

OPINION PAGES

Quotes OF THE WEEK

Jesus would have walked.
Sign at last Friday's transportation solutions forum

We're surrounding him with love.
A senior Bush adviser on plans to keep Pat Buchanan from splitting from the GOP

We need to find out who's responsible. We don't want people in charge of things like Waco if they're not doing their job properly.
Rep. Dan Burton, on the belated Waco investigations

I thought they were a bunch of cream puffs up front.
Dominic Raiola, NU center, on the California team

Even if the results of the study point toward a disproportionality, they probably won't be statistically conclusive.
Allen Curtis, director of the Nebraska Crime Commission, on the yet-to-be-conducted study on possible death penalty discrimination

Hurricane Floyd is huge, he's powerful, he's fast and he's mean.
Richard Moore, North Carolina's public safety secretary

Blue Velcro shoes, shorts jacked up to his chest, and he sweats more than any other human on this planet.
Anonymous description of a UNL professor posted to collegestudent.com

At first they thought it was a waste of money and time. They wanted to use the money to create showers instead.
Jade Mesa, 17, on an art project at Daywatch, a shelter for homeless people

I heard the screams, and all I thought was, 'Man I hope that was for someone on our team.'
NU golfer Sarah Sasse, on hitting a hole-in-one

It seems to be legal, so I assume there are no real consequences.
Trevor Ponte, Harris Lab rat, on taking experimental drugs

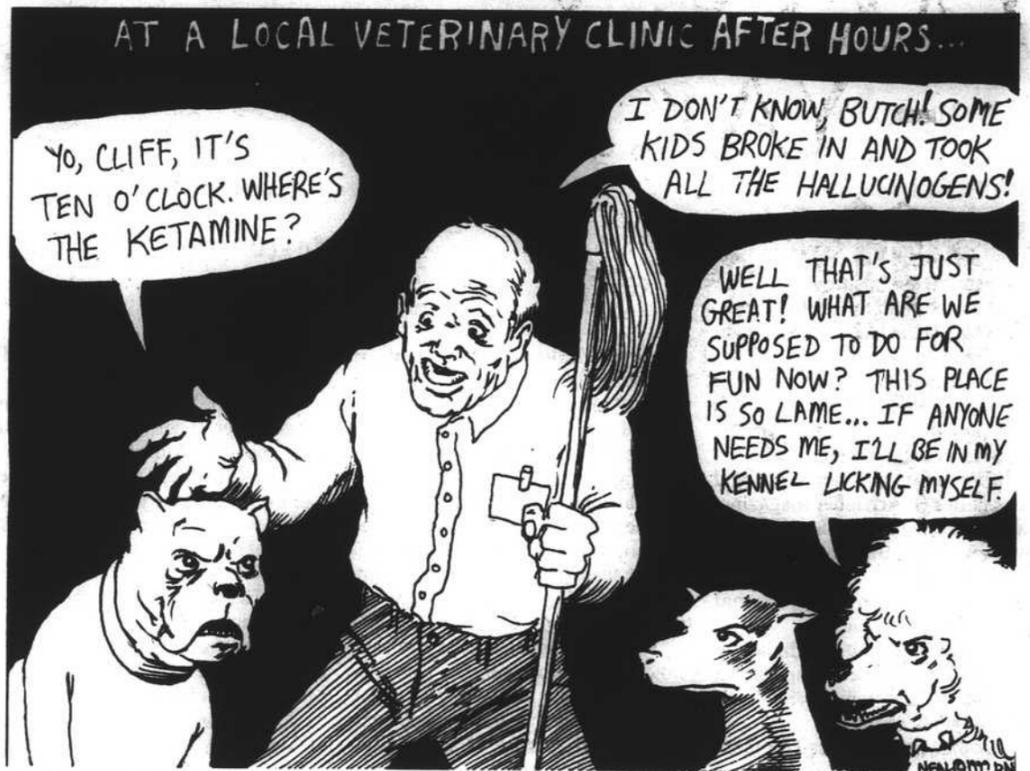
Maybe demand for computers in the union is an insatiable demand.
Daryl Swanson, Nebraska Unions director

He was very calm and looked normal and was smoking a cigarette.
Christy Martin, witness to a shooting in a Texas church, describing the shooter

When you grow up in Omaha, you always want to leave.
Director and Omaha native Alexander Payne, who shot portions of his film "Election" in Omaha

AND IN THIS ISSUE They were taking off their corsets and putting on designs of their own choosing.
Margot Mifflin, author of "A Street History of Women and Tattoo"

Obermeyer's VIEW



DN LETTERS

'Our View' Not My View

It is difficult to address the multitude of flaws and misconceptions contained in Tuesday's opinion column regarding East Timor.

Keeping my outrage and belief in self determination for all peoples at bay, I have a few points that I believe the article missed.

1. The East Timorese people, much like the Kosovars, have been struggling for independence for many years.

What makes the United States decide to become involved in the Balkans and hesitant about East Timor? Racism.

The most accepted reason that NATO/United States intervened militarily in Kosovo was because it's EUROPE.

2. The United States has been involved in the affairs of East Timor since their independence movement began in 1974.

This country has funded, trained and armed those who are committing genocide. The United States leads the world in the sale of weapons, making the United States an accessory to human rights abuses.

3. The election in East Timor on Aug. 30 brought 98 percent of its population out to vote. These people knew they were risking their lives by going out to vote and yet they did anyway.

Nebraska's last election brought a whopping 14 percent to the polls.

When was the last time Americans spoke up about any U. S. policy at home or abroad? I think it was when they switched the Coca-Cola recipe to New Coke.

We were pretty upset then.

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Not My View, Either

In response to "Your View" on East Timor in Tuesday's Daily Nebraskan, history has shown that the United States has set a dangerous precedent on many occasions.

In 1965, the U.S. government turned over the names of up to 5,000 people who were to be murdered, along with the other 500,000 to 1 million victims of Indonesia's former President Suharto's violent rise to power.

At that point in time, over 1,200 Indonesian military officers had been trained in the United States.

President Ford was in Indonesia days before the invasion of East Timor and was aware of Indonesia's upcoming plans. The United States abstained from the U. N. condemnation of the invasion and worked to keep the United Nations from doing anything substantive to aid the East Timorese.

Over the next 14 years, 200,000 people, one-third of the population, were butchered. The United States has not been a champion of democracy in East Timor or in many other places around the world.

The United States has sold over \$1 billion in military wares to Indonesia during the 24-year campaign of genocide.

There should have been no intervention from the start. The guns used to shoot innocent women, men and children have been supplied by the United States. The soldiers have been trained by the United States.

The least the United States can do is end its support of the violent rule it helped create.

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Ms. Flanagan

As I was reading Tuesday's "Sunny Side Up" column by Jessica Flanagan, I found myself, in varying degrees, agreeing and disagreeing with both her and the women's studies department.

I understood Ms. Flanagan until she wrote "... I happen to believe it's a valid field of study. The study of women, that is. The study of lesbianism ... well, maybe some other day."

If you are going to study women, you must study lesbianism. However,

women are much more than lesbians: they are lesbian, straight, professionals, professional mothers, liberals, conservatives and everything in between.

To the women's studies department: I applaud you for promoting the understanding and acceptance of lesbians. But please, recognize that women are so much more than this and stop limiting the education your students receive.

To Jessica Flanagan: I hope someday you are able to view the study of lesbianism as valuable to broadening your understanding of the world. I had the opportunity as an undergraduate at a private Midwest Methodist university to take a course on homosexual studies. I learned more in that single class than I learned in all of my other classes combined.

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No Free Rides

J.J. Harder's column complaining about football ticket prices (DN, Wednesday) although true in respect to students having high ticket prices, is not as bad as he makes it appear.

First of all, Miami, Tennessee and many other schools have free student tickets. However at Miami, as with most other schools, students are charged a student fee of \$24.50 a semester that goes to the Athletic Department even if you do not attend even one athletic event.

The skyboxes, which Mr. Harder also lampoons, will keep prices from going up further.

He wants Mr. Byrne to throw him a bone. Well, this year he threw you one. Students can buy season basketball ticket for \$25, far less than last year. If at least 1,500 students don't attend men's b-ball games this year, the students should lose any right to complain about anything the Athletic Department does.

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