

OPINION PAGES

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Quotes OF THE WEEK

It appears that there's some feeling, maybe, I was going to be standing out here by myself today looking for players.

Head Coach Frank Solich, on the announcement of Bobby Newcombe as first-string quarterback

You get your hands in it. You get to smell it. You get to taste it.

Brewmaster Bob Bergeron, on the fringe benefits of working for Budweiser

Everyone agrees we need parking garages. The problem is how do we pay for them, because they're so damned expensive.

James Main, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance

The whole object here is to convince people if they break the law, they run a good chance of running afoul of the police.

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady, on sending out details targeting parties

The plan can never really be finished. It's a dynamic plan because we can't keep doing the same things.

Director of Affirmative Action Linda Crump, on the UNL Diversity Plan

You must be morons to send me this letter!

What Dr. Bernard Lewinsky, father of Monica, scrawled on an envelope he returned to the Clinton defense fund.

I think he's one of the first people who took pop culture seriously. Kees was doing this 20 years before Andy Warhol.

Nichols Spencer, assistant professor of English, on Nebraska Native Weldon Kees

I want to usher in an era of responsibility, unlike the last era when the message was, "If it feels good, do it," and "If you've got a problem, blame someone else."

George W. Bush, addressing a classroom of Omaha first-graders

She is an incredibly dangerous weapon for Nebraska. I know our players look at her as someone who can do a lot of damage.

Aggie Volleyball Coach G. Guerreri, on soccer player Lindsay Eddleman

A tough decision is what to do, a tougher decision is what not to do and the toughest decision is what to stop doing.

Robert Dickeson, on UNL's reallocation of funds

If we're 0-18 and still singing the same song, then you need to be suspicious.

Terry Pettit, NU volleyball coach, on the team's first-ever 0-2 start

AND IN THIS ISSUE

I am more concerned about my son's safety in elementary school than in my residence hall.

Lesley Esters, who lives with her husband and three kids in Harper Residence Hall.

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Obermeyer's VIEW



DN LETTERS

Money for Nothing

Much as I'd like to, I can't accept the superficial inference from the report (DN, Wednesday) that says the university is responsible for \$3.5 billion of the state economy.

I guess the term "economic activity" has a very technical definition, but this news article doesn't discuss that. It implies that the state each year gets from the university some \$2000 direct profit per citizen!

Suppose the same economic analysis were applied to every institution and business of the state. I bet the total result would be many times the state's economy. For there would be a lot of duplication, overlapping and circularity.

Let's advocate and defend the university on the basis of its real purposes, not on the basis of statistics juggling.

Edgar Pearlstein
professor of physics, emeritus

Pollyanna

I want to thank J.J. Harder for the excellent column on chivalry.

Not only does it seem that acts of chivalry are few and far between, but so too are acts of simple kindness.

Yes, I'm a girl, and I do consider myself a feminist, but to me feminism is not about revengeful, stomp-the-y-chromosome rallies.

It is simply about being on the same playing field. Yes, I enjoy it when my boyfriend opens my car door first or gives me his coat, but he also enjoys me holding the door for him (I know, what a concept) or just asking him how his day was and then LISTENING to his answer.

So many of us are so wrapped up in our busy schedules (or lack thereof) that we don't realize that one painless act of kindness can brighten someone's whole day.

Just remembering the name of the guy behind you in art history, or saying "bless you" when someone sneezes is a great start.

Instead of counting the cracks in the sidewalk on your way to class, look up and (heaven forbid) SMILE!

Favorite quote, "You can't physically smile and frown at the same time, so pick one" (Dan Moore).

Audra Kelley
sophomore
vocal music major

Perambulate!

Dear editor, once again a new semester of classes is ushered in by the rattling of sabers in the pages of the Daily Nebraskan.

Students and staff, distressed and dismayed by the perennial lack of parking spaces, have taken the proverbial "wringing of hands" to an almost ritual-like status.

Cries of "is there no solution to this distressing problem?" are heard in heated conversations and seen in 12-point type.

But throughout all of this self-induced panic, a few voices over the years have stepped forward to say, "Yes, there is a solution to this dilemma, and you all hold it in your hands."

Simply put, just don't drive your automobile to campus.

Now I realize that may be blasphemy to all of you who are disciples of the car cult, but it is an option that

most of us have.

As residents of Lincoln, we have many choices that are both cheaper and healthier.

For example, if you live anywhere within a mile and a half of your respective campus and are physically able to, you have the option to walk.

Not only is it free, but you won't have to spend the afternoon on a treadmill at the Rec Center getting some exercise.

Some may argue that they don't have the half hour it may take for them to walk, but if you consider the time it takes to find a parking place and then walk from the lot to class, it'll probably save you time in the end.

The one drawback is you may have to pack an umbrella or raincoat.

The second option is to take advantage of Lincoln's mass transit system, StarTran.

As students and staff of this university, we all have access to FREE bus passes.

All you need to do is take your student ID to the information desks at either of the student unions, and they will give you one.

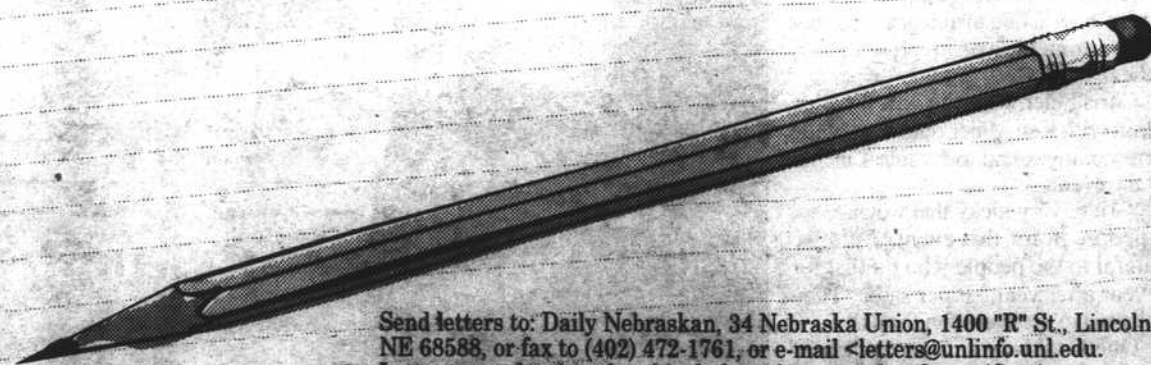
They also should have copies of the various bus route brochures. Most likely one runs within a few blocks of your home.

This is a cheap option, plus you now have some quiet time on the way to campus to read or study.

All it takes is a conscious decision on your part to become part of the solution.

Tony White
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