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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I won't be here in the year 2025, but the planning process that we come up with will be here in 2025."

— Don Woodburn, first full-time dean of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis.

"Frankly, I told the student we were best to ignore the darn thing and it would go away."

— James Griesen on the so-called "sluts" list circulated this summer.

"Uh... Ralphie can't talk... he might, like, cough up a hairball or something."

— Joyce Aschenbrenner, University of Colorado's associate athletic director, on the possibility of an interview with Ralphie the live buffalo mascot.

"For the rest of your life, this is you: You're 'Bloody Glove Fuhrman,' that's it."

— Mark Fuhrman quoting an attorney.

"Spoons are more my style."

— James "Jimi" Hendix, engineering dean, when asked if he plays guitar.

"I'll take stances on tough issues like abortion and the death penalty, but I know better than to get involved with Herbie Husker."

— Attributed to Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson by Dara Troutman.

"They said the main reason they were doing this is to put pressure back on the high school teachers, but it's not the high school teachers that are having to pay for it; it's the students."

— Amy Delsing on the Department of Foreign Languages' placement exam policy.

"The disease of racism has brought about the cancer of indifference."

— Kankakee, IL. Police Chief William Doster.

"I've never made a head before, but it turned out to be very realistic. You always expect the bizarre."

— Theater student Kara Conrad on making props.

"I told the sisters in the sewing room, 'You can pray that they win all of their games except the one against Nebraska.'"

— Sister Marshall of the Contemplative Sister of the Good Shepherd.

"Differential tuition turns college into a no-frills flight. You can pay for the lunch or not."

— Charles Karelis on his "separate checks" tuition proposal.

"Students are not sophisticated consumers."

— Regent Drew Miller, also on the "separate checks" tuition proposal

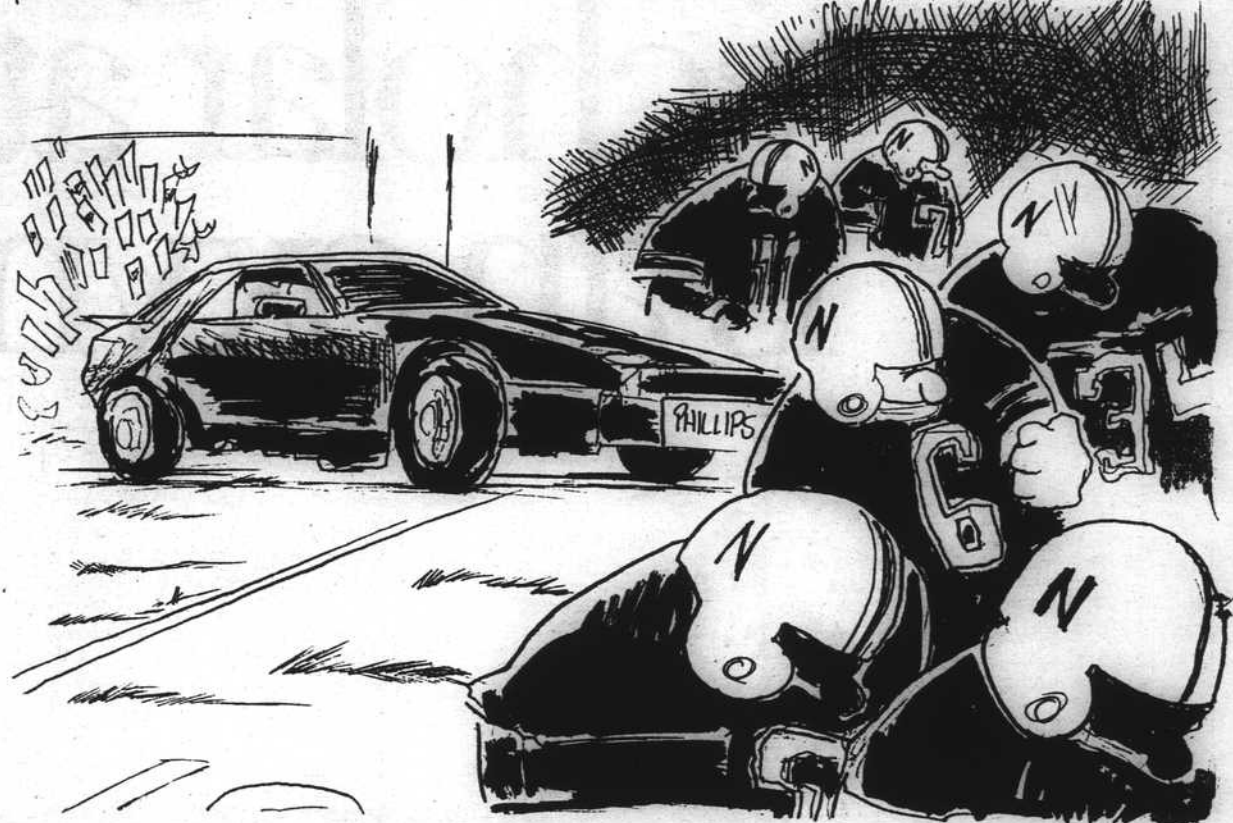
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Long live Herbie

Everyone seems to be talking about the Herbie Husker dilemma. It's in the papers and it's on TV. I have a few questions concerning this issue.

First, why is it necessary to change the mascot? Herbie is the sign of the university and its athletic teams. Children all across the Midwest know the Huskers are near when they see this stocky compicker we all know as Herbie.

Secondly, it seems a little ironic that the university would get rid of Herbie when he becomes the magical age to legally consume alcohol. Having been the mascot for 21 years, the university deems it necessary to ax one of the symbols that Nebraska is so proud of.

No matter what the university does, Herbie will live on for many, many years to come.

Jeff Shuey
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Punishing the crime

In her letter to the editor (Unjustice, Aug. 30) Professor Frances Kaye states, "The key concept in justice is even-handedness. Those committing equivalent crimes suffer equivalent punishment; those victimized by equivalent crimes receive equivalent redress."

She then goes on to demonstrate that not all murderers are executed, therefore execution is not a just punishment for murder.

This idea is ludicrous. Using her logic, one could say that execution is a proper punishment for jaywalking, as long as no jaywalker goes unexecuted.

The true key concept in justice is that the punishment must fit the crime.

Was Otey's punishment of similar severity to that of his crime?

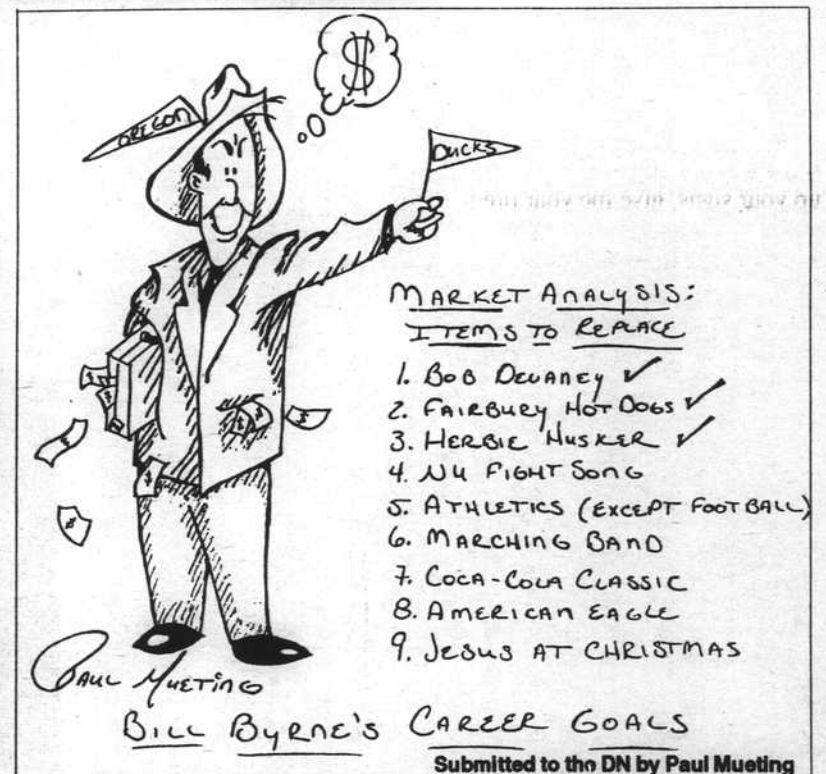
His crime was the rape and murder of Jane McManus. His punishment was to have 2,400 volts go through his body until he was dead.

In my opinion, his punishment was less severe than his crime. But I am satisfied that in this case, justice was still accomplished, though unduly delayed.

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Angry Mann

The ancient practice of slaughtering the facts is alive and well at the Daily Nebraskan.



Bill Byrne's CAREER GOALS

Submitted to the DN by Paul Mueiting

Irrevocable penalty

Jamie Karl was correct when he called some of the behavior outside the penitentiary last September "ugly" (Death penalty brings justice, Aug. 30).

The "annual BBQ" and "fry Wili" crowd demonstrated that our society is too immature to handle applying the death penalty.

There are some people who deserve to die, but whether Harold Lamont Otey was one of them, the State of Nebraska killed a man that night.

Karl was wrong when he claimed that Otey had done it to himself 17 years before.

Our court system is not infallible enough to apply such an irrevocable penalty. There have been instances in which doubt was raised after an execution as to whether the person executed had done the crime.

Our court system also does not apply the penalty blindly. Race and socio-economic status have been proven to have a great influence on whether an individual is sentenced to life in prison or death.

So long as the courts remain incompetent to impose such a penalty and the public too immature to respect the gravity of it, the state (any state) should not execute anyone.

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