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## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

**"My radio is froze to my hand."**

— an unidentified Lincoln firefighter after battling the blaze at the NU presidential residence in sub-freezing temperatures

**"I can't tell if these guys are tired or they're hungry. They're focused."**

— Nebraska wrestling coach Tim Neumann, on his wrestlers' mental preparedness for last weekend's National Duals championship meet

**"It's time to fire our commander-in-chief."**

— Barbara McPhillips, chairwoman of Nebraska Right to Life's political committee

**"We don't run a hospital. If you feel your life is endangered, call 911 and get yourself to a hospital."**

— Peg Blake, director, University Health Center

**"The real poll is on the interstate, and it's applied with the foot they put on the pedal."**

— Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, on Nebraska motorists' opinions of increased speed limits

**"This president has proven that he can say anything and do nothing."**

— House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, (R-Texas)

**"We will challenge President Clinton again and again to walk the talk he talks so well."**

— Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan), following the State of the Union address

**"Sooner or later, the Republicans are going to have to get off their high horse and come back and meet with the President of the United States."**

— Sen. James Exon (D-Neb), also following the State of the Union address

**"We'd like to get a quarterback every year, but certainly you want to get someone who can help you."**

— Steve Pederson, associate athletic director for football operations, on recruiting

**"I really don't care if I get paid or not. If anybody asks me, I'll entertain 'em."**

— 81-year-old comedian L.D. Focht

**"I think artists should worry."**

— Copyright lawyer Ann O'Hara, on copyright laws concerning art and the Internet

**"They're about 300 years old, but the Sheldon still has plenty of things that they don't."**

— Sheldon Art Gallery curator Daphne Deeds, comparing the Sheldon to Yale University Art Gallery

**"We're scared of Custer County."**

— Sen. Leland Klein of Battle Creek, after the Legislature's transportation committee killed a bill Tuesday that would have changed the county's license-plate number from 4 to 59

**"If something goes wrong, if I come down with a baboon virus, if it proves not to work, at least I got off my ass and did something. I didn't just lie down and die."**

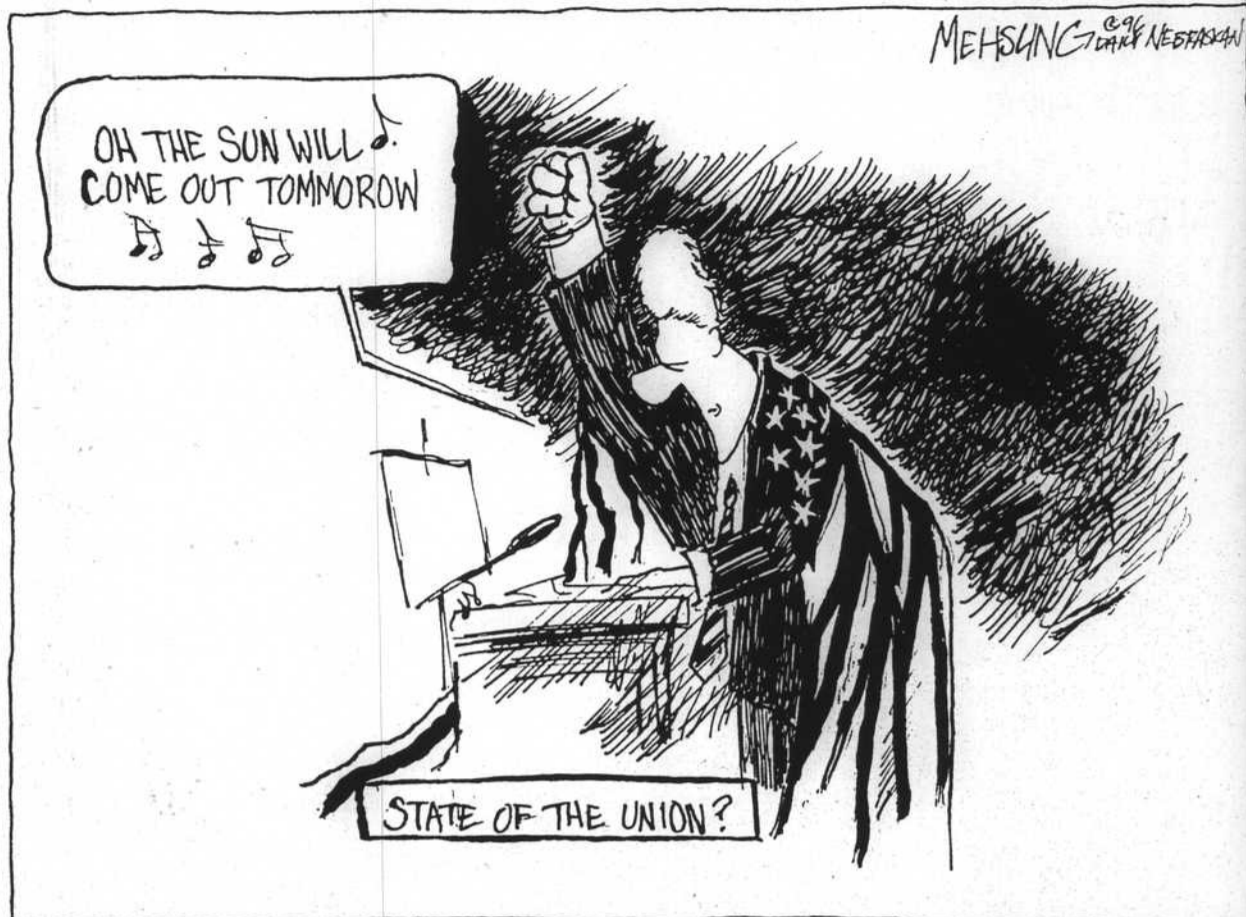
— AIDS sufferer Jeff Getty, on his decision to undergo a bone-marrow transplant using marrow from a baboon

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

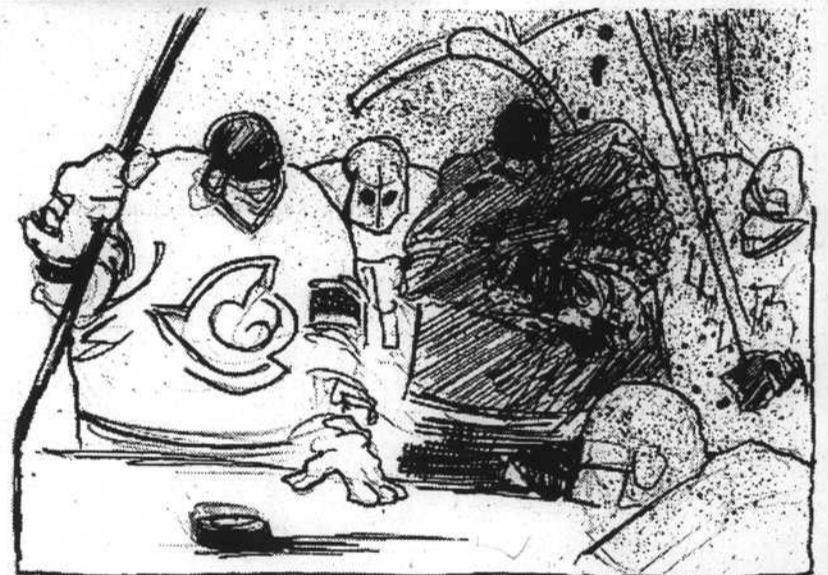
### The puck stops here

Todd Walkenhorst asks us not to laugh at Fox's latest invention, The Super Puck (Jan. 24). Well Todd, I didn't laugh, I groaned. Once again Fox, instead of selling the sport as is, makes it more a video game. If I wanted to play a hockey video game, I would turn on the Sega, not live hockey, thank you.

Todd then goes on to tell us that this will bring hockey to the youth, and that we should be thanking Fox for it. Actually, the beginning of the youth movement in this country to hockey began in the late '80s with Wayne Gretzky coming to the L.A. Kings, which in turn spawned expansion franchises in California and Florida. Currently, In-Line Hockey has given the youth without access to expensive ice hockey equipment the chance to enjoy one of the world's greatest sports. The move toward hockey is evident by this, and the fact that Nike bought one of the biggest Ice/In-Line skate manufacturers in the world and is pushing its hockey-related advertising pretty hard.

Hockey doesn't need comets or robots; it was doing fine without them last I checked.

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good example of responsible behavior. Put time and energy into teaching what true love is. Communicate with your family and community. Be a loving parent who makes their children feel cared for. Do not tolerate rape or incest. Again, teach by example. This, along with keeping abortion legal (which means it is regulated and safer), would be the best way to keep abortions at a minimum while preserving the privacy of a woman's body.

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### Revenge of the scum

As someone likely to be placed in the category of "tie-dyed scum" in accordance with Brent Hawkins' masterpiece of subtlety (Grateful Jerry's dead, Jan. 24), I must say that I can respect his opinion, just as there are probably those of us who are tired of hearing about Husker football (blasphemy!), and hey, didn't we all have to go through the O.J. trial. There are people out there, however, who eat that stuff up with two spoons and beg for seconds.

I would expect that as an international business major, Mr. Hawkins would not only display a greater sense of diplomacy, but a finer respect for and understanding of the values and cultures of others, especially those within his own nation. Not to mention an appreciation for the marketing prowess of Grateful Dead Merchandising, Inc., which pulled in more money last year than Mr. Hawkins will likely see in 10 lifetimes.

Finally, I would just like to offer two points of advice to Mr. Hawkins. First, be cautious the next time you throw words around to get a rise from people; there are many of us "scum" masquerading in suits and ties, posing as people of power and authority.

Secondly, Brent buddy, you're way too tense ... try taking a nap.

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### Wanted: role models

Nobody wants to have an abortion, but making abortions illegal will not keep them from happening. Rich women will fly to different countries; poor women will do it themselves or have it done for them illegally. Some doctors will continue to perform abortions in secret. Making abortion illegal will not prevent children from being brought up in homes where they are neglected or left unloved. Making abortion illegal would not solve the real problem our culture faces. Our real problem is that we continually fail at being sexually responsible.

If someone is seriously interested in preventing abortions, (the goal of both pro-choice and pro-life citizens) one would be most effective by being a role model, a

### Defining terms

I have yet to encounter an individual who considers himself "pro-abortion." Mike Sanches uses the title "pro-abortion" twice in his letter, but still refers to himself as pro-life. It is possible for an individual to personally be anti-abortion, yet still be pro-choice. I rarely hear the words "anti-choice" used in the abortion debate. Sanches needs to look at both sides of the issue, and at least use the correct terminology if he wants to be a part of a serious debate.