselves that everything is OK and that no one must obstruct this new climate of openmindedness with some dogmatic theological interpretation. We must do all this—in the name of "tolerance."

The societal ills of the modern United States seem to be interrelated with religious intolerance, speculate these dolts of intellectual reason. Unfortunately, this nonsensical ideology does appear to be gaining momentum. Everywhere we look, last vestiges of traditional moral teachings are under assault. Girl Scouts are removing references to God in their pledge. Voluntary prayer in public schools is wholly banned, and at commencements, it is rapidly becoming the exception rather than the rule. Nativity scenes are being removed from state capitols. Pretty soon I expect Christmas will be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. The Daily Nebraskan will, no doubt, happily concur with an editorial decrying St. Nicholas as second only to Christopher Columbus in minority subjugation.

Our societal disorders in America are related to religion, but not an overabundance of it or its intolerance, rather a departure from its traditional teachings. The breakdowns of traditional ancestral family values are incontrovertibly the key to understanding the dreaded path we are on. The pope recognizes this. I don't understand why the Lutheran Church, the Minnesota Daily and the DN do not.

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