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Quotes of the WEEK

I understand the concern that at the same time we're making cuts, we're talking about a \$25 million baseball stadium.

Lincoln Regent Charles Wilson

The room numbers are consecutive, right?

An obscene phone caller talking to a student in Burr Residence Hall

We conclude that, given the legitimate expectation of some measure of privacy in the hallway, the canine sniff for illegal drugs ... violated the Fourth Amendment.

Justice Lindsey Miller-Lerman, overturning a 1997 drug conviction

It seems like we just came out timid.

NU volleyball player Mandy Monson, on the team's loss to the Aggies

That's where the name comes from. Reinhold Messner is the patron saint of underage drinking.

Darren Jessee, of the band Ben Folds Five, on the title of its newest album, "The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner"

... gorgeous, sweet and respectful of its subject.

The New Yorker on the "black Madonna" of the Brooklyn Museum of Art's controversial "Sensation" exhibit

It would scare you to know everything that went on that day. It would make you shudder. It was no different from (African-American protests in) Montgomery, Alabama, in the '60s. That should scare you. It should raise red flags.

American Indian activist Frank LaMere, on the treatment of protesters at Whiteclay in July

In the end, ignorance costs more than education.

Lincoln resident Ryk McCurdy, on the school bill vote

Those kids had a lot of fun with that goal post. I have been here 16 years, and we haven't had a goal post torn down for 16 years, so it was a neat deal.

Red Raiders football Coach Spike Dykes, on his team's victory over the Aggies

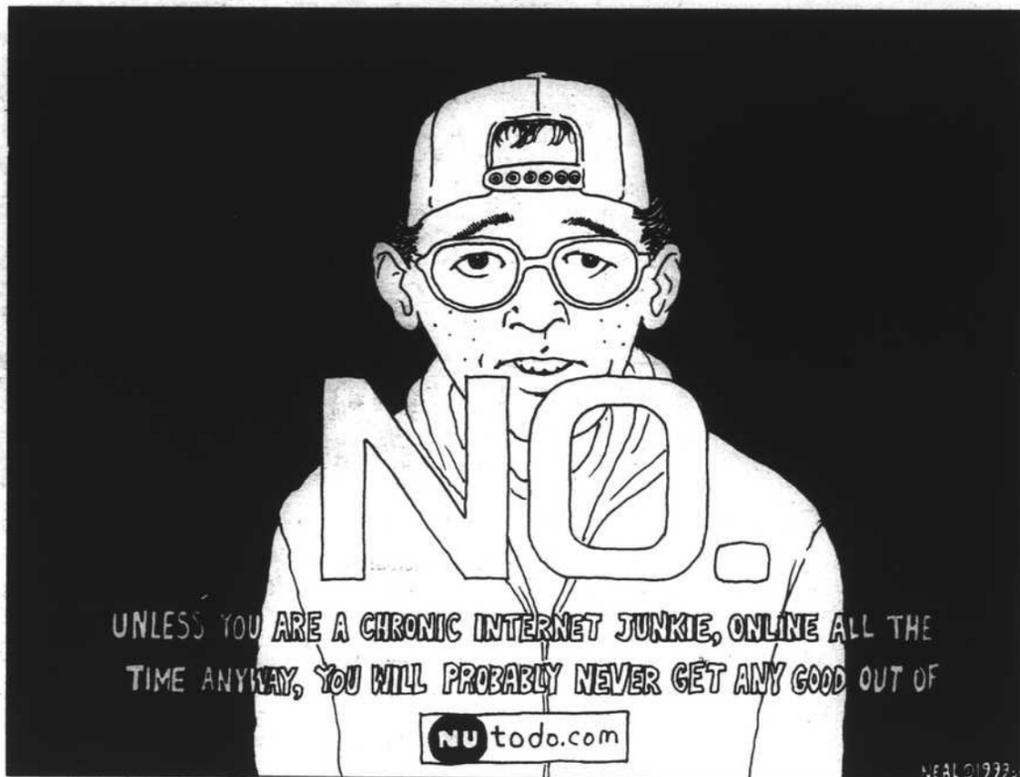
We have had 30 sign-ups in the 30 days we have officially been considered a major.

Film professor Wheeler Winston Dixon on NU's new film studies major

Who cares? The DN will just make some degrading cartoon anyway!

Homecoming Court candidate Timothy Hodges answering the question "Moeser vs. Solich in a fight. Who wins and why?"

Obermeyer's VIEW



DN LETTERS

Who's Kidding Who

Just who are Regent Wilson, NU President Smith, and the others involved in the new baseball stadium kidding?

Yes, the money will not be generated through tuition or state funds. However, the donors who will support the stadium probably will not be willing to then support other programs on campus. Donations are tight!

And trying to generate more than \$10 million for this athletic program will make it all the harder for other programs to raise half as much.

I'm NOT suggesting that the Athletic Department should not be allowed to raise funds. I AM suggesting that the Board of Regents and President Smith should be knocking on any donor's door before the Athletic Department does.

Daryn Warner
senior
theater arts
and international affairs

Old Tyme Religion

The negative news about the NU football program has become old and depressing.

The other night, I went to see a YMCA flag football game at Wright Field park. It was like a breath of fresh air.

The refs and coaches were there to volunteer their time, family and friends were there to cheer and the kids were there to have fun.

There was no money exchanging hands, no distractions and the fans had the best seats in the house. It was football in its purest form.

At the end of the game, it didn't matter who won or who lost. The only thing that mattered to the adults was if the kids had fun.

As the kids made a beeline to the pop cooler; the only thing that mattered to them was that the adults were proud of them.

Bryan Ottoson
sophomore
academic transfer

Anti-Christ

It has been said that anti-Catholicism is the anti-Semitism of the liberal elite. I wonder if Mo Neal would have questioned the sincerity

of a Jewish mayor who protested the degradation of a sacred Jewish symbol?

Rudolph Giuliani, as it happens, is a devout Catholic, and it is scurrilous, and indeed bigoted, not to take the sincerity of his religious beliefs at face value.

Gerard Harbison
chemistry professor

Racism reaction

Every single day it is mentioned, and every single year we read our share of it. I'm talking about racism, and as I opened Tuesday's DN, I was hit by it again. Ren Townsend (DN Letters), the definition of racism and discrimination has nothing to do with the fact that you say hi to anti-social people.

If I'm walking to class, I'm rarely listening to other people because I'm not expecting them to say anything to me. If that makes me a racist, so be it.

I know that minorities aren't here by affirmative action. The problem is that people assume that we think that way.

The university isn't keeping you out of classes because of your race. They're not making you drink from a certain fountain at the Union. Your whole opinion of the racism and discrimination at this university is based on the fact that you said "hello," and no one gave you the time of day.

That's not discrimination, that's

called being rude. Personally, I don't go out and try to be rude to everyone, but it's my right to be that way if I want to be.

The solution to your problem may be as easy as getting over the hump of blaming everything that doesn't go right in your day on the fact that I didn't say "hi" back to you.

Racism is a very serious accusation. And honestly, there is some merit for a lot of it.

Aren't you discriminating by assuming that we're all racists? I'm just sick of being a racist, a discriminator and the enemy just because I'm pale-skinned.

By the way, HELLO!

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