

OPINION PAGES

DN Quotes OF THE WEEK

"They look really gross, but it tastes like a normal hot dog. Shouldn't they be brown?"

— 13-year-old Jenny Whitener on the Fairbury brand hot dogs served at Buck Beltzer Field

"Don't ever be afraid to ask for help. Don't be embarrassed. Don't be ashamed."

— Jared Tomich, former All-America NU rush end in a talk at the "School is Cool" Jam

"Discrimination turns native people into aliens and strangers in their own lands."

— Walter Echo-Hawk, an American Indian activist, lobbyist, tribal judge and attorney, during his E.N. Thompson Forum speech at the Lied Center

"I tell the coaches, 'If there's something that you need me to do to get onto the field, I'll do it.'"

— Jay Sims, senior I-back for the Cornhuskers, while practicing with the first and second offensive squads this spring

"I had never met him until this year, but once I got to know him, it was like a spark and it caught ahold of me. There was something about Danny Nee, and it pulled me toward him."

— Cary Cochran, a 6-foot-2 shooting specialist, on why he signed a letter of intent to play for the Huskers in the fall

"The people that I talked to were confident with our party's experience and leadership skills. They really believed in us."

— EXCEL presidential winner Ben Wallace after his RHA election

"If you just go in and give a lecture, you're not doing your job. A class isn't something to be talked down to. It's worth the time in class to ask what students think."

— Chemistry Professor Paul Kelter after winning the ASUN's Outstanding Educator Award for the second year in a row

"If (Jensen) really thinks the highest priority of the Legislature is to deliberately single out a group for discrimination, then I will battle him until the cows come home."

— Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, as LB280, a bill that would ban recognition of same-sex marriages in Nebraska, was being deliberated in the Legislature

"What the world rewards is finishers."

— NU Football Coach Tom Osborne at the "School is Cool" Jam

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DN LETTERS

Unoriginal Original

Michael Donley, in your column "Bye-bye beatniks" (DN, Wednesday), you discussed how stale and unoriginal the counterculture is. Personally, we think the subject of counterculture in columns is stale and unoriginal.

Throughout this column, you attempt to prove that you are somehow superior to those in this counterculture you speak of by taking the "I did it first" mentality so popular right now.

By saying that you were listening to this music back in '88, you are only proving your desire to be a part of the counterculture you are trying to reject.

So, basically what you are telling us is, if it has happened before, no one should do it again? Almost everything in our culture has occurred sometime in the past, but that doesn't mean we need to completely obliterate these ideas. If we rejected these things and began a completely different kind of society, we would miss out on a lot of great things — including Allen Ginsberg — you seem to really appreciate.

No one wants to hear you moan and whine about Marilyn Manson ever again. You are becoming more annoying than the actual group.

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Broken Funnybone

On behalf of those who have ever retained a sense of humor in their life, I would like to commend J.J. Harder ("Shake your booty," DN, Wednesday) on being the first ever to have a negative score on the humorometer. That's right — the scale lost somewhere in the depths of our society that measures the degree to which one has the ability to laugh at himself or herself and others.

So now, according to J.J., we should all be ashamed that we have yet to support a movement to ban our children from cartoons because

"Scooby Doo" doesn't wear any underpants? Jeez — you're right, J.J., every parent in America ought to be locked up!

J.J. says that children will soon "feel that going about nude is unobjectionable." So basically, children must have lost their innocence from their birth and beyond, never being allowed to wander the house unclothed. Not just then either — children should NEVER think that it's OK to be naked.

Tell you what, J.J. When your children start taking baths, you try explaining to them why they must do it in their underoos. Better yet — when you explain the birds and the bees to them someday, make sure to include the part of how sex takes place when a man and a woman aren't allowed to remove one bit of clothing, since we wouldn't want them to get the wrong idea. Then we'll talk.

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Laughable 'Libs'

The vehement response to J.J. Harder's column "A broken bond" (DN, Friday) concerning homosexuality shows the typical hypocrisy of liberalism. One writer complains about his fees being used for propaganda, ignoring that 90 percent of the propaganda at this university promotes the "liberal" agenda.

He follows that complaint with totally wrong information about Adolf Hitler. I have always wondered why "liberals" always compare anyone that disagrees with them with Hitler. Why, then, can we not compare them with Stalin — FDR's beloved Uncle Joe?

Why should the fees that I pay be used to promote homosexuality, or that anti-white racism known as affirmative action?

Government has always been used by factions to coerce others into conformity. The U.S. Constitution was supposed to limit the government's authority to do so, so that we, the people, could live according to our own consciences. Too bad everyone ignores it (espe-

cially the courts).

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Inflated Opinion

I suspect it was an indication of inflation reducing our buying power after reading John Flaherty's 15-cent opinion about same-sex marriages ("Sick of It All," DN, Thursday). Flaherty offered the "compromise" that if we allow same-sex marriages in the state, that we disallow gay couples to have or adopt children. Some choice.

Not only does Flaherty's argument reduce the rights of homosexuals, children now have to have their rights defined by theocratic dunderheads like Flaherty! Hmmm ... kids could live with foster-care families or be adopted by a gay couple ... better keep that foster care thing going, wouldn't want to give the kid another thorn in his side.

It's also amusing to see him pull himself on the limb of weak logic by stating that the so-called Victorian attitudes about sex we carry have been "proven through time and trial." Well, hate to break it to you John, homosexuality has been around for centuries too.

Strange you would think that many of us don't like anything religious. Many gays are quite religious. But I suppose that just doesn't fit your perception (re: prejudice) against homosexuals.

On an end note, I don't want you to know anything about my sex life John; you've already implied that you're too ignorant and small minded in your thinking to have any say over such an important and private part of my life. But when the state or federal government starts to legislate whom I can or cannot marry, or if I can or cannot have or adopt children, that has nothing to do with my sex life.

So quit your own whining John. I don't give damn about your bigoted clap trap that poses as religion.

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