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Qibbles 'n' Bits

Judge orders Reagan to release entries

In 1987, then President Ronald Reagan posed what seemed to be a real laugh of a comeback to reporters who questioned him about his inability to recall events concerning the Iran-Contra scandal.

Reagan asked reporters if they could remember what they were doing on a particular day two years before. Of course, none of the reporters could remember. Chalk one up for Reagan.

Tuesday, a federal judge ordered Reagan to turn over entries from 29 different dates in 1985 and 1986 to former national security adviser John Poindexter for use in his Iran-Contra case.

The result? Americans finally may have the opportunity to find out if Reagan's alleged "hands-off" style of management more closely resembled the style of former President Richard Nixon.

It will be fun to see who gets the last laugh. Chalk one up for the American people.

Bar owner uses unlikely argument

It was a little funny hearing Chris Wilken, who was representing some downtown bars, argue against a decision by the Lincoln City Council to approve a beer license for a bar in the Reunion.

Wilken said if beer was allowed so close to campus, students might not think twice about drinking. He said the location of downtown bars encourages students to drink less because they have to walk so far.

What's so strange? When was the last time you heard a businessman claim poor location as one of the merits of his business?

Mudslinging battle ensures colorful race

Democrat Bill Hoppner and Gov. Kay Orr have all but gunbattled recently, ensuring a long and colorful race for the state's highest office.

Hoppner, hoping to get the Democratic nomination for governor, has blasted Orr's policies. In an Associated Press story Tuesday concerning a school funding bill, Hoppner sprung this page-turner:

"I am convinced that when it comes to taxes this administration doesn't have the capacity to tell Nebraskans the truth."

Orr aide Doug Parrott responded by saying Hoppner's accusations were "ridiculous," a word that appeared in the AP story three times.

Hoppner, in his attempted media blitz, is certainly winning the mudslinging battle. He is a master at turning the nasty phrase. The school funding story proves that.

It would be preferable, however, that Hoppner, for the good of Nebraska voters, take his brand of politics elsewhere.

Most suitably, to the World Wrestling Federation.

-- Bob Nelson
for the Daily Nebraskan

Women in combat uphold equality

At last, the Daily Nebraskan prints an editorial on the so-called "issue" of women in combat (DN, Jan. 25). I have heard a lot of heated debate on this subject over the past several weeks and have been waiting for the right time to put my two cents in.

I know this is going to shock a lot of people, but I actually agree with the DN. I, too, feel that women should be serving in combat positions right along with the men.

What? Do you think I have an ulterior motive by making that statement? Are you waiting for me to spring something on you right about now? Well, you won't be surprised. Yes, I agree that women should serve in combat positions like men, but I don't think "allowing" them to do so is the issue. "Forcing" them would be more like it.

Don't get me wrong. I admire all the women (and men) who volunteer to serve in the military and endure all

the hazards that may go along with it. I doubt that I would have the guts to do that, and I have the utmost respect for each and every one of you. I just have a problem with the fact that if a draft were ever reinstated for whatever reason, it would be only the men that would have to live every day of their lives with the fear of their number being pulled at any time.

I am all in favor of equal rights for both men and women, but I also feel that there are equal responsibilities that go along with those rights. It is not fair that men could possibly be forced to risk their lives on a battlefield somewhere, while women have the option of avoiding that risk.

I will admit that I am not a military expert. If any of my facts are wrong, please let me know.

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Students do anything for money

Meager earnings (dirt) expected to cover cost of textbooks

While back, 15 students at the University of Virginia rubbed their hands in the nasal secretions of people with colds and then touched their hands to their own eyes. This is completely true. It was part of an experiment to see how colds are transmitted.

At first I wondered how people would get suckered into dipping their hands into a pool of nasal secretions. I mean, snot is not Palmolive.

Customer: "Madge, how do you keep your hands so soft?"

Madge: "Well, it's kind of a secret, but I guess I can show you."

Customer: "ARRRRGGGGG-HHHH!!!!!"

Madge: "Now rub it in your eyes."

But then I realized we weren't talking about people or manicurists here. We were talking about students. And as you know, students will do almost anything for money.

Why, just a few years ago, one of my favorite pastimes was grabbing a few friends and discussing how much money each of us would charge to do various disgusting things. One friend said that for only \$8, he would skip around Memorial Stadium during a football game wearing nothing but shaving cream while screaming, "PEANUTS! GET YOUR FRESH ROASTED PEANUTS!"

Now I realize that doing this would be neither terribly funny nor unusual. It's just kind of sad that he'd do it for \$8. Over the length of a football game, that's less than minimum wage.

You're probably thinking that even the lowest form of human would hold out for minimum wage. I reiterate that he was not a human. He was a student.

You see, humans (unlike students) don't get paid dirt. Also, humans (unlike students) are not expected to use their meager earnings (dirt) to pay for textbooks.

For your betterment, I did a little research on why textbooks cost three times more than normal books that are exactly the same size. I found the answer through my expertise in etymology.

Gay/lesbian scholarship promotes immorality

I'm writing about the article that was in the Thursday, Jan. 25, Daily Nebraskan on the scholarship for gays and lesbians. This is the dumbest scholarship I have ever heard of. Let's forget the fact that it's immoral to like a member of the same sex in a sexual way, but to have a scholarship to encourage and show praise for this? What about people who are more

The word "book," in an ancient language understood only by professors and bookstore owners, means, "a thing you read."

The word "text," which along with "book" appears in the word "textbook," means, "grossly overpriced because of a suppression of free-market checks and balances



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caused by the fact that the grossly overpriced thing is 'required' in a syllabus."

I know this is true because just last week I bought a poorly-printed, used, 220-page paperback book at one of our two bookstores for \$22.

Disgusted, I asked a sales clerk how the book possibly could cost \$22.

"Oh," she said, "that particular copy is missing 50 pages."

She said I could buy the whole, poorly-printed, used paperback textbook for only \$42. Then she began laughing and wailing like a banshee, intermittently screaming, "WILL THAT BE CASH OR CHARGE!!!!" The owner of the bookstore saw the whole incident, immediately ran to the clerk and, in a similarly hysterical voice, gave her a raise.

So all students get the little money (dirt) they make taken away from them by bookstores. I have an extra problem. I'm incredibly stupid. Let me digress.

You see, I lost my last \$10 on the Super Bowl because I thought I had a sure bet.

I was going to bet on San Francisco but an old friend of mine called from St. Louis and offered me Bud Light and one point in the Bud Bowl. With the one point the bet seemed

like a sure thing because, as he explained, football games between inanimate objects usually end in zero-zero ties. He said this is especially true for beer bottles. He also said no team has ever repeated in the Bud Bowl and that Budweiser won last year.

I was a little suspicious because my friend really doesn't need more money. He's a big-wig advertising executive for some company called Anheuser-Busch.

Nonetheless, I took the bet. Budweiser won 36-34. So that, along with buying textbooks, has left me with absolutely no money.

This leads us back to the question: "How much would you, as a student, charge to take part in the University of Virginia experiment?"

We'll do this gradually in survey form. Now think hard.

1) How much would you charge to touch your own nasal secretions?

2) How much would you charge to put your hand in someone else's nasal secretions?

3) How much would you charge to put your hand in someone else's infected nasal secretions and then rub your eyes?

Which brings us to the final question:

4) Who of the following would perform the most socially unacceptable act to make money: a) a sociopathic crack addict, b) a crack-addicted prostitute who must support 47 children or c) a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student?

I threw in number four to pad your grade. My own answers to the first three are:

1) I don't mix business with pleasure.

2) \$5, if it wasn't on the first date.

3) The \$10 I lost on the Bud Bowl. So, if there are any professors out there who need a guinea pig, give me a call. I'm poor, I'm cheap, I'm dumb and most of all, I'm a student.

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So excuse me, my opinion doesn't matter. Who cares? Mr. Bell states all the problems that gay people have, like their parents disowning them. They should get a clue if their parents won't help them out. Ha!

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