

OPINION PAGES

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"We went out and got whooped today like I didn't think this team could get whooped."

— Kansas State University quarterback Brian Kavanagh, on his team's 39-3 loss to the Huskers

"If you won't use any football stories, I won't tell any of my warm and humorous stories about chlorofluorocarbon abatement."

— Vice President Al Gore, cutting a deal with Jack Kemp during the vice-presidential debate

"You can only bump into someone's shopping cart at the grocery store so many times without looking obvious."

— Katie Miller, owner of Chances Are... introduction service, on the dating scene

"We are seeing a shift from 10 to 15 years ago when people thought an organizer was a person who could help them with their closets."

— Stephanie Denton, chairwoman of the National Get Organized Week Committee, on getting organized

"I feel really fired up about being a Christian, but mostly when it's convenient."

— Geoff Moore, songwriter and musician, on Christianity

"When I first put my nose into it, I knew nothing. I just had the idea of having my own fragrance in my head."

— Michael Malcolm, a UNL freshman, on the new fragrance he developed and is marketing

"There's not much point in holding onto the moral high ground when your country's burning down around you."

— Gary McMichael, leader of the Ulster Defense Association, on the violence in Northern Ireland

"Whatever oil you receive from Nigeria has the blood of the Ogoni people on it."

— Dr. Owens Wiwa, brother of a slain Nigerian political activist, on what he called "environmental racism"

"He's fun to watch — except when you play him."

— Texas A&M Football Coach R.C. Slocum, on Iowa State tailback Troy Davis

"All of a sudden now, we're the old ladies on the block."

— Texas A&M Soccer Coach G. Guerrieri, on the team's early showing in the Big 12 Conference

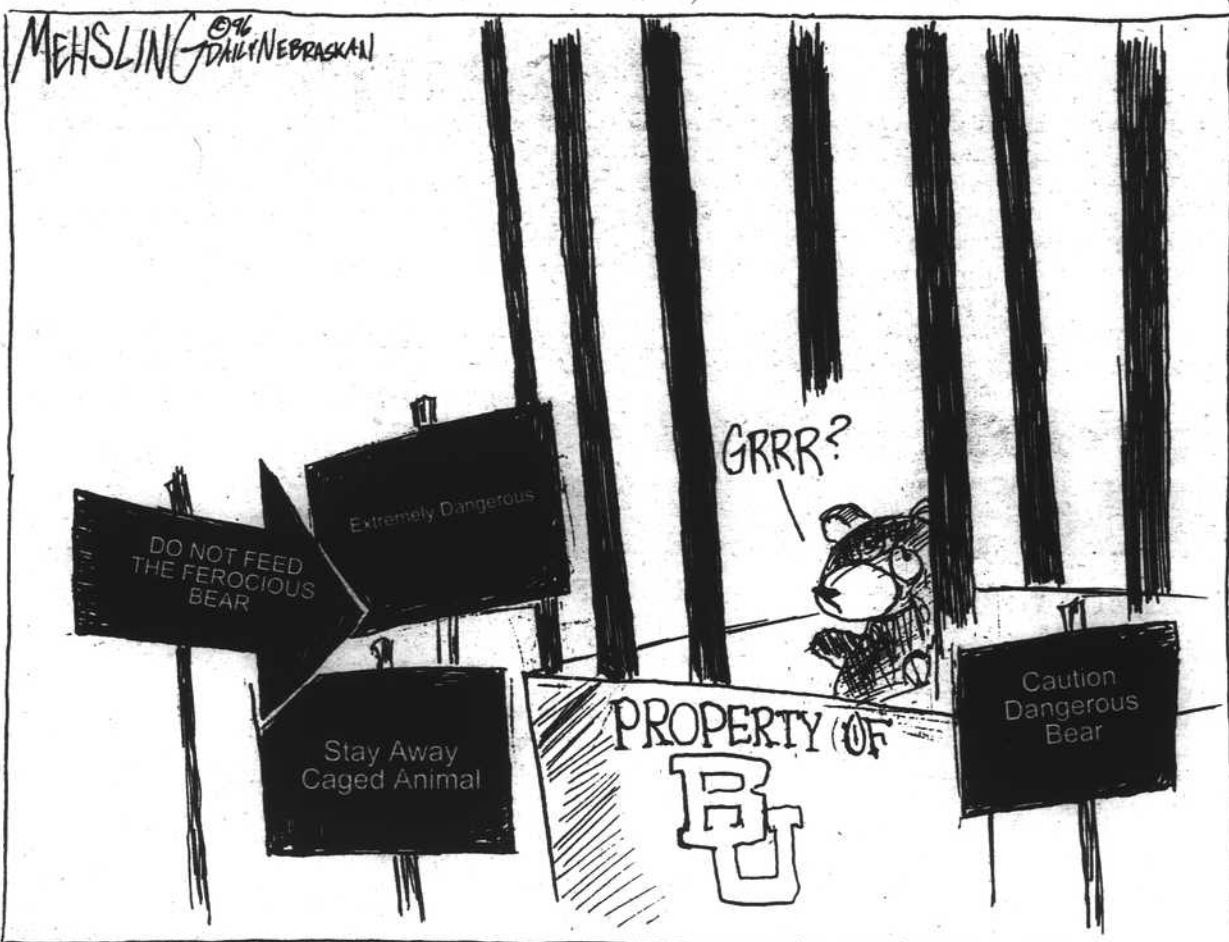
"When you make a wrong call, it hurts. And it's demoralizing if you're wrong. Nobody takes it harder than the official if a call is missed."

— Tim Millus, supervisor of football officials for the Big 12 Conference, on bad calls

"Maybe I was naive, but I can't think of a ballgame that we've gone into with Nebraska that we didn't believe we had a chance to win."

— Kansas State Football Coach Bill Snyder, on playing the Huskers

MEHSLING'S VIEW



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WILLEY

Doling out bad press GOP's man can't get fair shake

Let me first say that I don't consider myself a Democrat or Republican; I enjoy sticking it to the rich and the poor alike. But despite my non-affiliation, it's still painfully obvious to me that America, and particularly the press, have gone out of their way to swing this election toward Bill Clinton.

My question is this: If America is supposed to be the land of opportunity, why on earth can't the press afford one to Bob Dole? I think that's all the public really wants. Someone oughta tell the media.

Whether it be in political cartoons or some new illustrious poll, Bob Dole just can't seem to win. Every day in the newspapers, the press seems to be vilifying him. All you have to do is look at the headlines.

"CLINTON VISITS 372 TOWNS IN 2 HOURS; SAYS HE LIKES CHILDREN AND PUPPIES!" (Meanwhile, on the back of some Pizza Hut insert, ...) **"DOLE FALLS INTO CROWD OF SPECTATORS, KILLS 8; BYSTANDER CLAIMS HIS DOG IS 'MYSTERIOUSLY' PREGNANT!"**

If the press keeps this up, I may admittedly be in the wrong profession. I mean, if I wanted to confuse everyday folks, I'd run around in the nude proclaiming to be a pigeon who's a golf pro.

Yet this is exactly what the national press is doing with Dole's campaign. Take for example the countless polls that are released every 2.8 seconds. These polls are supposed to represent an accurate idea of how much support the candidates have, but the only message they convey to readers is that Dole couldn't win a "rock, scissors, paper" fight, much less the presidency.

My favorite poll is the one that says, "Only 11 percent of Americans said that if Bob Dole was on fire, they would douse him with NON-



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flammable liquids."

Let me show you why these presidential polls are only for the brain-dead. I recently conducted my own poll by questioning residents from only rural, non-dry, counties in my home state of Mississippi.

In my poll, amazingly, Clinton was actually running two points BEHIND DOLE! Of course Dole was 13 points behind a wiener dog named "Dippy," but that's not important. What is important is that you will never see these polls because they don't serve the newspapers' purposes. (EDITOR'S NOTE: The reason we don't use this poll is because "Dippy" is a member of the long-defunct Whig party and, frankly, we think Steve is making all of this up.)

There's nothing wrong with being liberal or conservative; newspapers,

however, should be neither. But newspapers ARE historically liberal — even small-time publications like the DN. Take a look at the letter I received once my editors found out about this week's topic:

Mr. Willey:

It has come to our attention that you are intending to write a column that will not openly demean Bob Dole, I mean, Dole. We feel obligated to warn you that if you're not careful with your wording, we reserve the right to twist your pinkie toe until it resembles a drywall screw. Furthermore, if you do not endorse Clinton as your presidential choice, the DN will pinch your rump in such a manner that will likely cause impotency.

Need more proof? Take a look at the scandals involving Clinton's Administration:

Travelgate, Whitewater and PETA's claim that First Cat Socks is often used as an ashtray would have floored most administrations.

Yet with Clinton, they're lightly discussed at best and, eventually, swept under the proverbial rug. Dole just can't win. Newspapers are supposed to be servants of the people, watchdogs of society. We're here to aid people in choices, not to decide for them.

Don't get me wrong; I think Clinton's been a good president. But Bob Dole deserves a fighting chance.

But more importantly perhaps, the American people deserve a fairly represented choice. Thank you.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Ummmm, Steeeeeeve. Aren't you forgetting something? ... You have a job to save, you know.)

Oh yeah. Dole's an old fart. Go Clinton.

Damn newspapers.

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