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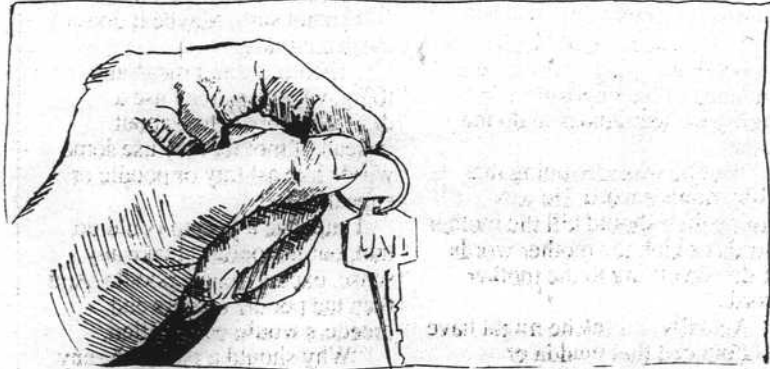
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Warm welcome

Chancellor should put students first

UNL welcomes a new leader today.

James Moeser, the 18th chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, takes over his official duties this morning.

And he deserves a warm welcome from students, faculty and staff and the entire university community.

If Moeser's record at other institutions is indicative of what's in store for UNL, the university will become stronger under his leadership.

Moeser has served as a college dean at both the University of Kansas and Pennsylvania State University, and he leaves a position as provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

In choosing Moeser, NU President Dennis Smith praised his keen understanding of undergraduate teaching and his clarity of judgment.

Both are needed and valued commodities on this campus.

Moeser has said he will push for the creation of a separate honors college at UNL, targeting top students both in and outside of Nebraska.

UNL's need of strong academic standards and top-notch students is not in question.

But neither should be the mission of this university.

As a land-grant institution, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln must remain committed to the people who support it — the citizens of the state.

Moeser should work to raise the academic standards of the university, but keep open admission standards that allow all students at least a chance to succeed.

He should recognize UNL's status as the flagship campus in the NU system and fight to maintain it.

He should stand tall in the wake of budget-cutting bureaucrats and lawmakers who would ax student aid, research grants and university funding.

He should value diversity at UNL and take on a role as the sorely needed catalyst in sparking communication among all groups on campus.

And most importantly, he should not forget that there would be no University of Nebraska-Lincoln without the 24,000 students who claim this campus as a second home.

He should listen to and take seriously their concerns and invite them to take an active part in the running of this university.

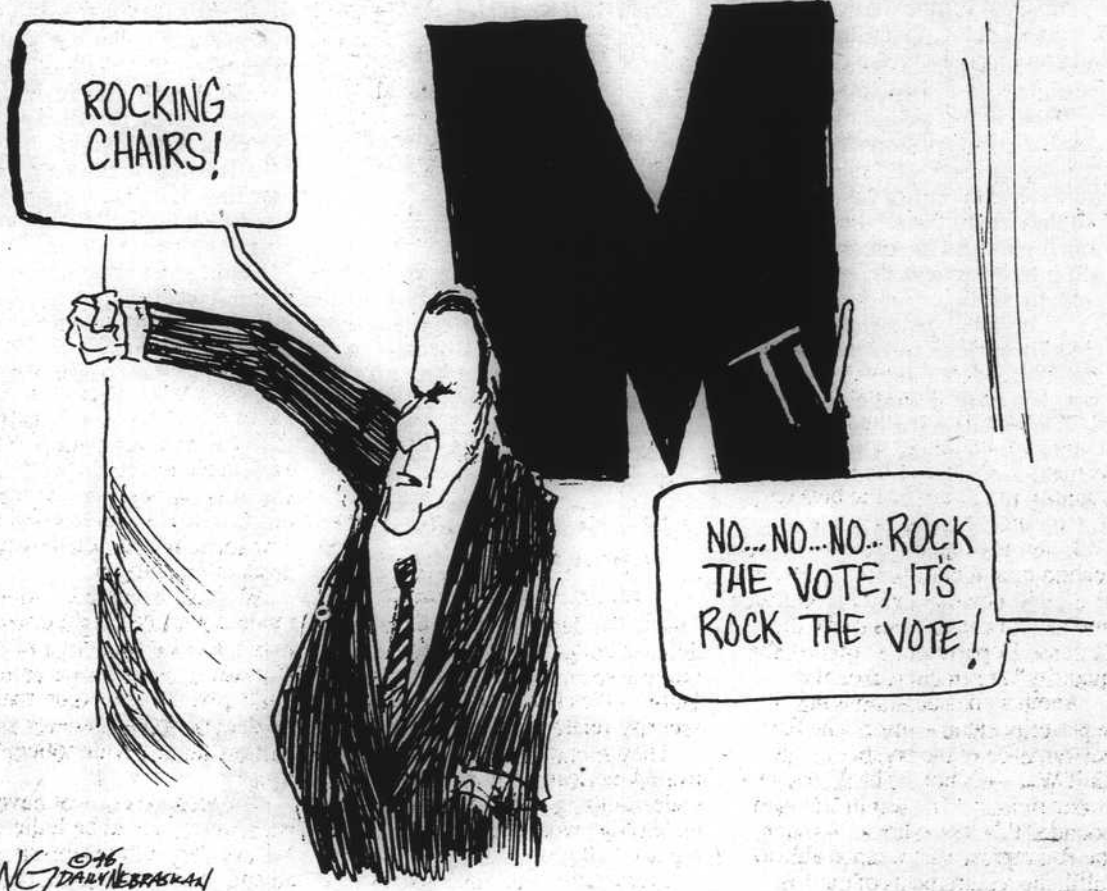
A lot to ask of one man? Maybe. But if he can accomplish what he has set out to do, Moeser may well be the best thing out of Columbia, S.C., since Hootie and the Blowfish.

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MEASLING ON THE DAILY NEBRASKAN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tuned out

I am as big a fan of the St. Olaf Choir as any choral musician. Historically, they are America's pre-eminent collegiate a cappella choir, and many of my highly regarded colleagues in the choral world are St. Olaf graduates.

But I must ask why, when UNL boasts five very fine choral ensembles, open to students from throughout the university, does the Daily Nebraskan largely overlook us when on-campus concerts are presented? UNL choral groups have been invited to sing (usually as the result of taped competitive auditions) at state, regional, national and international events. The Oratorio Chorus requires no audition whatsoever and sings masterworks with the University Orchestra and the Lincoln Orchestra Association. The University Singers have achieved particular acclaim and will be performing Bach's St. John Passion at the conclusion of a regional choral conductors' convention at the Lied Center in March. The University Chorale for women and the men's Varsity Glee Club fill a particular niche for dedicated singers and, of course, the Scarlet and Cream Singers boast a large and potent musical outreach. Next year, a mixed-voice Concert Choir will be added to this list of ensembles.

Try as we might, however, it is rare when we get an article, let alone a picture, describing our upcoming concerts. And on those occasions when something has appeared, it's usually been the result of a last-minute, frenzied call from a reporter with little knowledge of music who seems to be desperate to fill space for the next day's edition and gets it all wrong. While I applaud the DN's attention to this important off-campus choral concert by a truly esteemed visiting choir, what are the rest of us singers right here in your own backyard — chopped choral liver?

James F. Hejdkuk
associate professor of music
director of choral activities

Self-help healthy

I just had the pleasure of reading Steve Willey's article on masturbation. I was out of town when it was printed, but in Friday's paper there was a letter from a man who seemed terrified of the act of masturbation!

So I would just like to say to



Jason Gildow/DN

Steve that I think it's an incredibly healthy thing to do, and I'm a little confused about how it causes premature ejaculation in your future endeavors with women! It's been my experience that I couldn't even HOPE to be able to move as fast as a guy's hand ... so I would think that in an experience with a woman it's going to last that much LONGER ... because she just can't do it as well as you can! I guess I could be wrong, but it's not likely. Just as there are homophobics, there are apparently (what do you call them???) Mastrophobics?! That seems absurd, because ultimately, that would suggest a fear of one's own body ... isn't that classified as some sort of schizophrenia? Someone out there needs help ... and I don't think it's you, Steve!

Christie Linn Craighead
junior
English

Self control

Richard O'Hearn, exactly how many men have complained that they can't make it through a lingerie department without dropping into the restroom for a solo "quickie"? I don't know anyone with so little self-control.

Davis Beekman
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11th commandment?

This is in response to Richard O'Hearn's letter "Tube Socks?!" I don't remember reading a passage in the Bible that said, "Thou shalt not stroke thyself." Last time I counted there were only 10 commandments, so please stop making up new ones every time you find something morally different than your own beliefs.

And what about non-Christians or Christians with a slightly different set of values? Masturbation is, by definition, an unobtrusive act. No rejection or frustration. No unwilling partners. No confusion on what feels good or what feels bad. Masturbators (both women and men) don't even have to scream out "Oh my God!" to let their partners know that they are doing a good job. Masturbation is a self-contained sexual act, and nobody is affected by it but the one partaking in it. So if they have a moral problem with masturbation, they don't have to do it.

Here's an idea. You keep your religious beliefs to yourself and we'll keep our hands, ah I mean, our beliefs to ourselves. The way it should be.

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