

OPINION PAGES

DN Quotes OF THE SEMESTER

"This is my Mecca."
— Chuck Isom, senior advertising major at UNL, outside the Stuart Theater before the first showing of "Star Wars"

"What such people really need to learn how to do is keep their nose out of other peoples' crotches."
— Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha on opponents against the idea of same-sex marriages

"I had a gal ask for some rubber bikini briefs for the men, which we didn't have in stock."
— Audrie Sparks, employee at Priscilla's on some not-so-hot items for Valentine's Day

"I thought we played like horseshit."
— NU Coach Danny Nee, following a Husker loss to KSU

"What did you charge him with? Masturbating? Is that a crime in Lancaster County?"
— Chambers expressing concern about LB323, the Sexual Predator Act

"The question of sodomy is a question of sensation. The only reason people want it is because they like it."
— Norman Dority, who testified against same-sex marriage

"People make mistakes. This by no means justifies this. I am not trying to justify this."
— Former ASUN President Eric Marintzer on facing DWI charges

"It's good to be home."
— UNL professor Harish Gupta, returning from being trapped in war-torn Albania for three days after most Americans had left

"Rock 'n' roll never sleeps, and it never dies."
— Wesley Willis, musician

"We came out today and said, 'Why are we here?'"
— Gabe Garcia, NU right fielder, on not wanting to play another non-Division-I school late in the season

"Woo, hoo, hoo!"
— Jabba the Hutt

"Don't throw that ham at me!"
— Lynda Doss, store clerk, attributing the statement to Paul Riddick, a Norfolk, Va., councilman who was convicted and fined for assaulting her with a one-pound ham

"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 at the "School is Cool" jam

"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

"I wouldn't say I'm real popular (with prisoners)."
— Ken Jones, corrections officer at the Nebraska State Penitentiary

"Hit him! Stab him with your hockey cleat!"
— Fan at a Lincoln Stars game

"Good time. It's a good time."
— Doug Kouma, '96 - '97 DN editor

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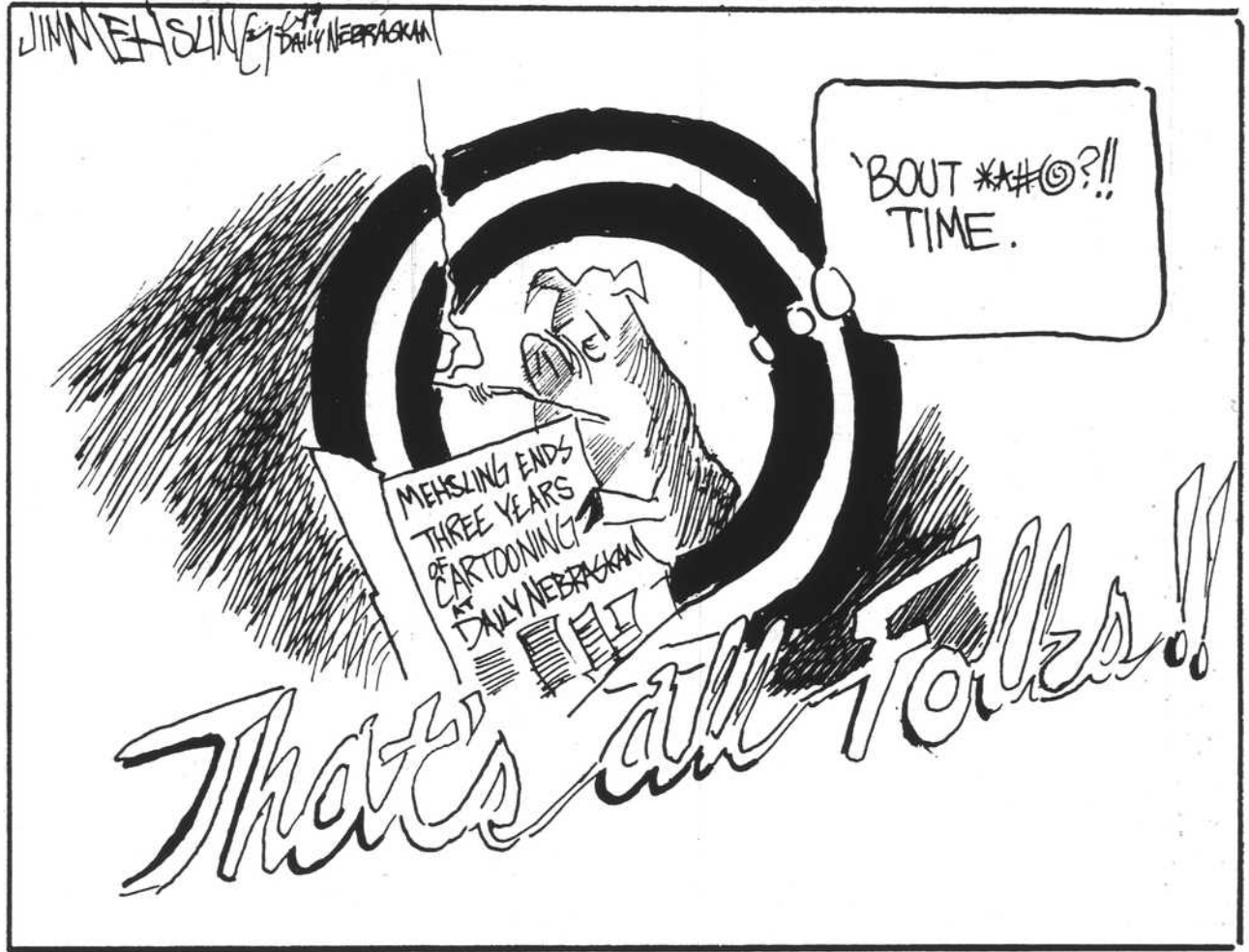
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DN LETTERS

Two wrongs do make...

Finally with the new safety alerts, fraternities see how painful stereotypes can be. Maybe this will cause them to think twice before doing something like the little Fiji party that just took place.

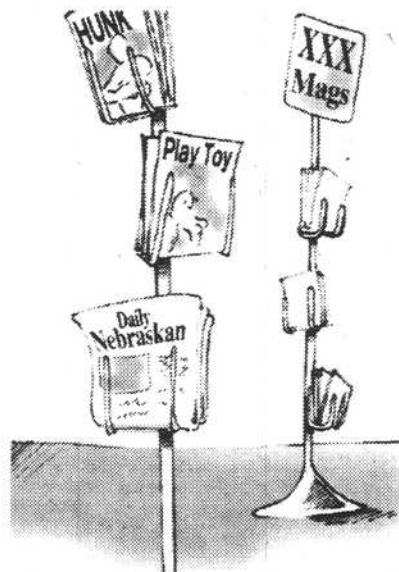
Eric Martin
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Here's your 80 cents

Throughout this entire year, your newspaper has participated in one of the worst problems in our society today. That problem is the continual stereotyping of women as sexual objects to be played with and conquered. This has not occurred in the articles or the attitudes of the writers themselves — in fact they should be commended for the broadening of my view of who women are.

Unfortunately, the DN does not seem to have any advertising policy that holds to the standards of moral decency and goodness. This can be seen in the suggestive photographs used by several tanning salons and by a laundromat (of all places). These pictures portray women simply as objects to sell products and services. Most unfortunate, however, was the Wednesday paper's half-page ad and coupon for an adult store. The pictures that the DN printed pale in comparison to the grotesque things this store sells.

In a day and age where sexual violence against women is on the rise, and where there is a serial rapist loose in the Midwest, I



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question the DN's judgment to allow these types of ads to be sold in a student-supported newspaper.

I recently researched the effects of pornography for a project I did and was surprised at the strong correlation that appears in studies between the amount of pornography viewed and an individual's attitudes toward women. As the amount of pornography viewed increases (even soft porn), one's objectification of women increases and one's value of women as individuals decreases. This objectification of women has also furthered the huge problem that this country and this campus has with eating disorders.

I am transferring next year, and I am thankful that my money will no longer support a paper that continues to hypocritically degrade and stereotype women. I sincerely hope you seriously examine your ad policy

for the upcoming years and make the necessary changes so that your paper can keep its integrity in other's eyes. I am sorry to say that because of a few bad decisions about advertising, as a paper, you have lost my respect. I have discontinued to read the paper for that reason, and I am encouraging my friends to do the same.

Women are not objects to be gawked at, lusted after and masturbated on. Until our campus and our society stands up for the rights of women and stands against the stereotypes that these images portray, women will continue to be regarded as second class citizens.

Todd Hilkemann
history
sophomore

The Right Touch

I really appreciated your editorial "Memo to Philly: Charity is a 2-way Street" (DN, Wednesday).

Your editorial mirrored my feeling on (Clinton's) new volunteer program. As a longtime member of the Lincoln community and active volunteer in several organizations, I really felt that President Clinton was again asking those of us who do a lot to do more.

I felt that the point you made about President Clinton being out of touch with the sacrifices that most of us make on a daily basis, just to get by, was correct. Thanks for the editorial.

Mary Swoboda
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