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Quotes of THE WEEK

"I knew that he would get attention, and I knew that people would take it wrong."

Justin Kalhoff, junior premedicine major, about e-mail sent by English professor David Hibler that some members of the university community have deemed racist

"It was a pre-emptive strike. Reorganizing was better than letting it (bad behavior) go on and closing it (Phi Kappa Psi fraternity) down in the future."

Terry Harper, national executive director of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, on the fraternity's decision to ask 16 members to leave

"It seems very illogical that the wealthiest country in the world does not support the arts."

Ronn Guidi, artistic director for the Oakland Ballet

"After all, Nebraska football is over, so we gotta have something to do."

Lincoln resident Bob Ruffner, on why he has participated in the annual Avoca Quackoff for the last 10 years.

"This CURSE will last for every game, 'till honors returned, to Dishonored names. ... One final time ten thousand dead Speak, Save our honor now at Big Red's Peak."

Verse from "Curse of the Dishonored Veterans," a poem in response to NU Regent Robert Allen's letter defending the naming of Memorial Stadium's field as Tom Osborne Field

"You try to convince and show the kids that it would be an honor to have them in your program."

NU football recruiter Nelson Barnes, on the tricks of courting future Huskers

"It is an honor and a privilege to play in such a great system."

Charles Bowling, father of Jon Bowling, a Lincoln Southeast tight end who signed to play football with Nebraska last Wednesday

"I can't be completely for sure, but if I had to decide right now, I'd go to Nebraska."

Derrick Harmon, a defensive back/receiver from Memphis, Tenn., concerning his recruit status last Tuesday. He signed with Memphis University the next day

"For the most part, people stayed with us. And these are good people who wanted to be here."

NU Head Football Coach Frank Solich

"Turnovers just suck. If you give another word, I'll use it."

NU Head Basketball Coach Danny Nee

Haney's VIEW



DN LETTERS

Cows are our friends

First of all, Todd (Munson), cattle are some of the most harmless animals there are. Second, I just don't understand your analogy ("Bovine brutality," Tuesday). Comparing bovine to pit bulls has to be the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard in my life! Residential areas are as different as night and day from the country setting where you find cattle. You make it sound as if someone from the city were out on a road, and they got out of their car and happened to see a cow, then they should run or shoot it dead to make sure it won't attack them. Come on, where are you from anyway?

Some ranchers have it hard enough as it is. The last thing they need is people letting cattle out and running into them to collect a settlement. That's exactly what will happen without some protection from the state. Why can't people take a little responsibility, use some common sense and not make other people pay for what they lack between their ears?

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The crusades continue

As usual, the people bent on destroying the Christian faith in this newspaper have got it all wrong. Mark Buhrdorf, you've obviously got some serious issues to deal with when it comes to Christianity ("... and no one cares," Wednesday). When are you people going to learn the whole basis of Christianity is love? We believe Jesus Christ, the son of God, was willing to be crucified in order to take the sins of the world upon his shoulders and allow us to receive grace from God. That sacrifice bridged the gap between God and humans, his sinful creation. Jesus was, and always will be, the way to return to God and his goodness.

Yes, Jesus was ethnically and religiously a Jew, raised in the synagogue to be an honest, God-fearing Jew. Yet, when he began his ministry, Jesus said, "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I

have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them." Yes, he did tell a young rich man to follow the commandments to enter heaven, but Jesus also told the young man that once he was following the commandments, he needed to sell all he owned and become a disciple. The point of this story is no one can enter heaven except through Jesus Christ; we just can't earn it ourselves, because we can't be as perfect as we were intended to be when God created us.

That is the truth about Christianity, not a sham as some would have us believe.

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Asian persuasion

I read Simone Liverani's letter in the Tuesday edition of the Daily Nebraskan ("Equal opportunities, part II") with much interest. Simone does raise some pertinent points, but I'm afraid I don't very much agree with how those same points have been made.

Asian international students on the UNL campus are not all rich, capitalist pigs who rely on sweatshops to earn their keep. Heck, most of these students are just barely able to pay their way through college. The economic situation in Asia is very serious, Simone. In the last eight months, the exchange rate for most countries in Asia have gone downhill in a major way.

Imagine, if you will, an Asian international student at UNL. Let's say our hypothetical friend paid (U.S.) \$4,000 for tuition and board for the spring semester of 1997. Now, let's imagine again the exchange rate does not change, but the university raises its fees in proportion to the drop in Asian currency. That same Asian student will be paying (U.S.) \$12,000 for the spring semester of 1998. That is the magnitude of the economic crisis in Asia.

I must question exactly how Simone proposes to restructure International Affairs. The same "powerful" Asian lobbies Simone has mentioned will still be around. And

while we are on this issue, might I point out the Asian lobbies are "powerful" only because they have organized themselves and sought to actively participate on the UNL campus?

It's an unfair world, Simone. A great chorus of voices is louder than a lone squeak. You've identified a problem you have with International Affairs. Find a solution and propose how International Affairs can be more international in its outlook. Don't make it any harder than it is already for the Asian international students on campus. A number of them won't be here next semester.

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State of the Union

As a non-smoking commuter student, who often uses the City Campus Union for business and pleasure, I applaud Daryl Swanson's proposal to "stop the sales of tobacco products at all outlets under Union management." (Union stores may disallow tobacco sales, Tuesday) If it really is the university's stance to promote wellness through its actions, then it needs to take this brave step forward and say, "No! We will no longer be part of this."

However, while they are ridding themselves of this "nicotine monkey," why not extend the healthy living attitude to their selection process when choosing a possible replacement restaurant for the Union? Meat and grease do not exactly rate at the top of the health food chart. Why not put as much effort into attracting a business offering pasta, a baked-potato bar, or a salad bar? I would vote with my dollar bill!

I challenge the students, staff and faculty of the UNL community to stand up and be heard on these issues.

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