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Quotes OF THE WEEK

"What's happened with the Clinton fiasco is really damaging to the political system."

Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, an associate professor of political science, on the Hendricks symposium and its focus on the public's reaction to the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal

"Nebraskans are smart. They're going to make decisions based on the merits of information provided."

Steven Wolf, executive director of Citizens For Nebraska's Future, on the upcoming vote on Initiative 413

"I feel I kind of have something to prove."

Senior striker Kim Engesser, on her attitude about playing soccer for NU

"They didn't play as well as they wanted to, but they are still Nebraska and we expect to play Nebraska on Saturday."

Texas A&M linebacker Dat Nguyen, on the upcoming NU-Texas A&M game

"We cannot really differentiate between a slumber party and a group of students watching a movie in a lounge. As long as there is no cost to see the movie and there is no commercializing, we don't care."

Terry Savage, a Paramount Pictures assistant film clip licensor, on public viewing policies of films in residence halls

"It seems that the university pays more attention to some surface things; not to the center of education."

Guohua Xia, a graduate student in family science from China, on the funding cuts the writing center deals with

"I don't know what the hell happened; it was like we blinked, and now we're a pop band."

Happy Dog guitarist James Valentine, on his band's musical shifts

"I'm embarrassed to say I'm from there now. When I tell people I'm from York, they say, 'Oh, you're from the town with the problems with racism.'"

Katie Braasch, a sophomore psychology major, on the problems of her hometown

"When the ball is on the 1-inch line, you have to get it in the end zone. We failed to do that, so we came up short."

OSU Coach Bob Simmons, on the final play of the NU-Oklahoma State game

"The best drummer in the world might be a total asshole after two weeks on the road."

Musician Bob Mould, on the demands of touring

"Ammunition for both guns was missing, as well as an 18-pack of Busch beer from the refrigerator."

From a Law & Order brief by Josh Funk, on a theft from a Lincoln home

Mook's VIEW



The greeks are coming Elitist system dominates homecoming activities



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Wow, Homecoming is next week already. The week is going to be an action-packed, fun-filled, sleep-depriving week. I'm so excited. Well, maybe I would be excited if the week were any different than any other week for the average UNL student.

If you live in the residence halls or off campus, Homecoming probably will not have an impact on your life either. It may be a big deal to the fraternities, sororities and alumni, but it will mean nothing to me.

Basically, it's not that big of a deal. I don't have a float to build outside of my house, I'm not going to get sloppy drunk all week and I don't even have a pledge class I can send out to steal wood.

I know, I know. Every activity is offered to all students. Competition points will be kept for the halls and the greek houses. We are trying to promote campus unity, blah, blah, blah.

But why should residence hall and off-campus students care? In a perfect world, we should all care because not caring is apathetic. This world holds apathy up as an unnecessary evil.

However, we are not in that world, and not caring is not always bad. If something does not concern us, caring may have no benefit.

This benefit could be fame, money or a warm feeling inside your heart from helping someone. Any benefit you can think of will work. But there must be one.

Homecoming doesn't offer any benefits to students who aren't greek. There is no tradition, no influence from upperclassmen and not

enough financial support to spend thousands of dollars on 10 different models of Memorial Stadium.

Because Homecoming is so unimportant to the non-greeks, I have a motion to make.

I move that the week be renamed Greekcoming.

Let's be open and honest. Don't fool people into thinking they are included, and then let them down.

The only problem I can find in Greekcoming is that it would throw the Homecoming Court out of whack.

Whoops, already taken care of. Look at this year's Court.

Twenty-four people. Twelve women and 12 men who have displayed dedication to making this university a better place.

Of the 22, 20 are members of greek houses. Yes, the greek system composes between 15 and 20 percent of the student body, yet the Homecoming Court is over 90 percent greek.

Next Saturday, we will be represented by 20 greeks, one lady from the residence halls and one man from off-campus.

Greekcoming would avoid these problems. It wouldn't allow the selection process to mistakenly give the choice to two "others."

Idealistically, maybe the makeup of the Homecoming Court should be determined by what students have done, and not by where they live. Qualified greek students should not be neglected because a quota must be reached.

No, they shouldn't be left out because of a quota. Some should be left off because the Homecoming Court should show that many student leaders make contributions to different areas of campus.

The Homecoming process supposedly does this by inviting candidates to apply in three different categories: involvement, community service and athletics.

Hmmm, the only people who do community service are greek, I guess.

Hmmm, we really don't care too much about the athletes, I guess.

The Homecoming Court selection committee needs to realize the

campus community is made up of much more than IFC, Panhellenic and the greek houses.

There are students who devote countless hours to community service on their own time, and those who have been student assistants as long as Taghas. People work hard in minority organizations to make the groups more influential and well-known. Others put in countless hours at the Daily Nebraskan so you have a connection to the outside world and a break from lectures.

Unfortunately, these students are either not selected or they don't apply because too many truly important people have been shunned in the past.

Greekcoming will end the trace of suspense and make sure people who aren't supposed to win don't even have a shot.

Last year, a student assistant from the residence halls was voted the Homecoming Queen. Greek students sensed a power slippage and decided this should not happen again as the Court filled up with greeks.

Well, listen up, all residence hall and off-campus students. There may be a loophole. You may still be able to salvage some satisfaction out of Greekcoming.

We may not have Homecoming Chairs, and we may not have huge budgets.

But we do have the right to vote.

If you'd like to be represented on Tom Osborne Field by students who have made unique contributions and live in the halls or off campus, get out and vote.

Vote for Lisa Schkade for Homecoming Queen.

Vote for Matt Boyd for Homecoming King.

They are on the Court because they stand out from others. They will better represent the diversity that exists at our university.

Because they live in the halls and off campus, they better represent YOU.

People whine about not being able to make a difference by voting. Make your choice. Homecoming or Greekcoming.

Rock the vote by voting for Lisa and Matt.

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