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Quotes VIEW

"Every excuse you have created for not turning in an assignment, I have heard from a faculty member. They are really creative - the excuses and faculty members."

Dan Smith, bookstore office supervisor, on the reasons why professors are late turning in their book orders

"When you get Lance Brown, Sheldon Jackson and Kenny Cheatham together, it's like an exercise in flamboyance."

NU Receivers Coach Ron Brown about NU's receiving team

"We go together like two hydrogens and one oxygen. Like peas and carrots, and peanut butter and jelly. It's the best thing since sliced bread."

Husker tight end Sheldon Jackson about NU's receivers this season

"It's like a sandwich. You just can't have it without Miracle Whip."

Husker wingback Shevin Wiggins about NU's receivers this season

"From the testimony of the demonstrators, it was clear [the protesters'] objective is nothing less than the unconditional surrender of the rebel congregation. To achieve that end, they have laid virtual siege, and have, in fact, established a psychological barricade around the church."

Curt Donaldson, Council Chairman, after the council voted to approve an ordinance placing restrictions on picketing

"The Westminster tower of babbling lies did not win out."

Larry Donlan, director of Rescue the Heartland, on mayor Mike Johanns' veto of the ordinance

"This industry is definitely survival of the fittest. And it will beat you down. But if it ended again, I would have no choice but to do it again."

"Baby Jason" Davis, on his shifting the lineup of his band, Baby Jason and the Spankers

"It would be something like, 'Wear blue to MU.' The blue would be a symbol of how blue UNL would be if the tax lid passed."

ASUN President Sara Russell on a possible protest tactic against the tax lid

"My phone hasn't stopped ringing. The victory has brought a lot of attention to our program."

Iowa State Coach Dan McCarney, on his team's win over Iowa

"I think it's damaging to literature, because film seems to absorb people's literary craving."

Sophomore Adryan Mallore, on the detrimental effects of cinema on literature

"We're not here to make a ton of money. Our primary goal is to provide affordable entertainment and to get the theater back to its original state, because it was kind of run-down when we bought it."

Donna Carter, co-owner of the Joyo Theater on its place in the Lincoln culture scene

"Enough is enough."

Daily Nebraskan opinion editor, Cliff Hicks, and editor in chief, Erin Gibson, on the President Clinton/Monica Lewinsky issue

Mook's VIEW



DN LETTERS

It's all about soul

Thanks, Brother Jed, you and your cohorts have once again managed, by three days of "witnessing" on campus, to undermine much of the work that campus ministries have accomplished so far this year. Your intolerance and abusive language has managed to offend yet another year's worth of students, who will, no doubt, use antics like yours to justify their dislike of all Christians on campus.

For every student who opens a Bible as a result of these actions, I'm sure that there are 10 who will vow never to set foot in a church again, if they're going in the first place.

It is so disappointing to me, as a member of the Association of Campus Religious Workers, to see people insulted and turned away from God as a result of the incorrect and volatile use of the Bible exhibited by Brother Jed and others who have "preached" on campus this week. I stood by and did nothing Wednesday; I won't do it again. There is no excuse for the irresponsible theology presented by Brother Jed and others, and I for one am tired of hearing it.

Students, if you're having difficulty with a faith question, ask your dormitory desk worker for a copy of the ACREW handbook; it contains the addresses and numbers of many campus ministers who will do their best to listen to your questions and answer them honestly and faithfully. Don't be turned away because of the insults and propaganda spouted by these "preachers"; they don't represent all of those who believe in God. ACREW ministers care about you and want to help with whatever struggles you're going through, be it lack of faith, personal struggles, even problems with classes. Unlike Brother Jed and his friends, who will scream for a day or two and move on, we're here year-round to work with you and for you in any way that we can.

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Science before emotion

I applaud Graham Evan Johnson's column in Wednesday's DN regarding taking personal responsibility for the environment. We do need to think globally and act locally. However, we as a nation must establish global policy based on scientific research.

First, while the theory of global warming by the "greenhouse effect" is considered central dogma within most environmentalist circles, opinion in the scientific community is not near a consensus. Geophysical historical data (studies of tree rings, ice cores and ocean sediment cores), consistent surface-based temperature records and actual atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases have failed to support even the most conservative predictions for atmospheric change. Carbon dioxide increasingly is being captured by plants leading to a greener planet. (See The Science & Environmental Policy Project at <http://www.sepp.org> for more information.) This issue and others like it require objective analysis before we try to change the world.

Second, while it is unfortunate that the United States wastes a great deal of its vast natural resources and energy, we should keep this in the proper perspective. The U.S. has a remarkable ability to acquire, process and distribute resources because of the relative freedom that we enjoy as a nation. The redistribution of resources throughout the world is not a problem because of American gluttony (although I do not deny that such a problem exists). Resource scarcity is largely due to corrupt, totalitarian regimes, inefficient practices and a want for education. Although our country still has many lessons to learn itself, we have an ethical global responsibility to support democracy and educate those that have not managed their resources well.

I support action to protect the environment, conserve biological diversity and pursue renewable resources. However, I feel that environmentalism suffers as a whole when politics mixes with pseudoscience and when the discussion becomes more important than the substance. We must give credence to the cause by basing our beliefs on analysis, not speculation - on science, not

politics.

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Let's hear it for the band

I am writing in response to Mr. Gaskins' article about the Cornhusker Marching Band. Mr. Gaskins seems to think that the band is here solely for the entertainment of the students. That is a major misconception. The Cornhusker Marching Band is the Pride of ALL Nebraska, not just the students. However, I do realize that not enough effort has been made to play to all the stadiums during the halftime performance. On a field surrounded by 76,000 people, it is difficult to write drill so that everyone gets an equal chance at hearing the band. A greater emphasis has been made this season on keeping the audience in the stands for the halftime show; however, it is a little disheartening to get out on the turf and see that half of the audience, let alone the student section, has stood up to go to the bathroom or the concession stands!

Mr. Gaskins also seems to have a problem with the music we play. There have only been TWO home games. We, like the football team, need time to find our groove. We have many shows planned in the future that the students will like. Just because we don't play "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and other pop tunes like the Cal band did does not make us any less of a quality band. Maybe Mr. Gaskins just needs to retake his Music Appreciation class. Whatever the reason, the Cornhusker Marching Band has a strong commitment to quality halftime shows and will continue to strive for the highest.

If Mr. Gaskins wants the "red carpet treatment" at the games, then maybe he should prove it by cheering and supporting the band at pre-game and halftime instead of complaining.

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