

In words and pictures

Images & Quotes

of the year



"It's ironic that Laura could make me laugh like few others. I never cried more than once or twice in front of her. But from the time Brenda and I ran into the emergency room and learned the fate of our friend, I have cried with a hurt I never before felt."

Sports Senior Reporter Shannon Heffelfinger on the death of her friend, junior Laura Cockson, who was killed by a drunken driver March 14.

"This is the most lame-brained, crack-brained piece of nonsense I have ever encountered in my life."

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, testifying against LB1214, a bill that would create a two-tiered marriages system

"When Coke said it wasn't given a fair deal ... that's as erroneous as can be."

James Main, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance, on the beverage contract

"Got AIDS? Fag?"

Quote from graffiti found on UNL sidewalks on Oct. 7, 1997

"... I just appreciate living long enough to be blessed by so many people that God has led into my life, and my last statement would be that I hope that this incident will inspire other people to find another way ..."

The last words of Robert Williams, who was put to death Dec. 2, 1997, for murdering two women in 1977

"I have no social life. I have no friends."

Lt. Gov. Kim Robak, on how her work as a mother of two and as a lieutenant governor kept her from the gubernatorial race

"I am sad by the outcome of this vote because it is going to be misinterpreted by the community. It is going to be seen as a lack of sensitivity to the diversity in Lincoln. Symbols like this are loudly heard."

Chancellor James Moeser, on the Academic Senate's initial vote to not observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with a university holiday

"It's always easy and satisfying to please the public. It's very difficult, but crucial, to inform them."

Veteran journalist Bill Moyers, in a speech to journalism students

"I'm a firm opponent of closing school. I said I would never close it, but I think it's the right thing to do."

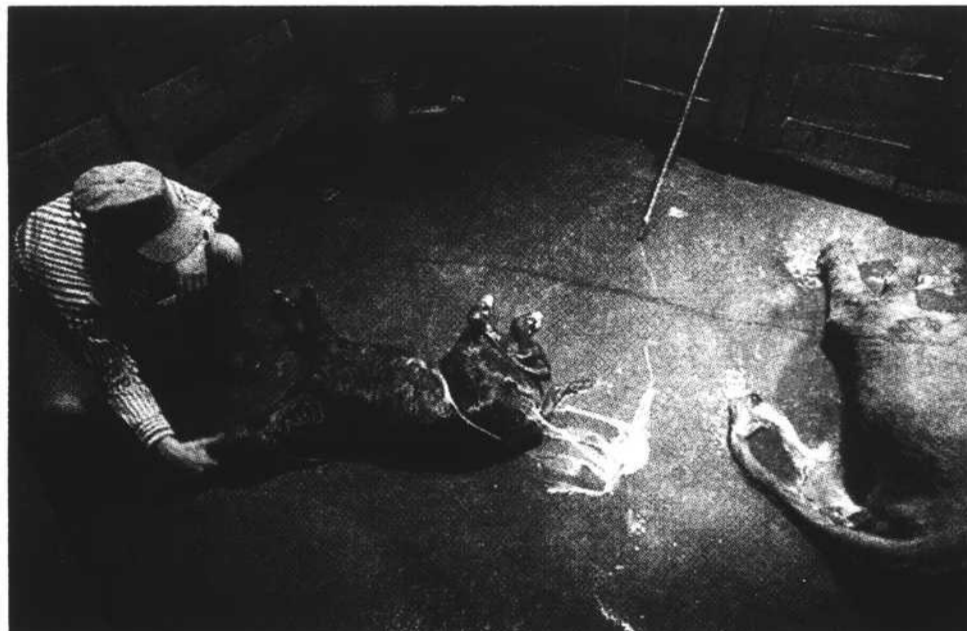
Chancellor James Moeser, on closing school in the wake of the October blizzard

"The neighborhoods are just decimated. It looks like a war zone out there. ..."

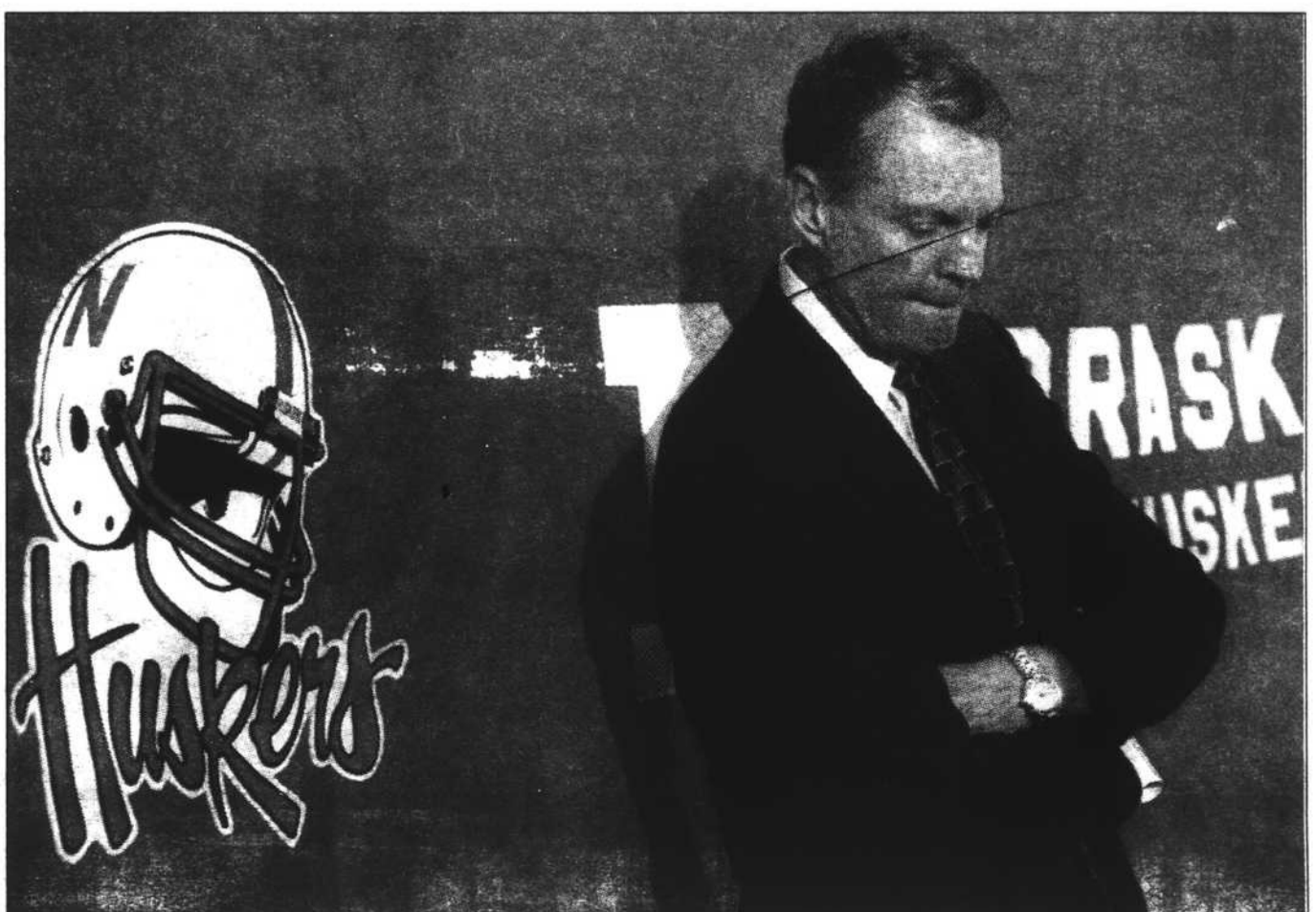
Mayor Mike Johanns, describing the scene after the October blizzard

"Picture this: a huge cola and aluminum bust of ASUN President Curt Ruwe in greenspace. Let's get started."

Devin Rickett, a senior biological sciences major, on what to do with 6,000 Pepsi cans and a roll of duct tape



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BOTTOM CENTER: UNL STUDENTS SEAN MORRISON, left, Matt Siglinger, back, and alumnus Ben Bare play a board game during the power outage after the snowstorm in late October. These students did not have electricity and heat for five days, and temperatures in the house dipped below 45 degrees.



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BOTTOM RIGHT: FORMER NU FOOTBALL COACH TOM OSBORNE announced his retirement at a Dec. 11 news conference. Osborne was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame after the waiting period was waived.