

OPINION PAGES

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Never pick a fight with someone who buys ink by the barrel and paper by the ton. They always get the last word."

— Andy Abboud, executive director of the Nebraska Republican Party, on the media

"We are spilling the blood of the people we love, and that blood is staining the very fabric of our society."

— Billy Aplin, "Men Speak Out Against Violence" member, on domestic violence

"In memory of one who lived and died in pain."

— Message on a balloon in memory of Kathy Change, who set herself on fire on the University of Pennsylvania campus

"If there was a problem, we'd know it in a second. It wouldn't be something the boys would shove under the carpet."

— Tice Miller, chairman of the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance, on sexual harassment allegations against Professor William Grange

"We're creating a lower tier in our society: a tier of poor, unhealthy people ... that believes ... they are somehow unequal to us."

— Renee Saucedo, a California labor lawyer, on the treatment of immigrants in the United States

"You shouldn't upset the apple cart all at once."

— James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, in opposition to ballot initiatives 411 and 412

"Most teachers on East Campus are a bit more understanding than those on City Campus."

— Scott Klope, a senior animal science and ag business major, on UNL students skipping classes to help with harvest

"Anytime you step in a ring with a heavy-weight, you have to be ready to take some knocks."

— Texas Tech Football Coach Spike Dykes, on playing the Cornhuskers

"If you wake up and see these people trying to take your temperature, you can assume that's bad."

— Col. Gerald Jaax, virus expert, on researching Ebola

"I'll never say never again."

— Kiss drummer Peter Criss, on the band's reunion tour

"Civil libertarians defend the rights of blue-bellied nincompoops to spew whatever nonsense they want to."

— Political commentator Molly Ivins, on Civil Libertarians

"We shot ourselves in the foot so many times we didn't feel like we had any toes left."

— NU quarterback Scott Frost, on the Huskers' clumsy win over Texas Tech

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MEHSLING'S VIEW



LETTERS

CHOICE TALK

This last Thursday (Oct. 24), I was leaving the union when I spotted a booth sponsored by "Students for Choice." Having nothing better to do, I decided to have a little chat with the two ladies at the booth.

They were very receptive and friendly — that is, until they found out that I didn't share their beliefs.

I was accused of being closed-minded, even after I offered to hear anything they had to say.

I was accused of arguing, even though I didn't once raise my voice.

I was accused of forcing my beliefs on them, in spite of the fact that they were the ones running the booth for all to see.

What purpose would their organization have if not to propagate their beliefs?

The whole time, both of them found it hard to even look me in the eye. I made it clear that I was merely interested in discussing the issue with them. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank these two ladies for reassuring me that those who support abortion are too insecure in their beliefs to openly talk about them.

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HARASSMENT

I'm not one to defend sexual harassment, but I'm disturbed by the lack of due process that is occurring in the case of theater Professor William Grange.

First, the theater department should be ashamed that this issue leaked to students before the issue could be addressed properly. YES, students do have the right to know about these previous charges, but allowing a leak of information only fuels the fire of

people's discomfort in discussing the issues. Also, such an issue can be very distracting from the business of attending classes.

Secondly, NO ACCUSATIONS have occurred locally. No UNL students have accused this man of



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harassment. This man left a job to come here, potentially to make a new start. Little chance of that occurring seeing how the whole campus now has heard about this from the Daily Nebraskan. Does the term "libel" mean anything to the editorial board?

Vice Chancellor Alvah Kilgore may have hit the nail on the head when he questioned whether Grange was "guilty until proven innocent?"

In the courts of public opinion, here being the DN, evidently the answer is "Yes."

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ALMA MATER

Kasey Kerber had a lot of nerve to criticize the new alma mater in his

column on Oct. 22.

What Kerber failed to mention, is that the alma mater was written and presented to UNL as a gift, by nationally renowned musician and composer Chip Davis, who started the Omaha group Mannheim Steamroller.

Unless Kerber has had several albums climb the national music charts to the number one spot (as Davis has), made back-to-back appearances on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno and "The Today Show" (as Davis has), or busted his butt trying to compose a song to please an entire state, those of us in the music department who took time out of our Saturday to premiere the song at the Baylor game, even when we only go to be in the stadium during halftime because we didn't have tickets, would appreciate it if Kerber kept his crude and ungrateful opinions to himself.

Students didn't get a say in the alma mater because no student (including Kerber) took time out of his or her busy schedule to compose one and organized a campuswide election to be absolutely sure that it was completely and totally fair.

A printed apology from Kerber would be very much appreciated by the College of Fine and Performing Arts, the UNL alumni and Mr. Davis.

I would also like to take this opportunity to tell Kerber that I appreciate the parking police very much when they slap tickets on cars that are illegally parked in the spaces that I'm paying extra to park in — I'm just sorry that one of those cars hasn't been Kerber's.

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