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### QUOTES OF THE WEEK

**"Well, we had both planned this bank robbery and we were probably both sure that we were to be caught and something took over us that I don't, I can't, explain. I don't know what it is. I have my own religious theories why we were both out of control."**

— Roger Bjorklund, in a taped confession played at his first-degree murder trial.

**"My brother will probably never walk out of Vietnam. But somebody else's brother could. I believe some men are still alive, and I don't think they are there because they want to be."**

— Lincoln resident Linda Bohac, who hopes to find out what happened to her brother when the Pentagon declassifies most records about Americans missing in action in Vietnam Thursday.

**"I'll be beating the hell out of somebody. I'll be really pissed. That would be totally unfair to Coach (Tom) Osborne and the rest of the team. I really hope that won't be the case."**

— Nebraska football player Kevin Ramaekers, on how he will react if Nebraska finishes the season undefeated and doesn't get to play for the national championship.

**"I think terrible thoughts about (my opponents). I think that they broke into my grandma's house and beat her up or that they talked trash to my mother."**

— Ramaekers, who donned a shirt that read "Proof that there is a God: Iowa State 19, Nebraska 10" at a Tuesday press conference.

**"They want to prove it wasn't a fluke. They could come out and beat us by 70 points, but Saturday's margin of victory still won't change last year's loss."**

— Iowa State football coach Jim Walden.

**"You skinned him, you heartless bastard."**

— ASUN president Keith Benes, as a student walked past him with the remains of a Barney doll at "Bash Barney" day Wednesday.

**"I'm just kind of taking my winnings. I doubt if I can ever get that lucky again. I haven't bought a ticket since."**

— Brian Swerczek, a junior agronomy student who won \$10,000 in the Nebraska Lottery.

**"It was the most terrible thing I have ever seen in my life. ... There were people on the coach and arms and legs sticking out everywhere."**

— John Walraven, who witnessed the bus accident in Faversham, England, that killed nine Americans.

**"He said that he deserved to die, that what he did was wrong. He stated that he wanted to call Candi Harms' parents and tell them what happened."**

— Lincoln police officer Timothy Kennett, testifying about a telephone call he says he overheard Roger Bjorklund make to his wife while in police custody.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Hazing

In response to Brent Burmood's comment about stereotyping the greek system over the recent hazing incident (DN, Nov. 9), who would you be most upset at — a fraternity that hazes or people that are mad at a fraternity for hazing? Are you more worried about the greek image or how Jeff Knoll is feeling right about now? You said that you do not believe hazing is a serious problem at UNL. When would you consider hazing a serious problem at UNL — when two or three people fall out a window, when you fall out of a window?

You did say, "the No. 1 thing the greek system faces is not hazing, drinking and running wild, it's perception." You put image above humanity. That's a real problem for you, but not a stereotype.

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#### 'Leap of logic'

Mr. Koester claims I misquoted him. He accused "the pharisees and their followers" of killing Jesus (DN, Nov. 2). He should expect criticism for such words. He is forever responsible for the words that he used. He was not "misrepresented."

In his response (DN, Nov. 10), he claims "one of my best friends is Jewish." I think I've heard that before. It's a classic WASP response.

Another point: I never called Koester a racist. I didn't even call him an anti-Semitic, although I suggest that his own words convict him. It is a leap of logic from anti-Semitism to racism. The Jews are not a race; Judaism is a religion.

Furthermore, it doesn't take "quite an imagination" (DN, Nov. 10) to link "the pharisees and their followers" with Jews in general. How imaginative were the crusaders, cossacks and Nazis? Koester owes the Jews a sincere apology.

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#### Crime

In response to Adam Cederlind (DN, Nov. 3): I understand where you are coming from, but I disagree with where you are going. If someone broke into your house and killed, raped and tortured your daughter, wife or whoever, could you forgive that person for such a callous act? Put yourself in the Harms family position, that this happened to you.

When it comes to compassion and understanding, I can forgive someone for breaking a window, stealing, lying, etc. The window, television, etc. can be replaced. Stolen money can be paid back or returned. Lying can be reconciled through reestablished trust. The Harms family will

never be able to see, touch or hear their daughter ever again. One person took her away on a whim. To ask for forgiveness, understanding and compassion for the perpetrator of this crime is just too much to ask for.

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David Badders/DN

#### Debate

In response to Matt Zimmerman's article on the NAFTA debate (DN, Nov. 11), Zimmerman has the same problem as Al Gore. When debating about NAFTA, the key issue is not Ross Perot, it is NAFTA. It's called focusing on the issue.

Perot talked about American jobs being lost to Mexican workers because American corporations can hire Mexican workers and pay cheap Mexican wages. Perot asked, why would you have a trade agreement with a country that can't afford to buy anything you make? NAFTA is a one-sided deal.

On the other hand, while not talking about Ross Perot, Gore talks about the opinion of one unionized industrial worker in the rubber factory that thinks NAFTA's a good idea. There's a qualifying credential.

The media can attack anyone personally if they want to, but try to criticize Perot's argument against NAFTA. Talk about the issue. Get on the subject. That's all Perot was trying to do.

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#### Football

I'm breaking my vow of silence. As a student, I get screwed by the system all the time. Let me explain the situation. I decided to protest the new football ticket policy by not buying tickets this year. I didn't want to sit clear up in the boondocks. I've sat behind the football players for a couple of years with other students. Why do I have to sit in a section that's so

old it's falling apart?

I support the football players because they are students. I don't support a new athletic director that has changed the outlook of the game to money. I know I'm disillusioned: I thought the game was for fun, the need for competition through physical endurance, cheering for Tommie Frazier and others. Isn't that what sports is about?

The new athletic director is exploiting the system. I have to work four hours at my above-minimum wage job to pay for a football ticket. I can't afford one football ticket because they all cost the same. A ticket in the visitor section, which are the worst seats in the stadium, costs \$20. This isn't fair. Am I alone in thinking this isn't fair? I miss Bob Devaney and his football tradition, and I miss going to the games. What's next, taking away our bleacher seats at basketball games for ceiling rafters?

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history

#### Racism

Mr. Kepfield, the reason the assault at Broyhill Fountain was not automatically ascribed to racism is a simple one (DN, Oct. 27). There is a long history in this country of Caucasian males assaulting people who are different from them. It is for that reason that when 10 "white guys" attack a black student, many people suspect racism.

Implications that blacks are being given a blank check to commit crimes that whites could not get away with are merely attempts to deflect efforts by minorities to receive equal status. It is interesting that so many Americans are suddenly concerned with equal justice after the Denny trial. Such unpopular verdicts have been forced-fed to minorities since America's inception. I do not suggest that, as Kepfield puts it, "we rationalize reverse discrimination in such matters as making up for past lynchings or beatings." I just find it interesting that it takes an unpopular verdict where roles are reversed for Americans to develop a sense for and an understanding of equal justice.

There is a movement in this country being orchestrated by people like Kepfield, whose purpose is to overturn any and all advancements made by minorities and women. It stems from the simple fact that white males are being challenged in the workforce. The legacy of prejudice that allowed them to receive the best opportunities in the workplace is under siege. It is interesting that when many companies blatantly and exclusively hire white males, ignoring minorities and women, the word quota is never used. I say white males have been fulfilling an unspoken quota by hiring their own for centuries.

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