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It appears Nebraska basketball (once again) is heading into a season of mediocrity, if not worse. Already the Husker cagers are 0-3, and, in my opinion, Moe Iba has had his chance to prove himself and should be on his way out.

Iba seems to have chosen the same dull offense that Joe Cipriano used. Run the ball down the court, throw it around until a high-percentage shot comes up. However, Nebraska's highest-shot percentage so far has been only 44 percent (vs. Creighton) and much lower the previous games this year. Why not let them run and gun?

The players can not be blamed. They have been asked to play a different style of basketball, and play positions they are unaccustomed and unqualified for (Andre Smith and Jerry Shoecraft are forwards, not centers) and yet have given well over 100 percent.

Although aggressive, the Huskers many times have appeared pretty sloppy. A

couple of crucial times, they had trouble getting the ball in bounds. Now that is poor coaching. But I feel coaching is only 20 percent of the problem. The remaining 80 percent is in recruiting, and in Nebraska's case it could be closer to 90 percent.

Nebraska chooses to go the junior college route or they will recruit other states after the bigger-name basketball schools have taken their choices.

A coach achieves top recruiting in only one way his previous record. Nebraska somehow manages a winning record after beating up on all the smaller schools, but its record against bigger schools is usually a losing one.

There are many coaches out there with good records who are making less money than the Moe and Joe show were who would jump at the chance to coach at Nebraska. We don't need 20 more years of mediocrity. Moe must go.

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Pro-choice...

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"The danger of the Religious New Right is not that they are speaking out on political issues, which is their right, if not their obligation; it is the way they attack the integrity and character of anyone who does not stand with them."

This principle is a guideline to the People for the American Way Committee. It's also reminiscent of the ideas on which this country is founded.

This newly formed organization, begun by Norman Lear, encourages all Americans to be active and to be heard and to exercise their political rights. There will be six or seven local chapters of PAW. One of them is being organized in Lincoln now by Steve Rogers.

Rogers said the Nebraska chapter is only in the beginning stages and all state chapters as well as the Washington-based

national chapter are in contact now to get ideas from one another

There are 26 members on the national board of advisers. Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame and the Honorable Barbara Jordan, former congresswoman now teaching in Texas, are among them. Nine advisers are members of the clergy.

The purpose of the group, according to Rogers, is not to fight against the new right and it's not to become a resting ground for liberals. PAW's purpose is to create an atmosphere where different ideas are acceptable and all ideologies can be heard. Rogers said it's a positive alternative to promote the representation of all Americans. He emphasized, as Lear's guideline does, that PAW defends the rights of the new Christian Right to speak out.

This seems to be the most pro-human and pro-tolerance course to take.

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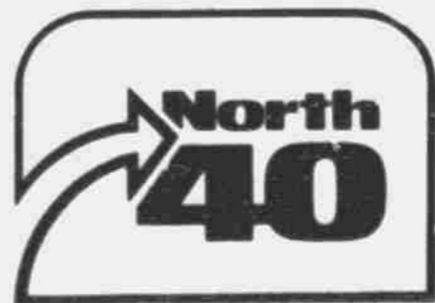
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