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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"We will work so that this new year will be a real year of peace." — **Yasser Arafat**

"Some want to dismantle everything we've done in the past 50 years. It's a lot of crappy nostalgia." — **James Dewey Watson, co-discoverer of the double helix structure of DNA**

"I don't believe Lawrence is psychotic, but he did have that outburst and he has to deal with it." — **Tom Osborne**

"I would stand on top of the dome of the library and shout 'Contact your Congressmen and tell them: Don't cut federal aid.'" — **John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid**

"I've had reporters from Washington to the Journal Star to find out why the University of Nebraska is not protesting this legislation as much as other universities." — **ASUN President Shawntell Hurtgen**

"Some weirdo is not going to get 10 percent of our votes." — **H. Ross Perot**

"Hemp is the number one earth sustainable resource. It's the strongest natural fiber that's known to man." — **Jennifer Edwards, owner of Hemp Fields, Green Earth Options**

"It's the best kept secret on either campus." — **Angela Ohlman, Love Memorial Hall resident**

"They say I'm an idjit (sic), but I'm here to make money." — **Gerry Molloy, owner of a Dundalk, Ireland shop, eager to sell Playboy magazine**

"No one really knows there is an appeals committee. It's not like my name is scrawled in the men's room." — **Gerald Shapiro, chairman of the English department's grade appeals committee**

"Harassment is a form of discrimination in which unwelcome, severe, or pervasive speech or actions are directed at individuals or groups of people ... either directly or indirectly." — **wording of the draft of UNL's Harassment and Discrimination Policy**

"The policy would make it dangerous for people to express their views on a variety of controversial topics." — **David Moshman, president of the NCLU**

"In the journey toward justice, there is no short cut." — **Johnnie Cochran, to the O.J. Simpson jury, members of which have been detained since 1994**

"Alcohol is being served irresponsibly at Kaboom's...it's time for a wake-up call." — **Lincoln police Capt. Jim Peschong**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NC-17

I would like to offer praise to the Douglas Theaters. They have made a responsible decision as to the type of movie they will show in their theaters.

The DN accuses Douglas Theaters ("Omaha bound," Sept. 28) of being hypocritical by showing many "R-rated" movies but refusing to show "Showgirls."

But, Douglas Theaters is not responsible for establishing film ratings.

Many individuals would argue that "Natural Born Killers" and other similar movies could or should have been rated "NC-17" as well.

Let's also remember that the "nice" NC-17 rating previously was simply known as an "X" rating. It has a somewhat different connotation, doesn't it?

Dana E. Poulain
UNL Center for Electro-Optics
via e-mail

Dos preguntas

As much as I hate to waste valuable study time responding to Jamie Karl ("English needed to unite states," Sept. 27) I have two self explanatory questions for him:

1. Do you think there might be reason (or wisdom that may have escaped you) why, in 1923, the Supreme Court declared Nebraska's 1920 English legislation you referred to unconstitutional?

2. What about the millions of Americans who speak English fluently and have invested themselves heavily for "National Unity," only to be fractured from that sense of unity by other forms of discrimination?

Michael Eisenhauer
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Gibberish

It is indeed unfortunate that Marta Laureano is unable or unwilling to teach her daughter English, as English skills would provide her with opportunities for success in the United States.

But in accusing her of "abusing that child," the judge misuses the word, which is defined as improper use of lawful authority, wrong treatment and corrupt, immoral and improper practices.

Speaking one's native language to one's 5-year-old is none of these.

But when you, Mr. Karl, dehumanize those who speak languages other than English by relegating those languages to the status of "gibber," intimate that "the newly immigrated and the culturally proud" should be told to "speak English or go the hell back where [they] came from," and link the idea of language education to "the intellectual elites," you speak the language of fear and fascism. Watch your language.

D. Brian Mann
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A slippery slope

It was with great sadness that I read the birthday memorial for Martina McMenamin ("Remembering Martina," Sept. 22) especially when contrasted with the Steve Willey column ("Offending others a guarantee") printed one day prior.

It is deplorable that educated people in our society can continue to think that there is no relationship between our society's acceptance of women as objects and the horrendous amount of violence to which women are subjected.

A critical step toward violence is when the humanity of the victim is denied, which is exactly what is

happening when we condone the use of women's sexuality for entertainment, advertising, etc.

It isn't an issue of whether anyone is offended by non-politically correct ads, it is an issue of whether we want to continue to live in a society where our children, mothers, sisters and significant others are assaulted, raped and murdered daily.

Please rethink this issue.

Marian Langan
UNL Alumnus via e-mail

All questions answered

I agree with Mark Baldrige ("Jesus a mystical personality," Sept. 25) that Jesus was difficult to understand, but I just had to write in when I could answer all the questions that he indicated could not be answered.

1. "What does 'the kingdom of heaven is within you' mean when addressed to a lot of hookers, lawyers and drunks?"

But Luke 17:20 clearly states that he was addressing the Pharisees, not hookers, etc.

They were not part of God's kingdom either, since Jesus continuously denounced their hypocritical ways. What Jesus meant was that he, the king of the kingdom, was in their midst.

2. "What does his saying about the mustard seed tell us about the nature of faith?"

The mustard seed was the tiniest seed known. He was stating that just a little bit of faith will help overcome mountain-like obstacles.

The accounts of Jesus are difficult to understand at first, but they do make sense with enough research.

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