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Quotes OF THE WEEK

"A lot of that 10 grand was fun money."
Dallas Smetter, a 1995 UNL graduate, on how he spent his loan money

"I will stake my everything on it happening. It will work."

UNL Chancellor James Moeser, on the approval of an honors dormitory to receive funding

"She'll swim the fastest time and not remember it because it doesn't register. After the race someone will ask her what she swam, and she'll have to ask me what she swam."

NU junior swimmer Beth Karacia, on her teammate sophomore Shandra Johnson

"If this group can't answer your questions about I2, then there probably isn't an answer."

Royce Ballinger, director of EPSCoR, on the lecture group that spoke about Internet2 on Tuesday

"It's taking the right to worship and the freedom of speech and drawing the line. It's something important to the city of Lincoln."

Council Chairman Curt Donaldson, on the council's decision to appeal the ruling that allows Rescue the Heartland to continue picketing Westminster Presbyterian Church

"It is a win-win situation for downtown and the city of Lincoln."

Councilwoman Linda Wilson, on the council's decision to change P Street back to one-way traffic

"Often when government stubs its toe, it's the citizenry that brings us back."

Councilwoman Colleen Seng, on what caused the council to reverse its previous decision on P Street

"That's like 30,000 people living on just one city block and dumping their excrement into open pits. I don't want my kids to get sick."

Dave Merrick, of Stanton, on his concern that hog manure could pollute groundwater in Nebraska

"We all got in a big huddle, and we all were dancing around, screaming, popping balloons. It was just totally nuts."

Amy Wiseman, on the NU track team's reaction to getting into the NCAA finals

"I think that music is like handwriting. You do it over and over and over, and you tend to become more fluid, and there's more subtle changes."

Fugazi guitarist/singer Ian MacKaye, on his band's 11-year history

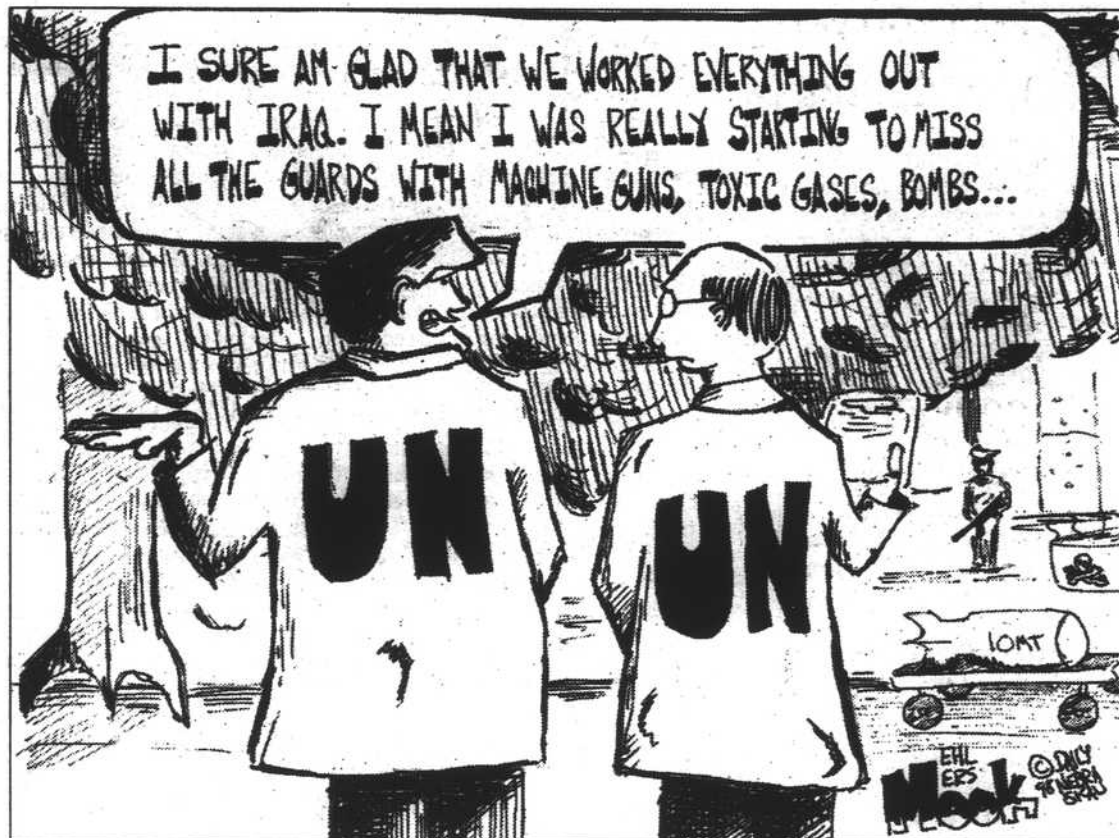
"Students aren't going to be students forever. Someday they may be able to become instrumental in a museum collection. But they are never too young to start."

Kathy Piper, Nebraska Arts Association executive director, on the usefulness of the Sheldon Art Gallery

"I jump out of the ugly tree and try to get hit by every branch on the way down, and then I channel her spirit and put on red glasses."

Cross-dressing comedian Kandi Kane, on dressing up as Sally Jessy Raphael

Mook's VIEW



More than just turkey

This Thanksgiving there are many NU groups to be thankful for



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As you sit in class on another wonderful Friday, you should be reminded that Friday comes earlier next week.

In fact, we have a Monday, and then a Friday.

Thank goodness for Thanksgiving. A five-day break, turkey, sleeping in and football.

As you thankfully sleep through the regularly scheduled 8:00 a.m. classes, wake up at noon, eat turkey, get fat and watch football, you should also be reminded that we have much to be thankful for this year.

As we read the paper, watch the television and surf the Internet, what do we find?

The correct answer is not an abundance of hard-core porn.

Instead, it is news of bad things, man.

We hear about a crisis in the Middle East, our president messing around, drug problems and death.

It is time to recognize those acts and efforts that we should appreciate.

It is time to celebrate Thanksgiving because good things are happening as well.

It is time to give attention to those that don't demand attention but do things to help the student body.

To the Nebraska Alumni Association, thank you.

The Alumni Association invests time, money, sweat and blood in the student body.

Not only does it do the small things like the Pizza Pass during Homecoming Week, but it makes everyday investments for the students.

The Alumni Association has established the Student Enhancement Fund to assist student organizations. The fund gives financial assistance to groups to promote diversity, community development and education.

The fund is a statement from the Alumni Association saying, "We care about you. We are here to help."

The association also ensures that Master's Week runs smoothly. While the week rewards hardworking, accomplished alumni, it serves a greater purpose for current students.

Master's Week reminds each of us that we can be successful - even if we are not attending an Ivy League school. It motivates each student to work hard in every endeavor and aim for the stars.

The week is a statement from the Alumni Association saying, "We care about your futures as Nebraska alumni."

As a student at NU, I am thankful that we have a supportive and considerate Alumni Association.

To the Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Gamma Sigma chapters, thank you.

Thank you not only for supporting the Laura Cockson Foundation, but for the message you are sending every student.

When Laura Cockson was killed by a drunken driver last year, it shook up her family, her friends and the entire student body.

Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Gamma Sigma have made considerable efforts to contribute to the scholarship fund named after Laura.

Through philanthropies such as see-sawing on the greenspace, the two houses have shown great maturity and responsibility.

Their efforts also send a vital reminder to Nebraska students: When you drink and drive, you hurt a lot of people.

The two chapters have used their leadership abilities to protect peoples' futures. They have spent their time to ensure that others will not have to deal with the tragedy caused by drunken driving.

To the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, thank

you. Thank you for the "Blue to MU" campaign.

We often call for action and results out of our student government, and this time we got 'em.

ASUN stepped up to the plate and stood up for the constituents that elected the representatives.

Initiative 413 would have had dreadful effects on our campus. It would have put enormous pressure on the backbone of our country's future education.

ASUN did all it could to ensure that the initiative would not pass. It encouraged student marches, banners and wearing blue to the Missouri football game to show how "blue" we'd all be under the realm of 413.

ASUN used its influence to educate and inspire. It used its voice as the representative body of NU to get results.

To the Nebraska women's volleyball team, thank you.

Thank you for playing with such enthusiasm, consistency and heart.

You may not get all the attention, but that makes your successes that much more impressive.

You are all inspirational because you are not playing to win the headlines; instead you are playing for the pride of winning.

It is unfortunate that the volleyball team does not get all the headlines because it is one of the best representatives of the hardworking Nebraska students.

The Alumni Association, the volleyball team, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Gamma Sigma and ASUN are not the only people deserving of thanks.

However, they are reminders of the good things happening. They may not be the lead stories on the 10 p.m. news, but they are just as important.

The good things in our lives should be the focus of Thanksgiving.

As you enjoy your days off, appreciate those that have made contributions to your life.

Enjoy Thanksgiving, because we do indeed have much to be thankful for.

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