

OPINION PACKETS

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Quotes OF THE WEEK

"When people know exactly what's going on, they've been extremely receptive. The only problem we've really had is when people show up and see what they think is a cover band and not realize these are genetic duplicates."

Coco, bassist for Man or Astro-Man?, on Man or Astro-Man? Clone Project Gamma, which played at Knickerbockers on Thursday night

"I know God has her watching over me as an angel."

Nebraska I-back Correll Buckhalter, on his late mother, Ruth, who died when Correll was 19 months old

"I don't think anybody should be treating anybody else's ancestors with disrespect, but, at the same time, academic freedom involves being able to go out and research the past."

Gerald Harbison, UNL chemistry professor, about the conflict over returning unaffiliated American-Indian remains

"If we have any doubts, we don't let them in."

Duffy's Tavern manager, Andy Fairbairn, on how his staff will use the police-compiled "hot sheets" of alcohol-related offenders

"You peel, core and grind (the apples), add sugar and spices and cook the h-e-l-l out of 'em."

Ferd Lintel, venter at Nebraska City's Applejack Festival, on making apple butter

"I think the fact that we are getting a break is really good. Beggars can't be choosers."

Sherri Neall, senior news-editorial major, on the fall break scheduling conflict

"Without the party system, student government would be more inclusive. People besides the greek system would be involved."

Christina Anhalt, sophomore environmental sociology major, on the possibility of disbanding the party system for ASUN elections

"Anything that gets me out of Washington, D.C., right now, I will consider."

U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey, joking about his decision to join the opposition of Initiative 413

"If every student gave just one dollar, we could finish the house."

Chris Stone, Habitat for Humanity spokeswoman, on the cardboard shanty created to raise money for real houses for homeless

"It just kills me not being out there every day. I can't wait for the day I can step back on the field."

NU soccer player Jenny Benson, on the injury that will keep her from playing for the rest of this season

"The sooner it gets into the courts, the better."

Councilman Curt Donaldson, on the Council's decision to override the mayor's veto of the ordinance restricting anti-abortion protesters

"Five miles. Five beers. What the hell was I thinking?"

DN writer Todd Munson, on his participation in the 20th Annual Beer Run

"I've had people in my face, threatening me, calling me names."

Saad Alavi Nebraska Union night manager, on homeless people in the union

Mook's VIEW



DN LETTERS

For the lid

I think it is about time someone revealed the truths behind the proposed spending lid. Here is what the lid actually does and why it was proposed.

Spending on state-operated programs increases an average of 8 percent a year. The University of Nebraska system increases spending 12 percent every year. These numbers surpass the actual economic growth and inflation in the state of Nebraska, which is actually about 5 or 6 percent. All this spending lid does is slow the increase in spending down to that 5 or 6 percent a year.

No money is being cut from anything!

I haven't seen any of this even come near the DN. Chancellor Moeser knows all of this, but he just wants to spend more and more money every year on programs that go nowhere.

This spending lid doesn't just benefit "big business," it benefits anyone who pays taxes. I think most of your parents pay taxes and this would be a great relief to them. It is insane to think that tuition will actually go up 22 percent. The NU Board of Regents wouldn't do anything like that. An increase that large would push students elsewhere and the University of Nebraska would have to start making cuts for real.

I, for one, am going to wear red to all of our football games. Anyone else with an ounce of common sense will do the same.

T. J. Paulsen
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Snake-oil salesmen

About nine months ago, my husband and I moved here from Columbus, Ohio, after he got a job with the USDA on East Campus. Every once in a while, he brings home a Daily Nebraskan. Recently, he brought a real humdinger.

I read about a group of religious zealots preaching on campus. The group was described as a man who called women "sluts" and children who said we were all "destined for hell." These phrases sounded so familiar to me ... it took me back to, say, 1993 or 1994 when I was a student at Ohio State University.

A man we all called "Brother Jed" (whether that was his name or not, I cannot say), came every week to scream at us in The Oval (large grassy place where students congregate for

various social or political reasons). He did this every week, every fall, every year.

My advice to people who take all the commotion as an insult to their religion, an insult to God and so forth: Don't take this guy so seriously. He's just your regular, run-of-the-mill crackpot preacher who might as well be selling snake oil. Have a little fun with him. Buy him a Penthouse. But don't let his antics get to you. You can have as much fun as he does.

Martha Stockinger
Lincoln resident

Negative affirmations

Ward Connerly is a conservative black man who dares to dissent from the opinions of most black leaders on the issue of racial preferences and affirmative action. In fact, Connerly played a critical role in terminating affirmative action policies in California.

As a result, bullets have riddled his office windows. He has been called an "Uncle Tom," a "turncoat" and a "sellout to his people" by those who disagree with his politics.

College Republicans want you to hear his story and ideas. Connerly will be speaking in the Nebraska Union on Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 8 p.m.

But what does that matter to you, and why should you really care? These are fair questions. Allow me to offer a few answers.

If all you really know about affirmative action and racial preferences is what you have been taught by professors on this campus or what you have read in this paper, chances are you've only heard one side of the argument — the side that seems to place emotion before reason.

If you care to hear a side of the story that the Reverend Jesse Jackson, as well as most of the chancellors of most universities across the nation, don't want you to hear, come see Connerly.

Moreover, if you have any interest whatsoever in politics, law, race relations, the empowerment of the black community or exercising independent thought, you should come see Connerly.

Connerly rose to national prominence in his campaign to end policies of racial preferences in the state university system at the University of California, where he was a regent. He did this after examining the university system's admission policies, concluding "without a doubt that race was the only factor" for admitting some stu-

dents. Indeed, students were being judged and admitted by the color of their skin, not by the content of their character.

After some prodding by the governor, Connerly took over as chairman of the California Civil Rights Initiative and sponsored Proposition 209, a statewide ballot measure that amended the California constitution to prohibit racial and gender discrimination and preferences by government agencies in public contracting, employment and university admissions.

Why would he do this? Why would a black man want to end a policy that is supposedly so beneficial to members of his race? After all, to eliminate affirmative action, both Jesse Jackson and President Clinton have warned, is to invite the "resegregation of American life."

This is simply not so, claims Connerly and other prominent conservatives. If one does a little research, it is not hard to discover that the benefits affirmative action has created for blacks are few and far between.

A system of racial preferences leads to the neglect of a problem in the black community: education. Instead of dealing with the real problem of getting black children a solid education, affirmative action lowers standards and does not prepare inner-city black students sufficiently for college.

I've mentioned here just a few basic arguments concerning the ineffectiveness of affirmative action. If you make the trip to see Connerly, you will be sure to hear more eloquent and in-depth arguments.

But maybe the most important reason to come see Connerly is simply to educate yourself on this controversial issue. Don't allow yourself to be spoon-fed tired rhetoric by your liberal professors without checking the facts.

You've heard their side of the story. Now, come see Connerly and hear the right side.

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It was stated in Thursday's DN that condoms are free at the University Health Center. They are actually 10 cents.

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