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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"It was a normal college dance, basically." — **Diana Hafermann, Nebraska Union night manager, on the Kappa Alpha Psi dance**

"It allows me to celebrate who I am in the town I love. That's pretty cool." — **Pablo Rangel, on the Hispanic Heritage Festival**

"I am appalled and outraged that the UNL library system allows journals to be checked out." — **Jack Sargent, in a letter to the editor**

"I never intended to cheat, lie or steal. I only intended to help my child." — **Paul Fleiss, father of Heidi**

"Whether you like it or not, we're turning our pages over to a man who has murdered people." — **Arthur Sulzberger Jr., publisher of The New York Times, on the decision to publish the Unabomber's manifesto**

"We live here — or we did." — **Stacey J. Fredericks, Hurricane Marilyn survivor**

"He says what needs to be said about the lives we all live, and he says it with a lot of class and a lot of grace. What else can be said? He's the duke." — **Venita Kelley, on Duke Ellington**

"I don't tell Tom Osborne how to run the football department, and he should stay out of the criminal justice system." — **Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey, to Sports Illustrated**

"We're not ever trying to have anybody fix anything or hide anything." — **Tom Osborne**

"They can't recirculate the air because of the potential of contamination." — **Mark Metcalf, director of the Beadle Center**

"I tell students to see the common agricultural policy as pigs see it." — **Oxford Professor Martin Holmes**

"You haven't lived until you've seen the Bradys shake their collective booties." — **Barry Williams (aka Greg Brady)**

"Then I saw this guy had a T-shirt on and realized he wasn't a police officer and he was shooting this way." — **Mike Haumont, on the apartment building gunman**

"If the city chooses to eliminate Channel 14, they will be in violation of the First Amendment." — **Andrea Collins, interim director of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union**

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Mehsling

Q. WHICH DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN FIRST?

A. THE O.J. SIMPSON CASE WILL COME TO AN END.

B. STAFFORD LOANS WILL BE DISPERSED.

A. I HAVE NO IDEA, BUT I HOPE IT'S B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

She's a choice

The anti-abortion advertising supplement "She's a child, not a choice" (included with the Sept. 20 edition of the DN) propagates several fallacies:

— That human life begins at conception. The term "human life" may well be defined differently for purposes of biology, law and morals. A moral definition is the major concern in the abortion issue, and it's fallacious to say that a biological definition provides morality.

— That abortion is physically dangerous to the woman. All medical procedures carry risk. Abortion is actually less risky than carrying the fetus to maturity.

— That having an abortion sometimes leads to bad psychological effects in the woman, such as depression and regret. But look at the alternatives. Even when pregnancy is wanted, a mother can get severe post-partum depression. And the struggles of parenthood aren't always pleasant. For a woman who bears a child and gives it up for adoption, there can be plenty of depression and regret.

— That physicians want abortion to be legal simply because they make money that way. Gynecologist-obstetricians, who perform abortions, make a lot more money if there is a full-term pregnancy and delivery. And pediatricians make money only when there are births.

Edgar Pearlstein
Professor of Physics, Emeritus

Cable visions

I am a paying subscriber of Cablevision and a user of the Public Access channel. I want to maintain access to a channel where I can publicly express my views and concerns on cable television

and continue to have access to the use of the equipment and studio that is available for public use.

Mayor Mike Johanns supports the Cable Television Advisory Board's vote to recommend that the city eliminate Public Access Channel 14, and convert the public access studio and equipment to educational access. But because my views are mostly expressions of biblical content, there will be restrictions on pressing them on the Educational Channel.



I am in favor of working with the mayor in his efforts to save Lincoln from offensive, obscene and indecent material shown on Public Access Channel 14.

The elimination of Public Access alone will not rate cable television profitable for wholesome viewing. They would have to eliminate an additional 95 percent or more of their channels.

When talking with the city attorney's office and Cablevision, they both claimed that after extensive efforts to eliminate the controversy surrounding the Public Access channel, they concluded it to be easier to eliminate the channel — in comparison to legally preventing the showing of obscene material.

Edward C. Price
Pastor
Lincoln

Smart as dirt

I would like to commend Jamie Karl on his extremely well-written column expressing the plight of the American farmer.

However, I do have a few words to say about Karl's choice of words.

He says, "While the farmer may not be the brains of the nation, he certainly is the backbone."

Now I don't know whether this was intended to mean that farmer's are supposedly lacking "smarts" or not.

In any case, Karl obviously doesn't realize the amount of "know-how" a farmer needs to be successful these days.

I've seen it and experienced it first-hand for 19 years. Instead of specializing in one area like most people, today's farmers must specialize in a tremendous number of fields. All of this on top of the normal, everyday tasks of running a farm.

So thanks a lot Jamie for giving a little well-deserved credit to America's farmers, but don't forget that intelligence plays a

vital role in the farming industry, too.

Tim Rasmussen
Sophomore
Diversified Agricultural Studies

Query

Where was the crossword in Wednesday's paper?

In the future, please trim the football team tabloid section a few column inches so we can get our daily dose of mental stimulation.

The crossword is the only consistent source of brain exercise contained in your publication.

Anita Jackson
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