

# OPINION PAGES

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## Quotes OF THE WEEK

**There have been gays in the military as long as there's been a military. They've only had to hide.**

*Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley*

**If I didn't know better, I'd say we were having church today.**

*Rev. Al Meredith during his Fort Worth congregation's first service since a shooting rampage left eight dead and seven wounded*

**I didn't have the heart to tell him that I've already taken the position.**

*Bill Clinton to Chris Tucker on his honorary status as the nation's "first black president"*

**I like the video most. It shows our personalities, not just our looks.**

*Kerri George, one-half of the "Sisters2000" swimwear calendar*

**It's really very simple. We turned it over to them. You can't do that against good football teams.**

*Mississippi Head Coach Jeff Bower after his team's 20-13 loss to Nebraska*

**The whole thing's based on goofiness.**

*Lori Vidlak, president of the Nebraska Independent Film Projects, on "Son of Mad Movie Night"*

**There's a learning curve. As we get towards the end of the year (parking problems) will decline.**

*Don Arp, Lincoln police sergeant, on game-day parking problems*

**It's not a tipsy taxi.**

*Molly Stohs, program coordinator for Project Care, which offers a "safe ride home"*

**Once he gets over the hump confidence-wise, it will steamroll, and everybody better watch out.**

*NU starting cornerback Ralph Brown on fellow cornerback Keyuo Craver*

**There's absolutely no doubt about it. (Lincoln police) will do their thing, and we'll do ours.**

*County Chief Deputy William E. Jarrett, after confiscating 60-70 cases of beer from a Delta Tau Delta Fraternity party*

**Eric knows what's going on. He knows he really quit.**

*DeAngelo Evans, former NU I-back, on Eric Crouch, who says he never left the team*

**Weightlessness is really fun.**

*Sally Ride, astronaut*

**He's our little anti-depressant dog, and he's very good at it.**

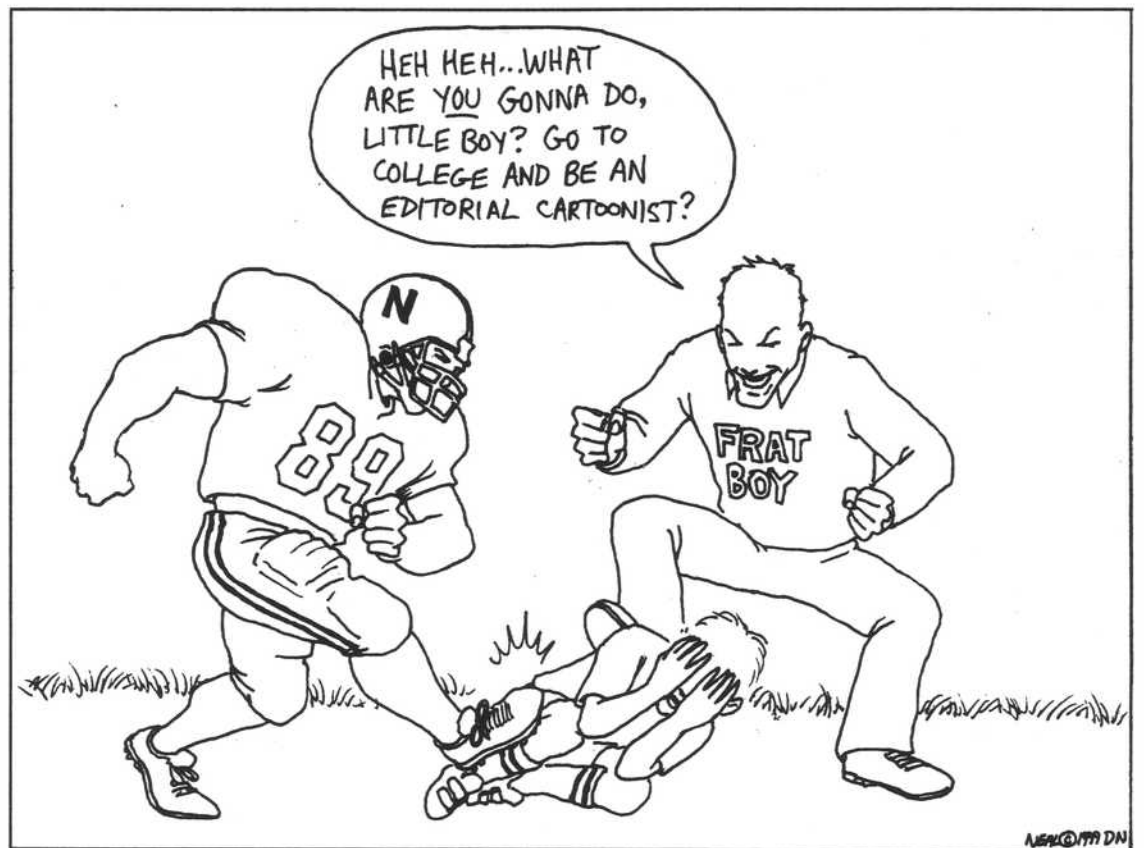
*Judith Andre, on her Welsh Corgi, Prozac*

### AND IN THIS ISSUE

**You might see someone who looks really dykey or flamey, but they aren't gay.**

*Bea Carrasco, graduate assistant in the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Resource Center*

## Obermeyer's VIEW



## DN LETTERS

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** On Monday, the Daily Nebraskan printed, in the "Letters" section, a note from Harold Williams, a junior engineering major, which generated a good deal of counter-mail. Rather than run all these letters, we here reprint paragraphs from the original and counter-graphs from the responses.

### WILLIAMS

**To all lesbians: What the hell are you thinking? Has the thought ever crossed your mind that if it were not for heterosexuals (read: normal people) that you would not be alive?**

**Now don't give me this crap about how your condition comes from genetics. ... How is this going to happen? Did your two lesbian mothers pass this gene on to you?**

**It should be evident to everyone that homosexuality is completely ludicrous.**

**Likewise, to do any in-depth study of the subject is a waste of time.**

**This is why I would urge all members of the women's studies program to consider a real major. I'd hate to see you end up saying "would you like fries with that?" for the rest of your life.**

### RESPONSE

**To all engineering students:** On behalf of lesbians, philosophers, biologists and the general reader, I was hoping that one of you could tell us what the hell Mr. Williams is thinking. Surely it is painfully embarrassing to have a member of your fold make such public display of his ignorance. My sympathies go out to you.

He offends us both with his bad biology and poor moral reasoning. Perhaps we should refer Mr. Williams to a high school biology text so as to provide him with a clear explanation of the mechanics of genetics at a level he can understand.

- Clayton Littlejohn, graduate student, philosophy

Based on his asinine letter, it hasn't occurred to Harold Williams that not everyone has to be heterosexual for reproduction to occur. His rant about genetics is easily disproved by two right-handed parents raising a left-handed child.

- Gary Rimar, Wayne State

As a gay man with a lesbian sister and aunt, I do feel that there are genetic factors that cause homosexuality. In fact, I don't know a single gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered person who doesn't have another of one or more of the aforementioned alive in his or her family.

- Tom Fredericksen, freshman, psychology

To call being a homosexual "ludicrous" is the most absurd thing I have ever heard.

- Kevin Francis, sophomore, actuarial science

No one in the women's studies program needs to switch to a "real major" because they will have no trouble finding a job. There is obviously a lot of work to be done educating the ignorant in our society.

- Tom Fredericksen

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