

## Quotes OF THE WEEK

**"This is the greatest thing that's ever happened to me."**

Newly elected ASUN President Joel Schafer, to a group of supporters after finding out he had won the election.

**"The DN got what they wanted. They wanted a candidate to win, and he won."**

Former Empower presidential candidate Heath Mello, referring to the Daily Nebraskan's endorsement of A-Team candidates.

**"We've changed the face of politics and put reform on the agenda. We're proud of what we've done."**

Presidential candidate John McCain, reacting to disappointing "Super Tuesday" primary results.

**"I taught my children that when somebody tries to sell you something, and they tell you that you have to buy it right now, something isn't right."**

City Councilwoman Cindy Johnson, on her vote not to extend the city's contract with Rural/Metro to provide ambulance services.

**"I move that we vote for none of these plans and put the monkey on the chancellor's back"**

Parking Advisory Committee member Tom Myers, referring to proposed parking fee increases.

**"Under the ordinance, things like cheerleading, basketball, ballet and breast-feeding are all illegal."**

John Ways, manager and part owner of Mataya's Babydolls exotic dancing club, pointing out potential unintended effects of the City Council's ban on sexual touching in businesses.

**"Bill Byrne's a hypocrite. He's only (suspending Carl Myerscough) to look good."**

Olympic Track and Field Coach John Chaplain on the athletic director's decision to ban an NU shot-putter from competition.

**"So often you hear, 'Oh, the world would be so much better if it was run by women,' which I think is a pile of crap. I don't think anyone should be running the world."**

Feminist lecturer Nomy Lamm at a presentation at the No Limits Conference on East Campus last Friday and Saturday.

**"Being fourth in this conference pisses me off."**

NU Wrestling Coach Tim Neumann, after a disappointing performance in the Big 12 finals.

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## Obermeyer's VIEW



## Letters to the EDITOR

### International Challenge

David Baker (DN, Thursday) identified the challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century: to place social and humanitarian objectives above economic objectives.

Consideration of human rights isn't something that many people in America have to worry about. Most of us have clean air to breathe, a warm bed to sleep in and adequate food to eat, so why should we worry about the rest of the world?

As Baker pointed out, nearly every country has a history of human suffering for Westerners' profit, and although it is not a pleasant thought, we are responsible for the suffering of people all over the world. The numerous examples of immoral corporate investment Baker used, such as oil, trade, mining and the diamond industry in Africa, prove this to be true.

It is easy to turn our heads the other way and ignore the plight of people living in other countries, and it is even easier to do this when we can profit off others' misfortunes. However, as Baker mentioned, we need to emphasize consideration of human rights as much as we emphasize personal wealth, and this is why it is a challenge.

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### Walk, bike or bus

As a student who has chosen consciously to live near campus (1.25 miles to be exact) so that I may comfortably walk, bike or bus to classes, I find the ever-present discussion about a "parking problem" increasingly annoying.

Folks, we all make choices, and the choice you have made is to live and die by the automobile. As a student, you do not have to live and work on the far-flung reaches of the city, which only results in being miles away from where you go to school.

No wonder there is a noticeable lack of campus involvement from commuter students.

Instead, I offer you an alternative. Why not choose housing and work opportunities within a mile or two of either campus, accessible by foot, by bike and by StarTran bus? Living and working closer to campus, and as a result driving less, reduces air and noise pollution, traffic congestion,

tural and wild land.

These are factors that are reducing the quality of life severely for all of the inhabitants of our city, both human and non-human.

To take it one step further, if you tailored your lifestyle so that you could self-locomote to and from classes, you would not only save money on atrocious parking fees, but also on gas, car maintenance and registration and insurance.

The result would be a drastic decrease in your annual expenses, meaning you would not need to work nearly as much, thereby freeing up more time to spend on your studies. After all, that is the reason we are attending the university, right?

Now don't get me wrong, we as Americans are all guilty of not thinking through the consequences of our actions, especially when it comes to our addiction to the automobile.

However, I will be the first to admit that I am glad to see Americans finally being hit where it hurts them most, the pocketbook. Unfortunately, it seems to be one of the few places Americans feel anything when it comes to many social and environmental issues.

To reiterate my point, most of us have choices as to where we live and work. We can choose to reside far away from where we go to school and thereby pay the price financially, environmentally and socially. Or we can choose a lifestyle closer to campus that is cleaner, healthier and in many cases, less expensive. As an individual you decide, but remember we will all suffer the consequences.

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