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Quotes of the WEEK

"We're not chopped liver."
— Central Florida Athletic Director Steve Sloan

"The ultimate reward is to see the light of understanding in a student's eyes."
— Rollin Hotchkiss, professor of civil engineering and recipient of the James M. Robbins Excellence in Teaching Award

"When candidates enter a political race where money is the common denominator, it does scare some people away because you're no longer looking at the issues."
— Gary Randall, 2nd District chairman of the Nebraska Democratic Party, on the governor's race

"I don't know if I've ever said this before in a match, but the fans were the MVP tonight. I really believe they were the difference from about the 10th point (of the fifth game) on. They gave us energy. They were an intimidating presence. It was incredible. If we hadn't gotten that transfusion from the fans, I don't know that we would have gotten up off the floor."
— NU volleyball coach Terry Pettit on the NU-Pacific match last weekend

"It's like tackling a telephone pole. He's not easy to bring down."
— Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride on Central Florida quarterback Daunte Culpepper

"I'm sick and tired of it. Let's get it done. Let's make it functional."
— NU President Dennis Smith on the new Lied Transplant Center at UNMC

"The one thing that unites all the candidates is the goal of putting a Republican in the governor's mansion."
— Andy Abboud, executive director of the Nebraska Republican Party

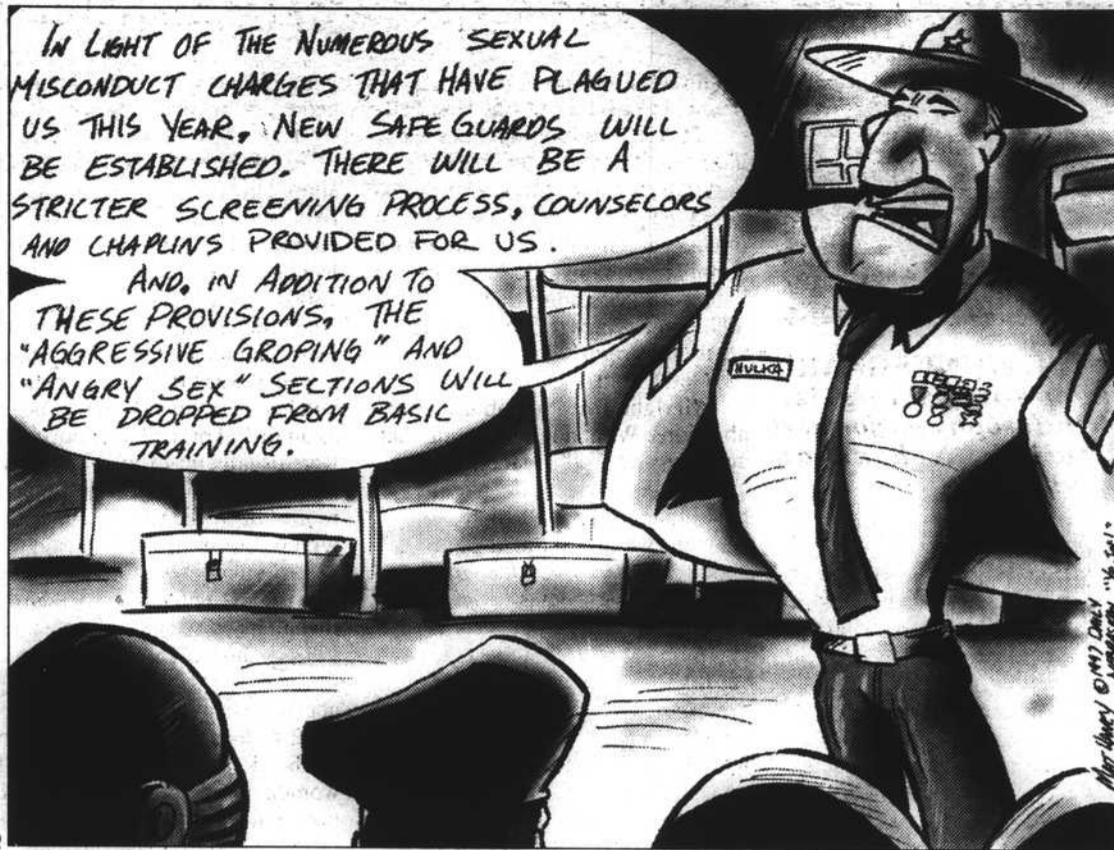
"There was a quality about her that you recognized immediately. You could see it in her eyes, and hear it in her words. She personified love."
— Gov. Ben Nelson on meeting Mother Teresa

"She gave her life to carry on God's word and to help the poor."
— Lincoln Catholic Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz on Mother Teresa

"The amount of spending here is high, but it's spending that's going to pay off 100 times over."
— NU Regent Drew Miller of Papillion on the university's plan to spend \$2.6 million on software

"This institute represents a partnership unique in every sense. It must support business and industry. ... It must educate in a state-of-the-art mode and it must be steeped in excellence from the day its doors open."
— Dennis Smith on the new College of Information Science and Technology

Haney's VIEW



DN LETTERS

Oh my!

In response to Steve Cullen's column (DN, Tuesday) ...

Don't be so afraid of the future, Steve. Sure, it scares everyone from time to time, but you'll get through it. Most of us do. And don't be so critical of those who follow the "yellow brick road." After all, it's not paved with gold. If you recall the story, those tawny tiles led Dorothy and her pals to some pretty frightening places like forests full of lions and tigers and bears. (Oh, my!) And don't forget that the saffron path has its share of pitfalls, i.e. apple trees with attitude, poppy fields laced with Nytol, and wicked witches who are only too happy to turn your buddies into tea pots and mattress stuffing. But hold on to your ruby slippers Steve, because here's the scariest part of all: Once you finally reach your Emerald City, it may very well not be the place you thought it was. After all, the journey down those yellow bricks will change you. Along the way you'll find courage and heart, and maybe even brains.

So, try not to not to worry so much Steve, and enjoy the journey because unlike Dorothy, you don't really want to end up back in Kansas. Do you?

Curtis Bright
UNL Alumnus

nificant, but it is a well-known fact that a large proportion of the on-campus drinking occurs in the greek houses. Such a conclusion can be drawn simply by asking a few greek friends (off the record of course) what went on at their most recent party. It is also a fact that many of these Greek drinkers live in the residence halls, which would seem to lend credit to the new policy. But if the university seriously wants to reduce on-campus drinking, wouldn't it make more sense to attack the "problem" at its source? That is, to create a policy which focuses more exclusively on the greek houses where the alcohol is provided and consumed. Yet, according to Linda Schwartzkopf, director of Greek Affairs, greek residents have not even seen the new alcohol policy; it does not seem to affect them unless they decide to go running around the residence halls in a drunken stupor. Obviously this policy is a joke that serves only to harass certain students without effectively dealing with the "problem" of on-campus drinking. Rather than continuing with this joke, university officials ought to either rethink the policy or officially extend to all of us the wet-campus status, which is unofficially enjoyed by the greeks.

Brian Sobczyk
Junior English

I am sorry, Mr. Kaufman, but we are human beings. We are not mascots for America's fun and games. Using images of American Indians as mascots is damaging to the self-identity, self-concept and self-esteem of our people. The "Indian Mascot" has affected the perceptions of both American Indians and non-American Indians. We are not savages — we are students, lawyers, educators, business people and most importantly, human beings.

AMERICAN INDIANS can and should make the decision about how we are portrayed. It is not a matter for non-Indians to decide. How would others feel if the names were changed and became the Pittsburgh Negroes, Kansas City Jews or San Diego Caucasians?

Shouldn't we protest the California Angels and the New Orleans Saints because they are offensive to Christians? Clyde Bellecourte said, "When you go to one of their games and they are selling toy crucifixes as souvenirs and every time the team scores, the fans wave those crucifixes and a little mascot dressed like the pope runs around and sprinkles holy water on all the drunks, then you should start protesting ... and us Indians will be right there beside you ..."

Ethnocentric insensitivity and disregard for opinions of Indian people is the continuing saga of American history. Our sacred songs, dances, ceremonies and religions are precious to us as people. The American Indian students on campus are faces of an ancient people, not a mascot.

Vernon Miller
President
University of Nebraska Inter-Tribal Exchange

Band-Aid anyone?

I just wanted to point out an apparent contradiction in the new alcohol policy. The Sept. 5 DN pointed out that the new policy is directed exclusively at the residence halls. I realize that drinking by residence hall members is sig-

Not a mascot

I am writing in response to a letter written on Aug. 29, by Anthony H. Kaufman, "Not All Jerks." Mr. Kaufman does not see anything racist or wrong with having a cartoon-like figure of an Indian as a logo for a sports team.

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