

# OPINION PACKAGES

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## Quotes of the WEEK

**"I want to say that we should just tend to our garden – just worry about students when they get here – and we should do that. But we also, as universities, need to try to influence society."**

– English Professor James Ford, on the heightening of the University of Nebraska Lincoln's academic rigor

**"I used to watch it as a kid, and as you grow up you realize that 'hey, this is fake,' but it's still fun."**

– Matthew Malone, senior psychology major, on professional wrestling's WCW appearance in Lincoln last week

**"If we're not in the top 64 in the country, then we belong in Russia."**

– NU Men's Basketball Coach Danny Nee, on the possibility of the Huskers being invited to the NCAA Tournament

**"I won't make any promises I can't deliver."**

– Republican gubernatorial candidate Jon Christensen, after his TV ad campaign was unveiled earlier this week

**"I know students want tobacco in the unions, but removing tobacco from our unions is something that I have supported from the beginning – I must continue my support."**

– Nebraska Unions Director Daryl Swanson, explaining this week's appeal to the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska and the Committee for Fees Allocation

**"Any time you see people in the crowd reacting – bobbing their heads, singing along or getting off to the music – that's where the real magic happens."**

– Marty Steinhausen, Radio King bassist, on performing live

**"Who says that there isn't any culture in Nebraska?"**

– Cameron Otopalik, an attendee of Wednesday's International Bazaar at the Nebraska Union

**"I think (NU) came in with a false sense of security of what we were capable of doing."**

– OSU Women's Basketball Coach Dick Halterman, after NU's 83-69 loss to the Cowboys

**"OSU was good, but we were just so bad."**

– NU Coach Paul Sanderford, after the OSU game

**"I promise you things won't be like that in the future at Nebraska."**

– Sanderford, at the post-game press conference

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## Haney's VIEW



## DN LETTERS

### The fly in the ointment

First of all, I want to applaud Todd Munson for wanting to get involved in student government ("Munson for president," Tuesday). The best way to get things changed we disagree with as students on this campus is to get involved and try to change things ourselves.

Secondly, I want to respond to the allegations in his article that, in ASUN elections, the candidates "see an opportunity to pad an otherwise dull resume." If you knew me, you would know, despite majoring in mathematics, what I really want to do is pursue marine biology. Yes, Todd, I want to play with dolphins for a living. Do you really think being elected student body president is a self-serving way for me to become a marine biologist? You may still, and you're absolutely entitled to your opinion, but in my eyes, the two goals of mine are completely unrelated.

In actuality, because students have felt disconnected with ASUN for so long, you might find it difficult to believe I am running because I'm an idealist. I see a lot of things on this campus that need to be improved, and I am running for student body president because I feel inclined enough to get up off my butt and do something about it. I want to help make change, and I believe I can.

I just hope enough students agree with me that they will get out and vote on March 11 – for whomever they deem the best candidate for the job.

Sara Russell  
junior  
mathematics  
COMMIT presidential candidate

### The monkey in the wrench

Todd Munson, I finished reading another one of your editorials, and I found it rather disrespectful. No, I am not running for anything, and I am not even involved with ASUN. But I will tell you one thing, what you said was wrong and should be taken as a



slap in the face to those involved. Can't you understand these people put a lot of time and effort into these campaigns and debates, and all you do is sit back and joke about the whole thing, trying to get votes at the same time.

To tell you the truth, I wouldn't vote for you, even if you were serious, and running unopposed. Shouldn't you be spending more time trying to think of a "logical" way to make this a wet campus?

Josh Horner  
junior  
criminal justice

### A pain in the ...

I just want to comment on the upcoming "elections" here at UNL. I think they are a joke. The only reason they exist is to give the greeks something to put on their resumes.

I encourage no one to vote for anyone as a statement of our discontent. I believe it is strange that after every ASUN election, people will say how unmotivated our students are. They will say we are "lazy, apathetic." No, that is not true. We just refuse to accept the status quo.

Go ahead, enjoy your elections. I hate to tell you this, but they don't

mean a damn thing. Just another way to make the students feel involved (although we all know that is not the case). We are only dollar signs, let us just admit it. The electoral process here on campus mirrors that of our nation: a few white guys from privileged homes trying to tell us how to live.

Chad Weidner  
senior  
English

### Evidence suggests ...

First of all, I would like to applaud Anthony Colman for his editorial "Presumed prejudice" (Thursday), a serious attempt to grapple with a substantial social issue. What I am a little more ambivalent about than his editorial, however, is the tendency I've noticed in debates about homosexuality to construct certain parameters in which homosexuality will be acceptable.

Largely, these parameters seem to consist of genetic predisposition. It seems likely to me that considerations such as this do play a significant role in any human being's – homosexual's or heterosexual's – life. However, they may not necessarily play the starring role. To make genetic predisposition the sole efficacy in sexual orientation is to deny one of the most rewarding things about human experience: the ability to create our lives from the raw materials we are given.

There is always the choice, regardless of an individual's sexual orientation, about how to express sexuality. Even if it were the case, which I don't think is true, that homosexuality could be determined to result 100 percent from individual choice, I still think it is 100 percent acceptable. It is my belief to think any less is not to afford homosexuality the space within society it deserves.

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