

OPINION PAGES

Quotes of the YEAR

It appears that there's some feeling, maybe, I was going to be standing out here by myself today looking for players. *Head Coach Frank Solich, on the announcement of Bobby Newcombe as first-string quarterback*

As I told you before, I'm ready to sit up in that chair if you're ready to push that switch. *Convicted murderer David K. Dunster, seeking the death penalty*

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*

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*

He called me by name. I was pretty scared. *UNL student who received anonymous threatening phone calls*

Who cares? The DN will just make some degrading cartoon anyway! *Homecoming Court candidate Timothy Hodges answering the question, "Moeser vs. Solich in a fight. Who wins and why?"*

We did not anticipate a performance of this nature. *NU Athletic Director Bill Byrne and ASUN Homecoming Committee Chairwoman Chris Linder on the Tom Green fiasco*

They have a brain about the size of a peanut. *Zoo representative Randy Sheer on the beleaguered emu*

The judgments of WWII will wipe off the earth the phonies and the crud. Then we will begin the new millennium. *Leland Freeborn, "The Parowan Prophet," on Y2K*

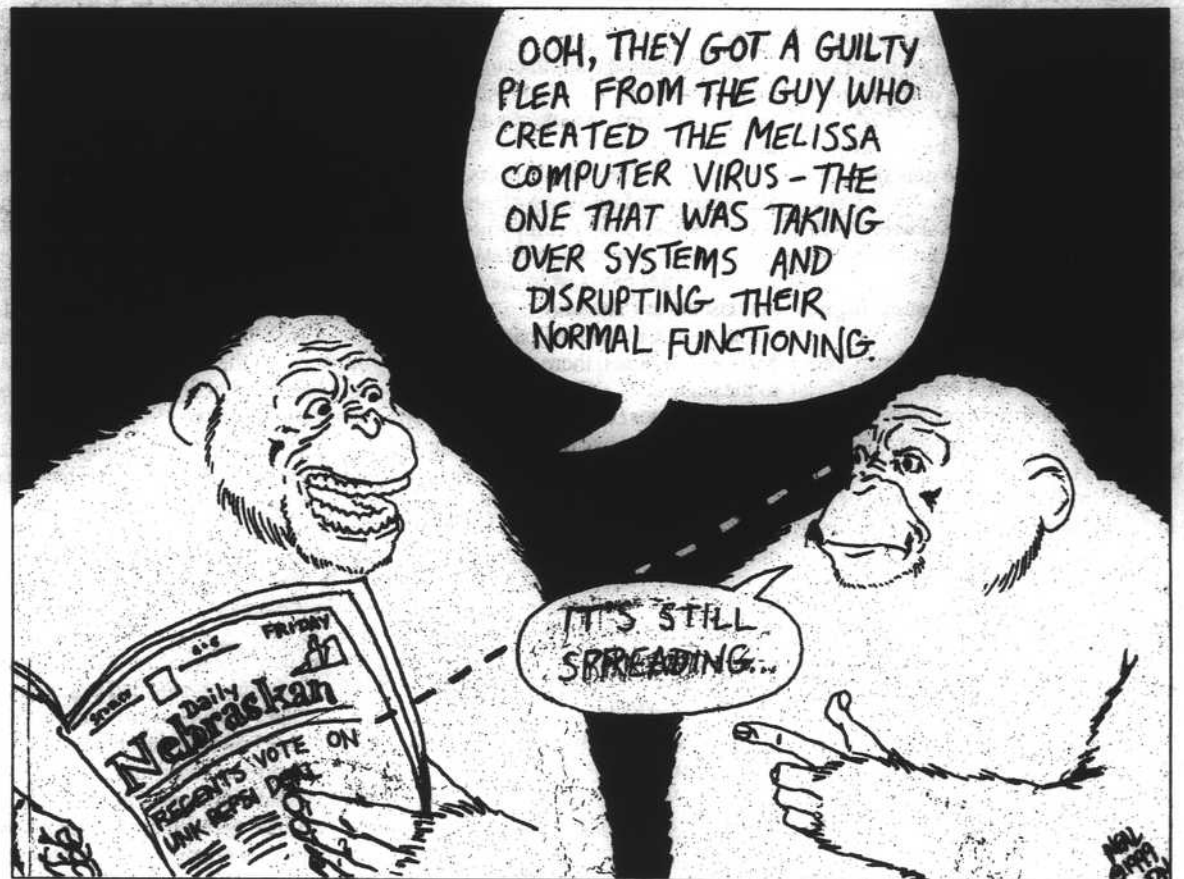
That's just totally wrong. *Athletic Ticket Office Manager John Anderson on Roger "Doc" Baskerville, the ticket taker who let a group into a football game for \$100*

The church has said it will use its power — legal power, spiritual power and financial power — to enforce bigotry. *Rev. Jimmy Creech after his defrocking by the United Methodist Church*

Do I wish things had turned out differently today? You bet. Don't you? *Seattle Mayor Paul Schell, on the WTO riots*

The last time I heard, abortion was legal. *English Professor James McShane, on the fetal tissue research controversy*

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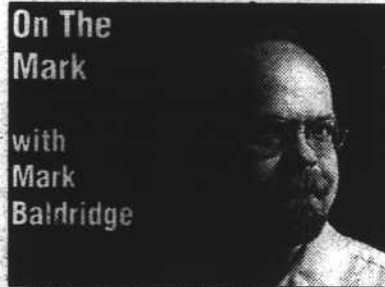


Solutions from Santa

Departing editor solves world's problems

On The Mark

with Mark Baldrige



Wake up, Virginia, there ain't no Sandy Claws.

Sorry if I blew that for the kiddies, but what're you doing, letting them read the Rag, anyway?

It's full of aborted fetuses and public masturbators; let 'em go back to slaughtering each other at Nintendo, polishing their revolvers for show-and-tell, whatever the hell it is kids do these days.

... piercing their noses in the bathroom ...

Anyway, don't count on the fat guy to come sliding down the chimney X-Mas eve to solve all your problems, dishing from his bag of goodies.

Leave that to me. That's right, I'm here with answers to everything, ho, ho, ho! From Y2K to the WTO!

So just do as I say, and nobody has to get hurt, OK?

Fetal Tissue

All right, let's remember that we're talking about the dissection and scientific use of corpses here. (Who was it made that analogy earlier in the year? I can't remember.)

And even if they were the corpses of murder victims, well, their loved ones could still donate their bodies to science, right?

End of case. (Morons.)

Gay Marriage

This reminds me of the snifty "church lady" types you used to hear pronouncing on the less-than-virginal bride who opted, in spite of tradition, to wear white.

Don't laugh; it was a real issue within living memory.

Go ahead and try to remind your kids of that when they find out you and your generation made a big stink about something that is so, like, not your own bees' wax.

Peanuts, Popcorn, Crackerjack!

If a guy in a store eats one peanut, and that store calls the cops, well, that store has lost a customer and maybe more. (I've spoken with at least one person who refuses to shop at any such store.)

And a store that doesn't care about customers is a store being run shoddily.

Shoddily-run stores are a social ill and should be outlawed. Someone call the cops!

The WTO

People are losing the power to vote about things like workers' conditions and environmental concerns in the production of many of the products they will buy.

I have the solution: The United States should buy the world.

Sure it's expensive; it'll cost a lot more than (pinky to your lip) One Million Dollars!

But if we don't, Pepsi will, and I think even you can see the problem with that.

Then, give every person the vote. I realize that no one really wants to live under the rule of the global majority.

"What about illiterate rice paddy farmers in China. Give them the vote? That's preposterous!"

But the founding fathers faced the same challenge — and though they gave the benefit of the doubt to illiterate hog butchers in Georgia, we rightly blame them for leaving out illit-

erate women and blacks.

Sure, our lives would be different in the United States of Earth — maybe we'd live under some form of socialism.

But it'd be a democratic socialism, from which no one has anything to fear.

Look at Chile, they're about to elect the first socialist president (maybe) since the United States bombed the hell out of Allende in '73.

Is anyone scared this time? Hell no!

Y2K Madness

This is easy to solve. I'll tell you how in 21 days.

There are other problems, of course: parking (don't let freshmen park), school prayer (only allow prayers led by members of a different tradition than anyone in the school: "Oh Mighty Isis!") and still others that you could name.

But I think you've got the gist of it here and can apply the same methods to solve any of the really big ones yourself.

And don't argue with me, or it's coal in your stocking this year, bucko. God bless us, every one!



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