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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Clearly, I would want all my children to die in a state of joy. I mean, what more could I ask for?"

— Lisa Blair Hathaway, mother of 7-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff, after her daughter's plane crashed near Cheyenne, Wyo., last week.

"Out-of-state, they work as good as a real one."

— Fake ID maker "William," on his handiwork.

"I think the time has come to put whatever legal pressure we can on the TV networks and force them to quit polluting the minds of our youth."

— Nebraska Attorney General and U.S. Senate candidate Don Stenberg, during a discussion with opponent Chuck Hagel at the Nebraska Press Association Annual Convention.

"One person called and said (his street) looked like a used car lot."

— Joe Turek, supervisor of the Lincoln housing department, on problems neighbors have with students who violate the ordinance saying that no more than three unrelated people may live together.

"I left right before the hippie era where people didn't want to have their hair cut anymore."

— Frank Kuhn, assistant director of operations for the Nebraska Union, on his decision to quit his job as a barber and enroll in business courses at UNL.

"I didn't hear back."

— Omaha Catholic priest John McCastin, on the letter he sent to Lincoln Diocese Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz, urging him to "get on with his life."

"This is what we got a Ph.D. for?"

— Brett Ratcliffe, professor and curator of insects, on the makeshift repairs he has made to protect more than \$140 million worth of irreplaceable artifacts from rainwater in Nebraska Hall.

"People don't realize when they destroy one group, humanity is destroyed."

— Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, during a speech Tuesday at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

"God, to me, isn't the answer. God is the question. I still don't understand. At the same time, what can I do? Divorce God?"

— Wiesel, in a press conference Wednesday.

"I think this is economic racism. They are trying to treat us like a third world country."

— Arthur "Butch" Denny, Santee Sioux tribal chairman, after federal authorities seized the bank account of the tribe's casino.

"We've continued to expand the state's contribution to higher education in Nebraska, but it's never enough or as much as you'd like it to be."

— Gov. Ben Nelson, at the MTV "Choose or Lose" bus at Broyhill Fountain Wednesday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lincoln diocese "embarrassment"

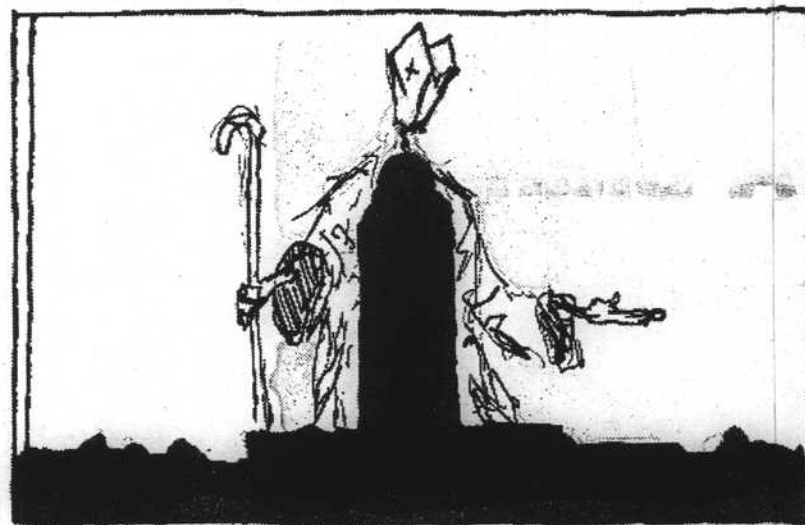
In response to the April 17 letter to the editor about the (Bishop Bruskewitz) editorial cartoon: Coming from the faith-filled Archdiocese of Chicago and having both a grade school and high school Catholic education, I am continuously outraged that the diocese of Lincoln doesn't follow "to the letter" Vatican II. The altar may be turned around, but the lack of female extraordinary ministers, readers and lectors makes me wonder where your bishop is leading "his" flock. The cartoon in the Tuesday DN is simply an expression of the embarrassment Catholics across the nation are feeling towards Lincoln.

Allison Rettker
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The sequel

I was astounded by the responses to the article "Flag Defamation." Mr. Bosselman and Mr. Gregorius do not seem to understand that the flag is much more than simply "little more than colored fabric"; it is the symbol of the United States and the virtues for which the country stands: justice, freedom, and peace. Defaming the flag cheapens those very rights, as well as the right to free speech. This may not be a perfect nation (what in this world is?), but its citizens have tried to correct injustices committed in the past. It is ridiculous to condemn the whole nation for events in its past that are over and done with, or in the present that are being faced. Not everyone must agree on everything, but the people should respect the symbols of the freedom that allows us to disagree.

As the daughter and sister of members of the military, I am highly offended that Mr. Bosselman and Mr. Gregorius expect to have the right to defame this nation's symbols without thinking of the price paid so that they can have that right. It is an insult to every veteran who ever lived or died in defense of our freedoms that these two and others like them can so defame the symbol



Bret Gottschall/DN

Patriot Games

Why is it that every time Veera Supinen writes a column for the Daily Nebraskan, she ends up criticizing the United States of America? Wednesday, it was how driving was so much better in Finland, and in other columns it has been Finland this, or Europe that, and how every other country was better than the United States in general.

Am I stretching it? I think not. Now, I respect Veera's right to write her columns, and she can think what she will (this is America after all). But she should be aware that we already know about these things, and with the exception of a very small number of Americans (Ted Kaczynski comes to mind), we like things the way they are. I for one would like to believe that Veera is enjoying the relative freedom and benefits that come from living in the USA (note: benefits does not refer to the government kickbacks like unemployment and welfare benefits that is currently draining the work ethic of many European countries), but if she really doesn't like America, and the concept of individual responsibility, then she can go back to Russia, Germany, or whatever country Finland would now be a part of if the United States of America, and it's laws, heritage, and people had never existed.

of those freedoms.

If Mr. Bosselman and Mr. Gregorius so dislike the United States, they are more than welcome to leave.

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Tasteless 'toon

I found the cartoon of Bishop Bruskewitz (April 16) to be very offensive to my faith as well as in extremely poor taste on the part of the Daily Nebraskan.

The message you were trying to convey was that the Bishop was attempting to kick even Christ out of the Catholic Church. Had you researched this controversy surrounding the Bishop and the stand he had chosen to take, you would realize your cartoon was way out of line. As was pointed out by John Hogg's letter, the Bishop was merely trying to bring people closer to Jesus by making them review their faith on a deeper level and really evaluate their life's priorities. Your cartoon's message was not even close to shedding light on the real issue. In fact, if anything, you have only accomplished the pointless task of confusing people further about this issue.

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