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Quibbles & Bits Governor's Loaf, cup throwing on menu

Gov. Kay Orr's husband Bill has cooked up a new idea to raise some money and help fix up the governor's mansion, according to an Associated Press article.

Bill Orr has written a new cookbook called the "First Gentleman's Cookbook." It features recipes such as "Governor's Loaf" and is scheduled to go on sale in February. All profits will be used to redecorate rooms at the mansion.

There was one slight problem with the AP article, though. It referred to Bill Orr as "the wife of Nebraska Gov. Kay Orr."

In an unscientific poll of minority students at Arizona State University, more than half said most faculty members do not know how to relate to them. According to National On-Campus Report, the black, Hispanic and American Indian students also reported a number of racist comments, including, "You kind doesn't usually do well in my class." The poll was part of a study done by the university's Mexican Institute of Public Policy, and the university's president will accept all of the study's recommendations.

West Virginia's undefeated football team has students celebrating in the stands — and sometimes a little too much. According to On-Campus Report, West Virginia students have picked up a few bad habits from Cornhusker fans — they throw cups.

But the campus security guards at West Virginia games don't mess around. Students risk revocation of their ID cards as well as eviction from the stadium and possible arrest after their second offense.

As a result of several complaints about unpublished reader opinion letters, the Daily Nebraskan would like to re-emphasize its letter policy.

The DN will select brief letters for publication on the basis of clarity, originality, timeliness and space available.

The DN reserves the right to edit all letters submitted. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

— Mike Reilley and Curt Wagner for the Daily Nebraskan

opinion READER

Parking spaces often filled, security needed

I am really disappointed with the way things are working this year. I paid \$40 to be able to park in a lot. However, nine times out of 10, there are no spots in any of the four lots by Abel Hall. What was the \$40 for?

Also, there is so much crime and damage done to the cars. Why isn't there a little bit of security? Plus, I am a small girl. I am scared to death to park my car at night and walk by myself, in fear of getting raped. My thoughts, and many others I'm sure, are that if you have so many officers to hand out tickets (and more tickets and more tickets), then you should also invest in some security. After all, isn't that what police are for?

Jeanne Gromowsky sophomore

Student praises university police officer

In the 3 1/2 years I've been at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the campus police have mainly been treated as "the bad guys." People think all they do is give out parking tickets. Well, I think our image of them should change to "the good guys" thanks to Bryan Kratochvil.

Kratochvil is the university police officer who rescued the child from the burning apartment building at 33rd and Starr streets last Thursday. He wasn't on duty at the time he was driving by, but he saw smoke and immediately stopped to help.

I'm thankful to Kratochvil, not only because of his heroic rescue, but because he is one of only two officers who make it a point to check on us at the interior design studios when we're working late on projects.

We should all be thankful for Kratochvil and officers like him. They really are the "good guys" and it's about time they got some recognition.

Krista Hill senior interior design

Racial problems nonexistent

Robert E. Summers' letter about blacks contributing to racism (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 5) was in itself a racist article. Summers needs to realize that the blacks on campus are not isolating themselves from other majority or minority groups. Instead, we are socializing with groups of the same compatible interest who happen to be black.

I believe the student body of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is aware of racial differences on campus without being told. But if we keep trying to force changes in the social structure, it will seem as though we do have certain racial problems when in reality they are partly nonexistent.

Anthony Kay sophomore undeclared



'Quayle-ified' means incompetent

Bush should promise voters he will survive office, Coffey says

I'm no lexicographer, but it seems that the 1988 vice-presidential race begs for a new term added to the political vocabulary.

It needs a term to describe a candidate who isn't overly intelligent or has great depth but looks good and is easily packaged; a candidate who doesn't really grasp the issues, but can spurt out well-written responses programmed into his IBM-like brain; a candidate who has achieved his position in life, not by making opportunities for himself, but having them handed to him on a silver platter; a candidate who "proves himself" in debate, not by excelling beyond a set-standard, but by not falling below a sub-standard; a candidate low on substance, but long on flash.

In short, this new term would describe a candidate who is not qualified, but rather "Quayle-ified."

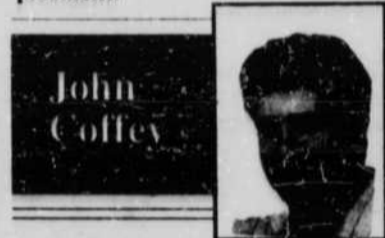
Think about it: the country seems to be satisfied with Dan Quayle, provided that he gets elected to the vice presidency — and stays there. He looks OK in the wings, just keep him out of the spotlight.

It's as if George Bush should add to his list of campaign promises a new one: The promise not to die.

There are two candidates for the vice presidency. With one, and say what you will about his philosophical, non-alliance with the man at the head of the ticket, few would argue his competence if needed to step into the top spot. He's qualified. Then there's the candidate who is

sufficient as the No. 2 man, because the No. 2 man doesn't do anything but sit around and wait for something to happen. In this case the rest of the nation will be hoping nothing does. This candidate is "Quayle-ified."

In last week's vice-presidential debate, Dan Quayle did OK because he didn't do worse. He summed up my feelings when asked what he'd do if he had to — God forbid! — become president.



John Coffey

"First, I would say a prayer — for me and for the nation." Don't worry Dan, so would the rest of us.

Of course this idea of "Quayle-ified" can expand beyond the political spectrum. Take for instance one of last year's top movies, "Broadcast News." Tom Grunick, the character played by William Hurt, was a very "Quayle-ified" network news anchor. He didn't understand the news he was talking about, but he looked good doing it.

So it is with Quayle. He doesn't seem to understand the issues that he's talking about, but it's too late to withdraw his nomination, so shield him from the press and don't let the

public see him as he really is. Dress him and prop him up and when you pull his string... he talks!

Never mind that it's the same programmed message every time.

I'm not in the habit of making up words — but the political vocabulary needs words to express an event or political idea. Watergate, Star Wars, the Moral Majority are all examples of such terms.

Now, a new entry for the political dictionary: "Quayle-ified" (kWAHL - uh - fied) — a shallow politician whose neatly packaged candidacy allows mediocrity in a position of importance.

The term will become synonymous with accepting sub-standard people who've led a Cinderella existence, never working hard for the social positions they aspire, yet try to tell the American people that his grandmother gave him some grandiose American Dream story of how he could become anything he wanted.

A man whose cosmetics outweigh his competence.

And next to this definition will be a picture of the junior senator from Indiana.

So if on Jan. 20, 1989, Dan Quayle is being sworn into the country's second-highest position, remember this: He's the most "Quayle-ified" man for the job.

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