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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Take a Husker fan to lunch." — **Woody Paige of the Denver Post, warning Colorado fans to be polite**

"It's a triple threat for us: it's a full moon, it's a weekend, and it's Nebraska." — **Boulder police Chief Tom Koby**

"It's just like you're the new group opening for the Rolling Stones, and they want you to get the hell off the stage." — **Clippers center Brian Williams on playing in a game with Michael Jordan**

"Being No. 1 has its pluses and minuses." — **Tom Osborne**

"I'm worried what Canada will look like when I get back." — **Heidi Jacobs on the Quebec referendum**

"We roll up our sleeves, and we try again. We won't wait 15 years this time." — **Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau after the vote**

"I bring controversy no matter where I go, whether it is the cornfields here or somewhere else." — **Dennis Rodman, Chicago Bulls forward**

"I stick to the kiddie films. I can handle those." — **Shawntell Hurtgen, ASUN president, on Halloween movies**

"I'm yet another resource-consuming kid in an overpopulated planet, raised to an alarming extent by Madison Avenue and Hollywood, poised with my cynical and alienated peers to take over the world when you're weak and old." — **Calvin, explaining his Halloween "costume"**

"Mr. Simpson reserves the right to reject any item for signature." — **Small print on fliers advertising an O.J. Simpson public appearance**

"I knew this guy all the way down to the salad dressing he ate. They had a baby during this time, too. I could tell by the diapers." — **Garbage sleuth Allerheinligen on catching garbage "crooks"**

"Every Saturday afternoon at about 5 p.m. Pacific time, I had to send a fax to a contact in China giving Warren (Buffett) and Bill (Gates) a complete rundown of that day's Nebraska football game." — **Jeff Raikes, Microsoft senior vice president**

"You think it's going to sink, you think it's going to sink, you think it's going to sink, but it doesn't." — **Amy Jirsa, on the Theatrix production of "Titanic"**

"Miss Rowell, since the first day that I bothered to read your print, I have been disappointed by the lack of seriousness and thought-provoking ideas." — **Jim Vance, sophomore math education major, in a letter to the editor concerning columnist Rainbow Rowell**

"Semester after semester Rainbow brings creative strength to an otherwise weak lineup of DN opinion writers. She consistently writes with poignancy, intelligence and flair. This is true for every topic she addresses, whether it be frivolous or serious." — **Mike Lewis, former DN staff member, on the same**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Athletic supporter

In addressing the editorial (Nov. 2) on football ethics, I have three points to make in rebuttal.

First, there was what appeared to me to be disdain in the tone of writing when referring to our fifth branch, the now-dubbed UNAD.

This disdain was perhaps the feeling of inequality in the allotment of too much autonomy toward the UNAD. I feel these two aspects of the UNAD are necessary because athletes have special demands and added responsibilities that are placed on them.

The unique nature of those responsibilities and demands inherently cause this fragmentation.

In an attempt to manage this separate system, the athletic administration, like the military government, focuses on its own specific slice of the university pie.

Secondly, the current system does not require intervention. The whole of the athletic department has now been labeled with "needing help" like a helpless delinquent child.

This is because some highly publicized incidents have arisen.

Meanwhile, the rest of the student athlete population has been leading the nation in academic accolades, as well as athletic achievement.

The UNAD seems to be holding its own quite well, without the university's administrative help.

Lastly, there was the use of the possessive pronoun "our", when referring to the athletic department. This bothers me.

My fellow athletes and I bust our butts for our own personal reasons, not the appeasement of the student body.

Although it can be a motivating factor, it is not my main drive for success. I feel that I do not belong to the student body, or its administration, or should be subjected to their opinion of what they feel I need.

Steve Cullen
Student Athlete
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Bret Gottschall/DN

Moral Guardian

I believe use of the Internet and WWW technology stands to change the way individuals and groups exchange information, but it can also be misused.

While columns like Aaron McKain's "Halloween vital to young lives" (Oct. 27) might sound funny, cute, or otherwise interesting to those on a university campus, the audience changes significantly when one starts publishing on the WWW.

Judging by Aaron's article I would guess that he understands something about the English language.

But it amazes me that a university student can show no more prowess in the language than to come up with the trash in his article.

Make no mistake about it, I understand the basic message hidden under the cave-man style language, and even agree with it — it's not necessary to take Halloween parties away from grade school kids.

My problem with Aaron is more with his style and the choice of words ...

"Halloween ... It's about paying six bucks to walk around a dilapidated warehouse to be groped in the

dark by a lonely old man hoping to cop a feel. It's about pissing in the bushes of the yuppie son of a bitch who gives you ONE goddamn Jolly Rancher, and then going home to snort a Pixie Stick up your nose. It's about getting really psyched about a crappy costume, freezing your ass off, digging the staples (out) of your Snickers bar, and vomiting up Slo-Pokes."

Yes, I was once in college. However, like all of us eventually do, I've grown up and no longer use phrases such as Aaron's. They're not cool and show a real lack of command of English. Aaron can do better. UNL can do better.

I'm sad to think that some people might form an opinion of Nebraska, or UNL, by reading this sort of stuff.

I wouldn't want one grade school age child reading his stuff. With the exponential growth of the Internet and WWW technology, it's only a matter of time before access to his stuff by grade school age kids outnumbers UNL students!

Clean Aaron up or get him off of the WWW.

Steve Scheuber
Papillion
via e-mail

Social critic

I am one of the many NU football fans who made the trip to Colorado to watch the game. We had to pay \$35 to get into the ticket lottery, and if we got tickets we would then pick them up outside the stadium on the day of the game.

When my friends and I got to the gate one hour before game time we found a huge line of Husker fans waiting for their tickets.

With only two people handing out tickets it took us until five minutes into the game to get inside.

I really feel bad for the people who were far behind us in line.

I'm really pissed at the UNL ticket office.

We had to give money up front just to have a chance at tickets, yet UNL had the right to hold our ticket as long as it wanted.

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Freshman
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