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Quotes OF THE WEEK

"No one told Thayne Glenn that long-haired freaky people shouldn't apply for Criminal Clinic."

Tim Sullivan, a Daily Nebraskan columnist, on County Attorney Gary Lacey keeping a law student from taking a course because he had long hair

"They forced me to leave. They are obligated to bring me back."

Former Political Science Assistant Professor Valerie Schwebach, who filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against the university, on the political science department

"Personally, I haven't seen or heard anything that can be considered harassment."

First-year political science graduate student Nancy Heltzel, on her department's climate for women

"It's a shame."

NU Athletic Director Bill Byrne, on the decline in student attendance at men's basketball games

"If I'm part of the problem, I'm going to be part of the solution."

Husker Coach Danny Nee, on attendance at men's basketball games

"The crowd was chanting 'overrated,' and we probably are."

Roy Williams, Kansas coach, on his No. 22-ranked team's loss Wednesday night to the Huskers

"I don't even think it occurred to me I could do anything different."

English Professor Marly Swick, author of the acclaimed new novel "Evening News," on her work as a writer

"At long last, MIP will no longer be something to laugh about."

Sen. Dwite Pedersen of Elkhorn on LB126, which would stiffen penalties for underage drinkers and liquor retailers selling to minors

"Most of the iceberg is under the surface someplace, and we have to deal with that problem."

Sen. Paul Hartnett of Bellevue, on LB 126, responding to evidence that minors get 20 percent of their alcohol from retailers and the rest from friends and relatives who are of age

"I firmly believe we can't send students to government class and teach them what a brilliant document the Bill of Rights is, and then have them come to journalism class and say that because an article is not positive, it will not be printed."

Doris Martin, Beatrice High School newspaper adviser, on LB182, which would increase students' freedom of expression

"Everybody in America loves ballet. They're very open."

Sergei Radchenko, Russia National Ballet artistic director, on the company's U.S. audience reception

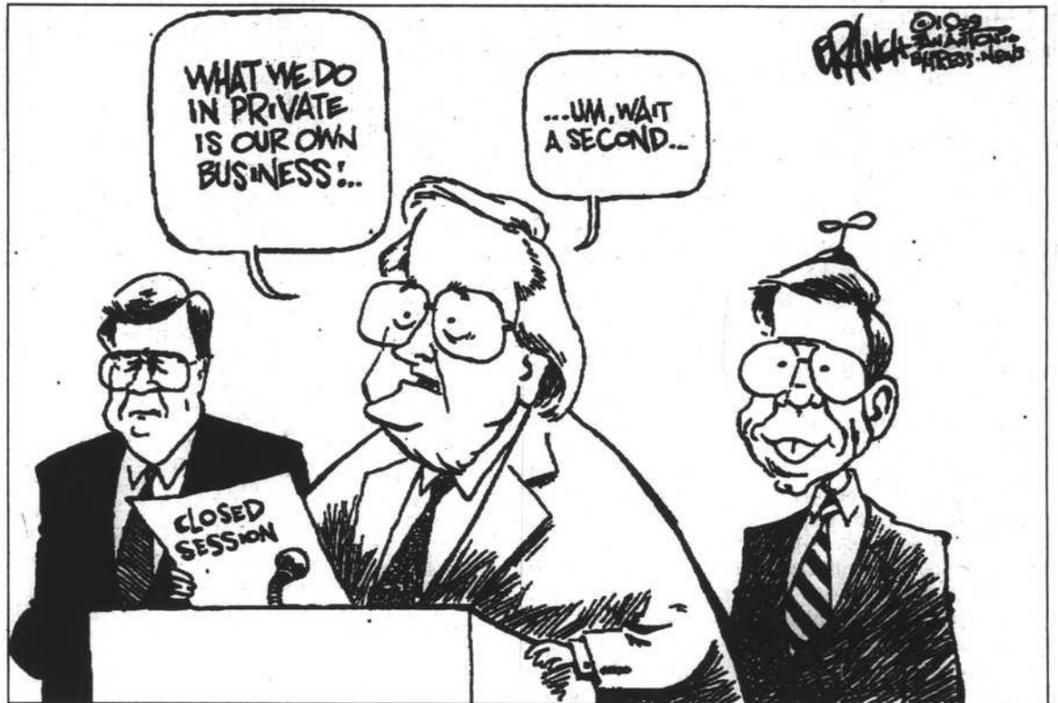
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Branch's VIEW



DN LETTERS

No more Nee

The fact that Danny Nee's recruiting goals are even in question signifies that it is time for the debacle known as "NEEbasketball" to end. Danny Nee, in his 12 seasons, has given the fans one NIT Championship. Now we all should know by now that the NIT does not count. So what? We were once the 64th best team in the nation. That is all. No real tournament wins added to no major NBA products equals no job.

It is shocking to me that Nee recruits players without even seeing them play. Hey Danny, do you think that Kentucky coach and national champion Tubby Smith "picks" players without seeing them play? Even if he is "picking" players, he at least sees if the kids have skills.

I am reminded of something I heard Bobby Knight from Indiana say during an interview. He said that he knew of a great player in Yugoslavia. This kid had mad game. You know, Danny, the kid could shoot, jump and play defense. Well, within weeks he was listed as a prep blue chip. Problem is that Knight made this kid up. You know the scary thing is that Nee probably offered him a scholarship. I can see him now, "Get me that Yugoslavian kid, my sources say he's great." This type of careless recruiting shows that Danny is not doing what we are paying him to do. How long do you think I would last at my job if I just guessed at my work? Well, if I was Danny Nee it would be 12 years.

Listen up, Husker fans. In order to rid ourselves of "NEEbasketball," we need to get to the man in charge. What would make Bill Byrne take notice of this problem? MONEY. Stop going to the games. If you do go to the games, make a sign and have it say something such as "Nebraska Students for Kansas," and then cheer your butt off for the opposing team. Maybe if 20 people in the stands all dress in black, and the team ends up under .500, just maybe then Mr. Commercial would get the message.

If you still have a need for some hoop action, go check out the women's team.

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Don't care on hair

You can imagine my shock when I picked up last

Friday's Daily Nebraskan and saw my picture at the top of the front page. Upon closer inspection, I realized that it was Thayne Glenn, although many of the students I talked with that day commented on how much we resembled each other. Feeling a certain camaraderie with Glenn, I read the opinion page, and I've continued to read related articles this week.

As a public servant who wears his hair long, I have to say this whole saga is ridiculous and unfortunately all too common. I currently work as a pastor's assistant on campus, and I take my job very seriously. When I come to campus to lead worship services on Sunday mornings, I wear a suit. I trim my beard. I make sure my clothes are clean and pressed, and I make sure my hair looks clean and presentable. I don't wear my hair long to rebel, or to stick it to the man, or to make a political or

social statement. I like how I look with long hair, period.

However, the comment I hear most often when I tell people my plans to pursue ordination in the Lutheran church is: "When will they make you cut your hair?" There's a simple answer to that question, friends and neighbors - they won't. If I'm to be a minister and a prospective church won't hire me because of my hair length, then I don't really want to be there in the first place.

Yesterday I happened to see Glenn walking down 16th Street and I took a good look at him. He wore a gray suit, well-polished shoes, and his beard was neatly trimmed. His hair hung down his back, held by an unobtrusive rubber band similar to the ones I use to keep my hair back. He looked, in other words, professional, presentable and well-dressed. So my question is: Where is the grooming problem I've heard so much about?

Mr. Bielarski, don't you think it is unfortunate that one student is denied a terrific opportunity such as Gary Lacey's sacred criminal clinic over something as trivial as the length of his hair? I've been a student of real-life experience for almost 25 years, and I never remember anyone saying the determining factor for any kind of education would be the length of my hair! The fact of the matter clearly shows us that this really is an issue of diversity, but it's more an issue of stupidity and arrogance on the part of Mr. Lacey.

Many of our past heroes wore long hair or shoulder-length wigs, such as George Washington, Thomas

Jefferson and

William

Shakespeare.

Even Jesus Christ

is shown in most

Western depictions

as having shoulder-length

hair and a beard,

as ethnically

incorrect as it may

be. But because of

the ignorance of

the last few genera-

tions, hair length

has become more

important than a

person's ability to

perform in his chosen

occupation. Sound

familiar?

"So I took off

my hat and said

'Imagine that,

me working for

you ..."

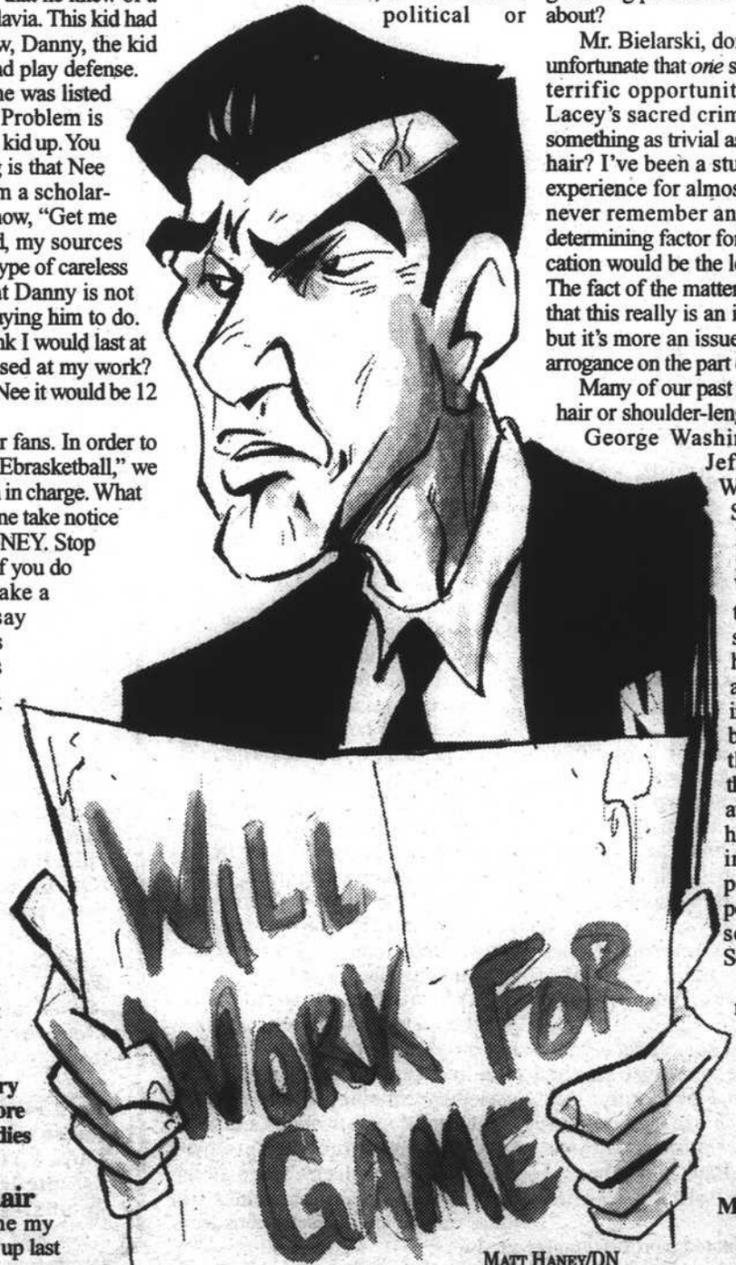
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