

# Images & Words of the Year

"The hours have been long, but that's what I wanted to do. If you are going to call the plays on Saturday – there are no shortcuts. What I've come to realize over the last couple of months – three months – is that I was not going to be able to sustain that pace for any length of time."

*Head Football Coach Tom Osborne, explaining his retirement*

"I'm in reasonably good shape. I'm not going to keel over right in front of you or anything like that."

*Head Football Coach Tom Osborne, on his heart troubles*

"They kicked our ass."

*Iowa State quarterback Todd Bandhauer, on his team's loss to the Huskers.*

"We're not chopped liver."

*Central Florida Athletic Director Steve Sloan*

"I dove and I had both my hands out firmly, but the ball was just a couple inches from the ground. It was just a couple inches from no national championship."

*NU freshman split end Matt Davison, on "The Catch" that beat Missouri*

"That guy hasn't missed a field goal since – well, we're talking Germany here – since Hitler was a corporal."

*Texas Tech Football Coach Spike Dykes, on Nebraska place kicker Kris Brown*

"The chances of Jonah running for us this year are slim, and Slim is on his way out of town."

*NU Cross Country Coach Jay Dirksen, on the odds of Jonah Kiptarus running this year*

"Think about it. You have to be nuts to get on that board and do what they do."

*NU Diving Coach Jim Hocking, saying his divers aren't like average people*

"A lot of people were calling for his head last week. He didn't pay any attention to that and showed them that he was the best quarterback on the team. He is our leader."

*NU rush end Grant Wistrom, defending quarterback Scott Frost*

"I was like, 'Well, geez, I suck.'"

*Nebraska volleyball player Jamie Krondak, on hitting below .220 in the Husker's first four games*

"It just came up ... I tried to walk and then I was like, 'Oh man, I'm throwing up in front of 70,000 people.'"

*Akron outside linebacker George Cameron, who tossed his cookies on Memorial Stadium turf*

"Do you think I'd tell Tyronn Lue to come out of college? Hell no, that's ridiculous."

*NBA Director of Scouting Marty Blake, on the possibility of Lue leaving*

"OSU was good, but we were just so bad. ... I promise you things won't be like that in the future at Nebraska."

*NU Women's Basketball Coach Paul Sanderford*



**TONIA TAUKE** hugs teammate **Nikki Henk** after the Husker volleyball team won a tough match against Pacific last season. — from their 1997 squad.



**GYMNAST MISTY OXFORD** was an All-Big 12 selection on three events and also tied a school record on the uneven bars with a score of 9.95. The Huskers are returning all of their letter-winners next year. MATT MILLER/DN

"If we're not in the top 64 in the country, then we belong in Russia."

*NU Men's Basketball Coach Danny Nee, on the possibility of the Huskers' NCAA bid*

"If he decides to stay, we'll have one of the best teams in Husker history."

*Andy Markowski, NU forward, on the possibility of Tyronn Lue forgoing his senior year for the NBA Draft*