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## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

**"I never wanted to come to Nebraska more than when I was sitting in London. I wanted to find out about the Fiesta Bowl. Those extra days were torture."**  
— Jonathan Kerr, UNL student from Scotland, on a visa delay caused by the government shutdown.

**"I've been fighting with Gov. Nelson, but I've been fighting for you."**  
— Attorney General Don Stenberg, in a press conference after his official candidacy filing for the U.S. Senate.

**"One guy was just sitting in his couch. He never had a chance."**  
— Tennessee firefighter James Dean, on one victim of the crash of a Navy F-14 fighter into a house.

**"I still know how to play this game."**  
— Newly-unretired Los Angeles Laker Magic Johnson, on his return to the NBA.

**"There is no killer on death row for whom the death penalty is more appropriate."**  
— Attorney General Don Stenberg, on a U.S. Circuit Court ruling reinstating convicted murderer John Joubert's death penalty.

**"We expect the vendors to be honest with us."**  
— Bill Bode, director of UNL's purchasing department, on the university's policy of issuing signed, blank checks for purchases of less than \$500.

**"Doesn't take a rocket scientist or even a psychiatrist to say the guy was crazy."**  
— Law professor Eddie Ohlbaum on John E. duPont, who is accused of murdering Olympic wrestling champion Dave Schultz.

**"I soldered it together with a Bic lighter. Toward the end, I had to use my Zippo 'cause I needed more heat."**  
— Jared Alberico, on how he built his Theremin, an unusual electric musical instrument.

**"Unscrupulous agents will harm the reputation of the athletic program and the state."**  
— Former Nebraska running back and current sports agent George Achola, testifying before the Legislature.

**"When the temperature drops as low as it's supposed to this week, it doesn't take much exposure for flesh to freeze. A person can get frostbite in a matter of minutes."**  
— Laurie Sutter, Lancaster County Health Department health educator.

**"The doctor said if it comes out of place again, we'll just put it back ... I'm getting used to the pain now."**  
— Nebraska wrestler Tony DeAnda on wrestling despite his broken nose.

**"It's politically correct, and anyone can do it. We're talking about power to the people."**  
— Josh Pfennig, on the up-and-coming sport of radio-controlled racing.

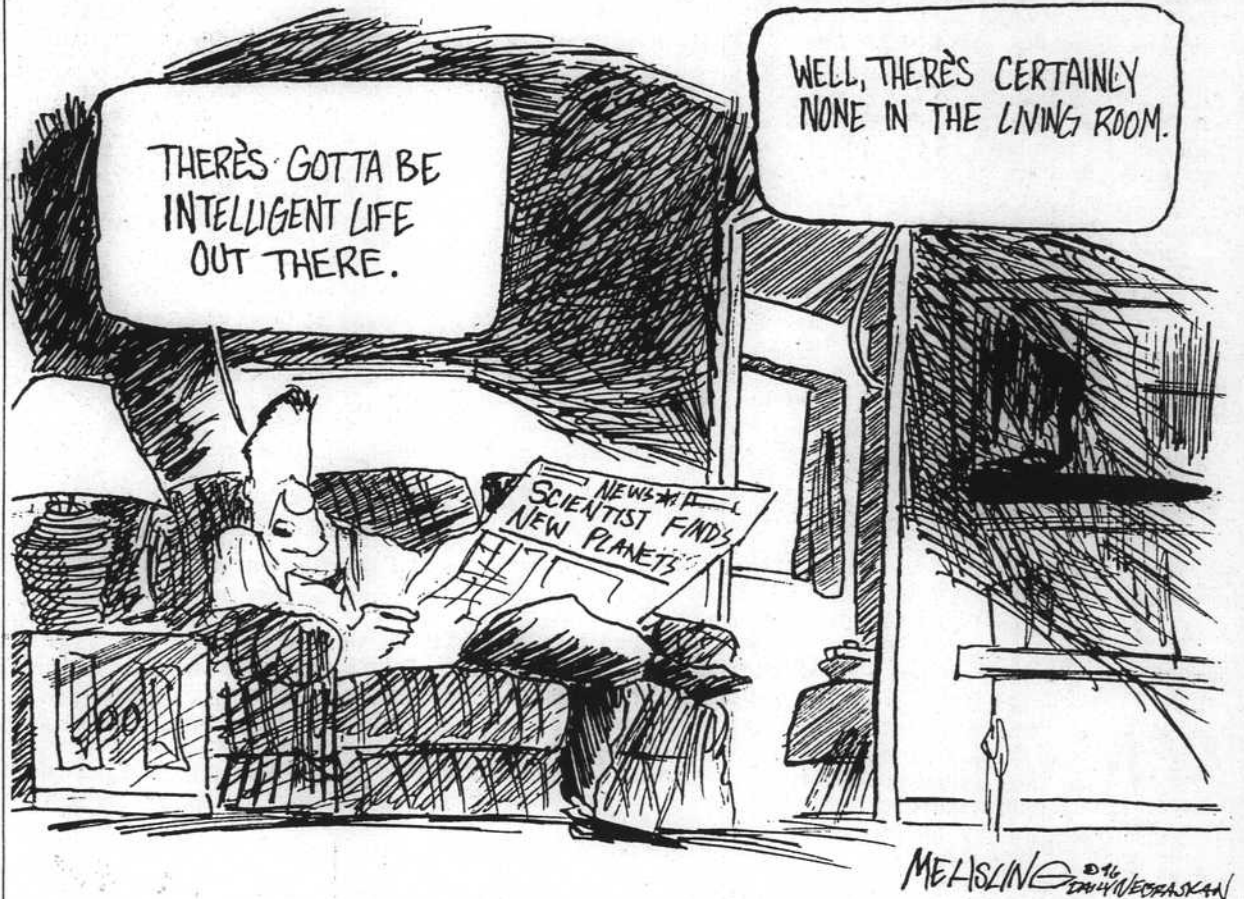
**"We're in a constant state of readiness. The gross violations the EPA had found we have cleaned up. We've taken a big step in the right direction."**  
— James Main, assistant vice chancellor of business and finance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

### Editorial policy

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Keep it up

I am writing in response to the articles written by Steve Willey. I seriously cannot remember a time that I laughed out loud at any article in the DN before. The only provoking response I can ever remember is the negative feelings I used to have after reading a Jamie Karl article. But Willey obviously has a style of writing all to his own.

Fortunately, I was able to see the response by many different people yesterday while they were reading the article, and I saw students, parents, professionals, state senators and lobbyists all react in the same positive manner. There was definitely a buzz of conversation created by his article. After reading his first article, I looked for his next one every day I came to the University. I would also like to say, keep up the good work Steve, and keep those grades up. It would be a shame if the paper lost its most original writer.

Eric Leyden  
senior  
history

### Tube socks?!

Obviously, Steve, there are many more "kinds" of people in the world, one of which are those that don't masturbate at all. For many, the act is indeed shameful, abhorrent to God, demeaning to your spouse, fiancée or girlfriend, and downright sinful. It's either a sin or it isn't, either right or wrong, to thoughtlessly go around depositing your seeds wherever. To print an article like yours in the first place is likewise sinful. Do you think Jesus was offended or indifferent? What about your readers who may be struggling with the temptation, trying to maintain a clear conscience? Have you led them astray? We glimpsed a trace of your conscience when you briefly considered your mother's reaction. Each act dulls your conscience until you finally regard masturbation as

"safe sex"! Get a clue!

This lifestyle has opened the door to prolonged sexual dysfunction when you reach adulthood. Unfortunately, you may marry someday. On your wedding night and long after, I predict you'll suffer from premature ejaculation. How many men have complained that they can't make it through a lingerie

conquering this serious offense to God. A clear conscience is much more admirable and fulfilling than filling full your tube socks!

Richard O'Hearn  
project manager  
facilities management



### Give him a hand

I applaud Steve Willey for his well-written and hilarious article about masturbation. I haven't laughed that hard since I saw Chris Farley play motivational speaker Matt Foley on Saturday Night Live. (Don't you remember that fat guy who lived in a van down by the river?) Unfortunately, I have to pledge my allegiance to the group who doesn't admit to "walking the pony." Given the ultra-conservative views of this university and its leaders, I'm surprised that this "subversive" article was even allowed to go to print. It's too bad that Steve is an ag-journalism major. I bet he will have a tough time getting his sexual-rebellion articles past the editors at the Angus Weekly Report.

Jon Schauble  
graduate student  
environmental engineering

### Farewell

Last week the psychology department at UNL lost a valued friend, colleague and teacher in Brian Sarata. Brian committed himself to his students and to the pursuit of cultural diversity. For those of us who knew and loved him, his light forever will remain a constant in the halls of Burnett Hall. Good night, sweet prince.

Claudia Price-Decker  
administrative tech  
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