

Quotes of the WEEK

"He's like jam and bread when it comes to people."

Alumni Association employee Kathleen Buechle, on Eddie Brown, the president of the Afrikan People's Union, and his extraordinary people skills.

"What I find missing in the media portrayal of sexuality are the three Cs – commitments, contraception and consequences."

North Carolina journalism professor Jane Brown, speaking on sexuality to a group in the Nebraska Union.

"My decision to leave is based on my concern of leaving unfinished business to campaign."

Lt. Gov. Dave Maurstad, explaining his quick entry and exit from the Senate race.

"There was no reason to hate these men. They were patriotic and tried their best to do the right thing."

Sen. Bob Kerrey at a panel discussion on the Vietnam War, referring to the people who sparked America's involvement in the war.

"Are we getting our money's worth?"

Impact presidential candidate John Conley, questioning the use of student fees.

"He was tearful, he was positive, he was Derrick."

Kansas City Chiefs President Carl Peterson, mourning the loss of defensive star Derrick Thomas.

"Since the babies can't grow up and have a life and contribute to society, this is a way they can."

Junior Emily Scherzberg, in support of UNMC's fetal tissue research.

"I want to show how the film conventions of Hollywood rely on making the story interesting and present very muddled images of what lawyers do - in or out of the courtroom."

Dean and law professor of the NU College of Law Nancy Rapoport, on her class that focuses on the portrayal of lawyers in film.

"To the best of my knowledge, there's never been (a rail) in there before."

Brass Rail co-owner Tom Mausbach, on the bar's name.

"I may be new to the neighborhood, but I'm not new to your concerns."

New York Senate hopeful Hillary Clinton, announcing her candidacy for the Democratic nomination.

"Because they don't look good in dresses."

Newly crowned Miss USA Lynnette Cole, when asked why male beauty pageants aren't popular.

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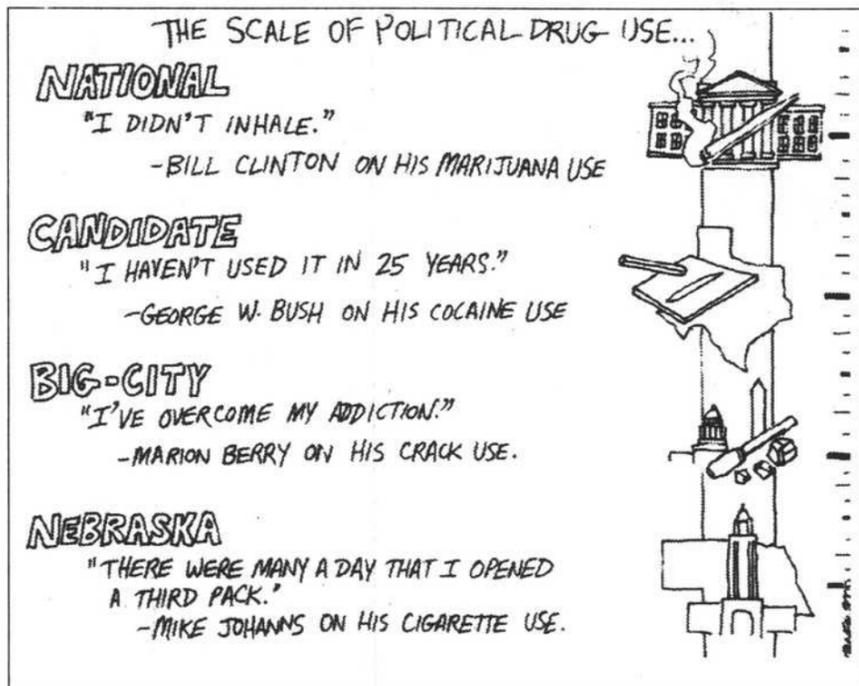
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Obermeyer's VIEW



Letters to the EDITOR

Don't kill the messenger

As I read the letters in Thursday's edition, I was disheartened that an organization that is vocal about protecting the rights of minorities would speak in a disparaging way about someone else practicing one of his inalienable rights.

The staff of this organization submitted a letter chastising the DN for allowing its cartoonist to present a view that some people at this institution may share. The goal of the cartoon probably was not meant to be derogatory to Mr. Brown personally, although even that is beside the point. The point is that students and other citizens who have access to this particular drawing are invited to make a judgment on the situation without having to read boring letters such as this one.

A picture is, as the saying goes, worth a thousand words. Although many people may not agree with some of the things Mr. Obermeyer presents in his daily offerings, he still has a right to express his thoughts in this manner, as does any one else in this country. This is the point of political cartooning, a wordless freedom of expression. If you don't like it, present your view.

But please spare us all your attempts to kill the messenger.

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Brown noser

Your news article of Feb. 8, a front page feature on Eddie Brown, was an excellent picture of an outstanding student leader.

By contrast, your Feb. 9 cartoon, depicting Eddie Brown as an NU mascot, along with Herbie Husker and Lil' Red, was a new low in tastelessness. One cannot escape a racist overtone. You owe him and the entire university community an apology.

James Moeser
UNL Chancellor

RHA vs. ASUN

I feel I am being misrepresented solely by the government bill that ASUN passed last week and again this week regarding fetal tissue research. I have attempted to keep an open mind on the issue of fetal tissue research.

This is difficult, as I am adamant-

ly opposed to abortion. While I was gaining information on the research, it became increasingly difficult to make a decision on whether or not I support this research. I realize that the research is very important to the advancement of medicine. Because of this, I am still unsure as to how I feel about this research.

Taking this into consideration, I feel there is a huge population of students who feel the same way or are adamantly opposed to the research. Because of this, it frustrates me to know my student fees are going to support opposition to a legislative bill that would stop research on fetuses from elective abortions.

ASUN has taken it upon itself to represent the entire university in this decision. As is apparent by the actions of individual students and student organizations in the past week, there is absolutely, positively no way to accurately represent the students on this issue. Therefore, it would seem to me that ASUN is not representing the feelings of all students so much as the feelings of its individual senators.

As far as the amendment to the original bill, it doesn't mean jack squat! I don't have to have ASUN's permission or blessing to talk to my state senators; that is my First Amendment right.

As a current member of the Residence Hall Association, I was in attendance at last week's RHA senate meeting when a bill was passed urging ASUN to take a position of neutrality and inform the students about the research and ways in which to contact their state senators.

RHA is taking active steps to do this so residents may make their own decisions and actively support the bill in any way they choose. ASUN has taken few steps in informing students or to getting their feelings on the issue. As far as I am concerned, it looks like ASUN was looking for something to do simply because they have done very little so far this year.

I am a member of student government and therefore an avid supporter of student government and involvement. I feel that our time would be better spent actually doing something on and within our own campus for our students rather than at the state Legislature.

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Wrong Meeting?

I am writing in response to the article by Sara Salkeld, "ASUN passes fetal tissue bill again, with some minor changes" that appeared in Thursday's edition of the Daily Nebraskan. I don't know if Salkeld was at the correct meeting, or if she just asked some ASUN senators for the highlights and thought that was sufficient. She said the majority of attendees were in favor of ASUN President Andy Schuerman's bill and asked the senators not to reconsider it.

Last week more than 100 students poured into the meeting to protest the unrepresentative and offensive bill. This week 10 or 15 students spoke in favor of the bill, that is true. But Salkeld failed to mention the 25 to 30 students who were present and were in opposition to the bill.

The most disheartening thing about last night's meeting was the failed logic on the part of our ASUN representatives. Many of them reasoned that students had not made an effort to contact them, so they were going to vote their own opinions. Well, what about the 100 or more students at last week's meetings, and what about the hundreds and hundreds of signatures of students to a petition in opposition to GLC lobbying the Unicameral for them? What, students who take initiative don't count?

Heath Mello, ASUN Empower candidate, even said he knew his position was going against the student groups he represented, but he was going to vote his way regardless. Yikes! I hope we as students take that as a red alert to what kind of ASUN president he would be.

The fact is that the students who were opposed to the fetal tissue research bill were not opposed to academic freedom or research. What they were opposed to was a body like ASUN being let loose with student fees to lobby on behalf of the entire university.

Well, rest assured that your senators not only ignored the overwhelming number of students who asked ASUN to remain neutral and let students voice their own opinions, but they did so because they thought you weren't capable. Hello, communism.

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