

Quotes of the WEEK

"It seems like we're just running into a brick wall."
UNL English Professor George Wolf, on difficulty in implementing benefits for gay faculty members.

"It's time as a tax-enslaved people that we rise up and make it clear we want the chains off."
Presidential candidate Alan Keyes, referring to America's hopeless system of taxing income.

"We stopped when it became criminal to accept money from people who would never get a spot."
Scott Lewis, UNL interim vice chancellor for business and finance, on the lack of available of parking spots.

"I'm going in there for a blackshirt."
NU football recruit Adrian Mayes, hopeful to start for the Huskers next year.

"He has a celebrity status in this state. If he wants to run, I'm sure he would win."
UNL College Republicans chair Jason Wiggins on Tom Osborne entering the Congressional race.

"When did you ever see three Nebraska players have double-doubles?"
NU men's basketball coach Danny Nee, on the team's performance vs. Texas Tech on Wednesday.

"The bottom line is, we all make mistakes. I made mine, and it's not a big burden on me anymore."
NU assistant men's basketball coach Larry Gay, referring to allegations of impropriety while at the University of Louisville.

"Winning national championships doesn't automatically make you an effective legislator."
UNL political science professor Kevin Smith, on Tom Osborne's possible lack of competency.

"It's very inhumane to ask someone to make a conscious choice on how they will die."
Lobbyist Carol McShane taking a stand against a legislative bill proposing lethal injection.

"We have a president now, and you serve him. I want you to walk down the hall, walk into his office and say, 'Sign that executive order.'"
Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley, to Vice President and fellow candidate Al Gore, on Gore's promise to end racial profiling.

I don't think Bill Clinton needs a lecture from Bill Bradley on how to stand up for African-Americans and Latinos."
Gore, in response to Bradley.

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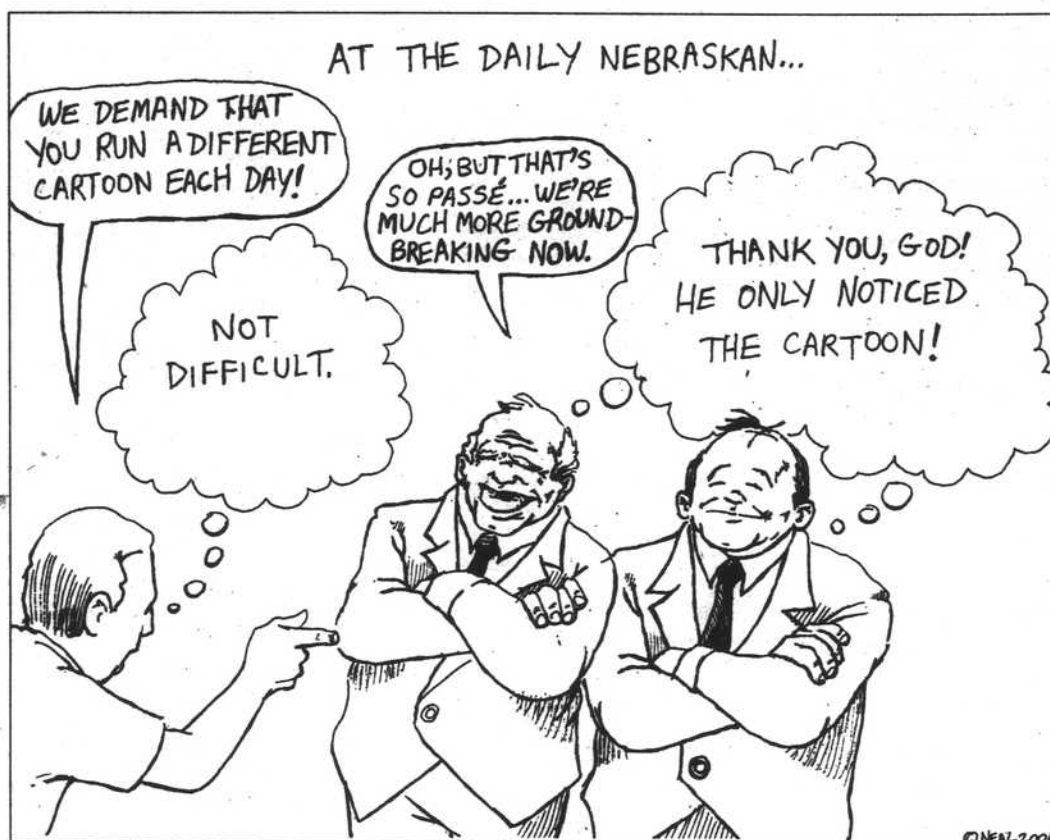
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Obermeyer's VIEW



Letters to the EDITOR

All Messed Up

I was disappointed by Daniel Ligon's remarks in his Jan. 19 letter. He admits that he is "among the few who feel that homosexuality is messed up."

I do not believe he has the credentials to tell anyone that he or she is messed up, for any reason. He says God is on his side.

Let me clue Mr. Ligon in on something. I, like most students on this campus, live life knowing that we only have to answer to two people: ourselves and our God.

We don't have to listen to judgments made on us by anyone else. We, as mature adults, live our lives and make moral choices in a way that we and our God feel are right.

So next time he feels like telling someone that who they are is the wrong thing to be, he can just save his breath.

His opinions are worth nothing to us.

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junior
actuarial science

Genital Graffiti

So far this term, the Daily Nebraskan has made life a lot harder for those of us who value virtue.

This morning, after puzzling over whether Coach Osborne might run for the Senate or the House and rereading Obermeyer's cartoon, I tried to find value in Trevor Johnson's column on graffiti.

I could not.

Trevor fails to realize that in much of this country, "cock" refers to the female genitals. Had Trevor known this - had he done his research - his analysis of the graffiti he found so remarkable would have been very different. It may even have been interesting.

As it was, however, his column was simply vulgar. It explored issues that we have already read about in the DN.

And so, I say enough already. Move on!

Peter Bleed
professor of anthropology

No Pre-Nee Glee

Obermeyer's View on Jan. 18 was unfair to Danny Nee. He has been a great coach and is still a great coach. This team is missing an on-the-floor leader in Cookie Belcher and is starting

three Johnson County transfers.

This team is very exciting and is finally playing together. Don't be surprised if this team makes a run to the title in the Big 12 tournament this year.

Next year will be the best year in Husker basketball history. The Huskers will make the "big dance" and make some noise. Can you say "Sweet 16"?

Go Big Red.

Bobby Ludemann
freshman
marketing

Nee glee again

I believe it was irresponsible and reprehensible of you to publish the editorial cartoon in the Jan. 18 issue of the DN.

I don't know if Mr. Obermeyer remembers pre-Coach Nee basketball (1982). It was embarrassing to go to the games. Unfounded bashing on coaches is harsh and only meant to attract readers.

Obviously Mr. Obermeyer smells blood in the water and is trying to capitalize on it using his creative talent.

This is the first time NU men's basketball has been under .500 this far into the season since 1990. The consistency that has been exhibited is outstanding.

If you look at the teams that Nebraska has played in the NCAA tournament, you will find that all of them were drastically underseeded.

I don't know if you noticed this either, but the advertisement that was being parodied is for Paul Sanderford. His team is 7-7 (not a sterling mark for a team that was supposed to challenge for a Big 12 championship).

Mr. Obermeyer probably didn't notice that the strength of schedule for the men's team is 19th in the nation (RPI); quite a difficult task for a team with so many newcomers.

I don't know how much basketball you guys watch, but inexperience, a tough schedule and, most importantly, key injuries are responsible for Nebraska's struggles, not an inept coach.

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