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## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

**"I want to continue to expand the academic excellence at UNL. I want UNL to be seen as efficiently run, and a university that cares about its students."**

— James Moeser, new UNL chancellor

**"If we're going to cover up their rears, let's cover up the rest of them ... It should be unlawful to slut yourself around like that"**

— Lincoln resident Lisa Bullin speaking to the City Council about full-nudity strip clubs

**"I come as the pilgrim of love and hope."**

— Pope John Paul II in Guatemala City

**"My job was to be captain of the ship that sunk the Bismarck."**

— State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha on his motion to postpone debate on a constitutional amendment to expand casino gambling

**"This is like herpes — this will be back."**

— State Sen. Dave Landis of Lincoln on the same gambling amendment

**"Everyone who's gotten up and talked this morning, you've got your head in the sand."**

— State Sen. Stan Schellpeper, criticizing opponents of the gambling amendment.

**"Peace is beginning to take hold in the former Yugoslavia."**

— Warren Christopher, Secretary of State

**"If his name wasn't Malcolm Forbes, he wouldn't be a serious candidate for mayor of a city in New Jersey."**

— Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander about the surprising success of Republican presidential candidate Malcolm (Steve) Forbes.

**"We showed in the second half that we can still play. We don't give up. The old Nebraska is back, and the rest of the Big Eight better look out."**

— Nebraska basketball player Mikki Moore after the Huskers' fourth loss in a row

**"It won't be hard becoming a Husker."**

— Chancellor James Moeser

**"Not only can you see your breath, but if you choose, you can actually snatch it from the air and throw it at livestock."**

— Columnist Steve Willey, on the recent low temperatures

**"I encourage you (students) to not be sucked in by the short-term friendship the opposition will offer you."**

— Justin Firestone, OFFICE candidate for ASUN presidency

**"There's no need for personal insults. I call for the same courtesy from our opponents."**

— Eric Martintzer, ACTION candidate for ASUN presidency, concerning possible mudslinging during the ASUN campaign

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## Double Jeopardy

After reading Wednesday's DN editorial "Playing with fire," I felt compelled to voice my opinion concerning the avaricious Bill Byrne. Well known for his greed and disregard for the interests of the students, Mr. Byrne has once again let his true colors shine through in his latest proposal to move the student sections to the upper south stadium. This is more than the students should have to endure.

Mr. Byrne's greed was also exhibited at the recent home basketball game against Kansas. Arriving at the game 45 minutes before tip-off, my companions and I were directed to the upper C section, a section normally designated for student overflow. After a short time passed, we were approached by a group of Kansas fans holding tickets for our seats. As it turns out, the athletic department had sold tickets to our seats, in essence, selling those seats twice. Students were forced to stand along the top of the arena for the entire game.

I've lived in this state my entire life and have been a loyal CORNhusker fan from the beginning. These past events have been more than I can tolerate. I'm hoping that others will take action to give rights back to the students.

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## Seriously

Regarding Veera Supinen's editorial about capital punishment entitled "Uncivilized," (Feb. 7) thanks. Thanks for giving me something worth reading — a serious comment on a serious issue. While I was tempted to write the other day to decry the general lack of substance and unbridled, verbal narcissism that seems to so often, of



late, characterize what attempts to pass itself off in the DN as humor(?), editorial comment(?), I figured why bother — it's only characteristic of the self-gratifying age we live in. Ms. Supinen's article is unique to the DN in that she concerns herself with something other than herself — a novel idea that some of the other editorialists might consider emulating.

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## Dead on

In response to Veera Supinen's comments about the death penalty — I totally agree. Death as punishment for a crime is totally unnecessary in a supposedly "enlightened" society such as ours, and I also feel that it should never have been reinstated in the American lawbooks — in my mind, it is the utmost in American hypocrisy.

I'm writing from my personal experience, participating in the protest outside the State Penitentiary a year and a half ago, when Harold Otey was killed in the electric chair. The two sides of the issue were

separated by a fence, to prevent any physical altercations, but the verbal wars were quite strong. The people on the other side of the fence from me seemed to be there primarily to party, to celebrate Otey's death. A friend who was protesting with me even received death threats against his family. Irony in the extreme, considering that the reason Otey was being killed was that he was responsible for murder; I saw nothing in the crowd of people that night to set them apart from Otey in the slightest.

Of course I've heard all the arguments in favor of the death penalty, like crime deterrence, and the cost of the procedure; Ms. Supinen covered them rather well in her editorial. But for me, the entire argument comes down to a single idea — if we, as a society, decide that deliberately taking another person's life is wrong, then it should be wrong in all cases. No matter whether it's done by Harold Otey on a whim, or by some anonymous state-employed executioner by the order of Gov. Nelson and the court system.

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