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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Are you out there at 3 o'clock in the morning when a woman screams for help and an officer pulls up and somebody steps out and blows him away? Does a doctor respond to that? Does a garbage man?"

— Jimmy Wilson Sr., father of slain Omaha police officer Jimmy Wilson Jr., during testimony to the Legislature on a bill to add killing a police officer to the list of crimes punishable by death.

"I really feel this team has the character to recover. I can just tell by the body language that the worst is over."

— Nebraska basketball coach Danny Nee, on his team's prospects for the rest of the season.

"Every American in the United States thinks we can't win, but we have to go in there with the attitude that we have nothing to lose."

— Nee in comments after Saturday's loss to Oklahoma State, on the team's strategy for Monday's game against Kansas.

"If our kids thought they would try to have a little fun and not show up for practice, I tell you, there'd be five cheerleaders going to war the next game."

— Kansas coach Roy Williams, on how he would react to a practice boycott by his players.

"We just happen to be pretending to bash each other's heads in."

— UNL junior Heidi Hillhouse, a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, on the group's medieval-style mock battles.

"I'm not at liberty to go into those right now."

— Vicki Whitehorn, complex manager of Amberwood Apartments, on ideas for improving security. Complex residents have voiced concern over security issues since the murder of Tina McMenam in the complex last July.

"He's really, really funny, and he's got great hair."

— UNL student Kristi Lankford, on folk singer Wally Pleasant, who performed Monday at Mudslide Slim's.

"Now I know why they call this the Granite State, because it's so hard to crack."

— Republican presidential hopeful Sen. Bob Dole, on his difficulties in the New Hampshire primary.

"Everyone suffers because of the gays."

— 16-year-old Brett Shields, on the Salt Lake City School Board's decision to ban all extracurricular clubs rather than allow gay students to form a group.

"I cry and I smoke cigarettes. When I drink enough, then I could sleep."

— Bosnian Muslim refugee Emin Smajlovic, on how he copes with the war.

"It sucks."

— Lt. Kip Korth, who is serving in Tuzla, on his current job of finding land mines.

"Venus is a boring planet, and Venus has a boring tune."

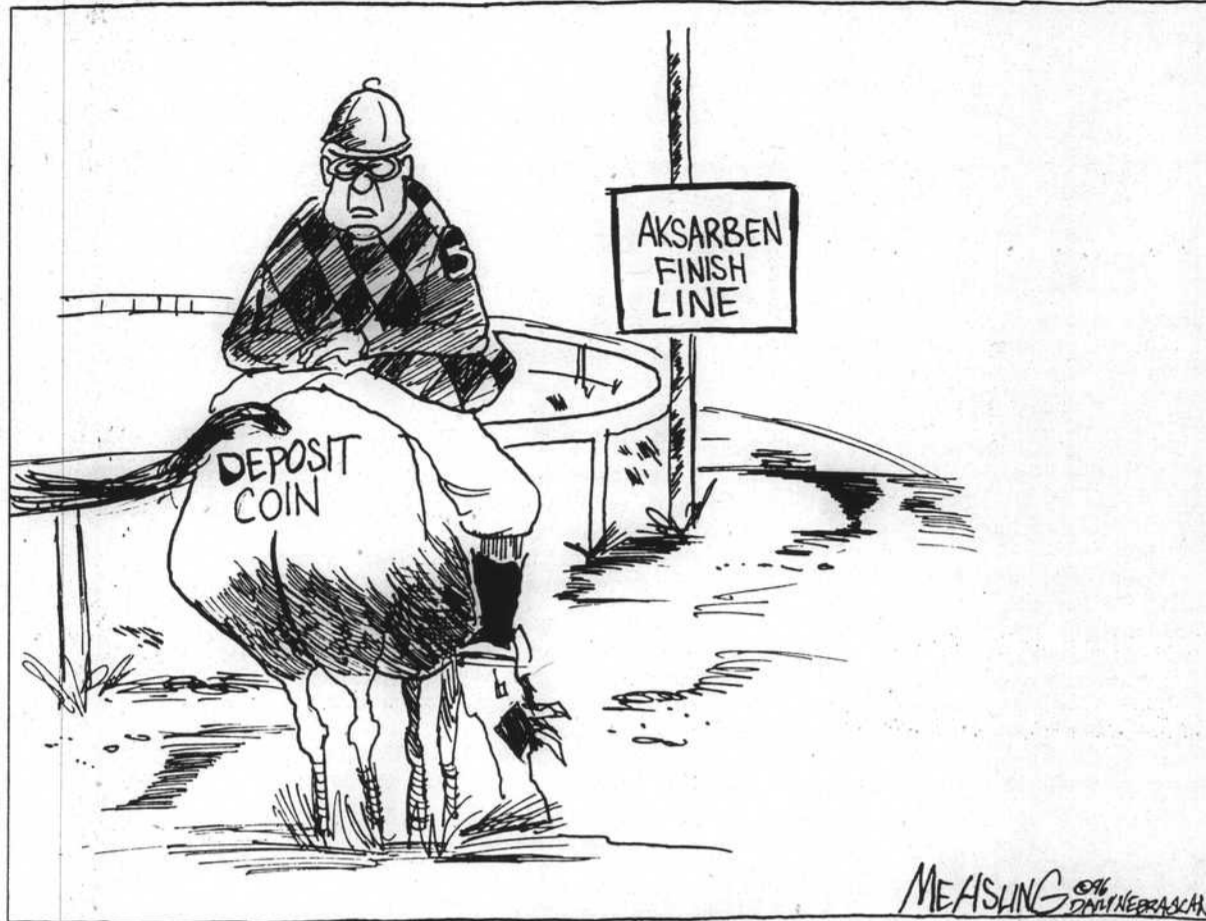
— Astronomy Professor Martin Gaskell, who played musical renditions of planets based on formulas by Johannes Kepler and musical theories of Vincenzo Galilei.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cartoon oversteps bounds

I am no supporter of Patrick Buchanan. I am troubled by his stands on more than one issue, and I think he is only marginally an improvement over the current President. When I saw your editorial cartoon, however, I was both appalled and disappointed. By lumping Buchanan together with the Grand Wizard of the Klan, Adolf Hitler and Satan, you have moved well beyond thoughtful dissent. To simply say that Buchanan fits in with the greatest evils in the history of mankind is childish, illogical and unprofessional, and it qualifies as nothing short of character assassination. You have said absolutely nothing that qualifies as substantive criticism, and you ought to be embarrassed. If you disagree with the man, then address his stand on a particular issue and show us why you disagree. Show us some of the thinking skills that we expect to see in a student at a major university. Slander has no place in thoughtful debate between reasonable individuals, and it ought not find a home on the editorial page. You can do better, and now is a good time to start.

Brad Pardee
University Libraries

Nobody's perfect

This is in response to Veera Supinen's articles. I like hearing the European view as she compares her values to the "American" values. I have a few problems, however, with the amount that she does it. This is the United States, like it or not, and yes, we do have our problems. But we did not make Ms. Supinen come here, and we are not catering to her every value. I am sorry we have



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problems. All countries do. No, this is not heaven, but I think you should concentrate on the positive aspects and comparisons than with what is always wrong with this country. I am sorry Ms. Supinen has such a negative view of the United States that she can find little good to say, and can complain so much as to how we have "strayed" from Europe. Europe is no perfect place either. If the U.S. is such a corrupt and bad place to be, I suggest that you find a better place to do your commenting and studying.

Julie Paschold
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Bosnia coverage important

The Daily Nebraskan is making a great contribution to student journalism through its coverage of the Bosnian war. Thanks to Matthew Waite and Staci McKee for telling and showing why humans everywhere should care when humans are at war anywhere. Thanks for

showing the grueling, challenging, hard work that comes with keeping peace and for demonstrating the need for peaceful international assistance to the people of the former Yugoslavia.

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Uncivilized?

In her recent articles in the DN, Veera Supinen portrays Americans as uncultured savages looking for enemies all around the world. I don't have enough space here to present thousands of arguments showing that this is absolutely wrong, but let me just make some points. The best indication of a cultured society is a tolerance to foreign cultures and other opinions. In this regard, the United States is the first (or perhaps one of the first) nation in the world. I wonder why Ms. Supinen came from the civilized Finland to study in this wild hostile country.

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