

Quotes of the WEEK

"The rights we learn about in history class are denied in journalism class."

Sen. Chris Beutler, quoting a student at the hearings for a bill that would have allowed high school newspapers and yearbooks more freedom but was defeated last Friday

"I think they should catch the numskull that did this."

Cyndie Kohlman, off-sale supervisor at J Ryans, on the rash of counterfeit bills in Lincoln

"I'm getting pretty old. I didn't want to go to the Super Bowl in a wheelchair."

Titans owner Bud Adams, on the Titans going to the Super Bowl to play against the Rams

"I am very confident that I am going to give a good show against Chris Mihm."

Kimani Ffriend, NU center, before the Huskers' game against Texas

"The Supreme Court's decision certainly takes a lot of pressure off the governor."

Sen. Pam Redfield of Omaha, on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to review a Florida case challenging the constitutionality of the use of the electric chair for execution

"We don't have any evidence that the Pakistani government was involved in that hijacking."

President Clinton on the hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane last month

"We've been friends for 62 years ... He represented what politics should be."

Former Gov. Frank Morrison on Monday's death of Carl Curtis, 94, who served Nebraska in Congress for 40 years

"Lennox Lewis needs Mike Tyson. Mike Tyson doesn't need Lennox Lewis."

Jay Larkin, of Showtime, on the struggle between Lewis, who is under contract for HBO, and Tyson, who is under contract for Showtime

"Last night was a triumph of authentic conservative principles. The Republican establishment has met its match."

Steve Forbes, who finished second in the Republican Iowa primary behind George W. Bush

"There was an assistant manager here. It shook her up pretty bad."

Charlotte Waters, Pizza Hut area manager, on the two teens who crashed a Ford Explorer into a Pizza Hut on Wednesday

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Letters to the EDITOR

NUtoNOTdo

Mr. Workman, I can definitely understand how Tony Bock's (Jan. 25) column could discourage you and the others who worked on NUto do. After putting extensive time and effort into a project such as this, it would be very difficult to accept the criticism that Mr. Bock offers.

His column, however, was not ill-researched. The information that Mr. Bock based the column upon is the same information that is readily available to every student at the University. Do you expect every student who contemplates forming an unfavorable opinion about the NUto do Web site or NU Directions to contact the NU Directions office and get a brief history of the organization? I think you are pointing your finger in the wrong direction. If you would like students to be informed about what your organization does, you must inform them. Students cannot be expected to seek out that information.

It is because of that lack of information that I can assure you Tony Bock is not the only student with the opinion he shared on Tuesday. Everyone I spoke with about the column at least partially echoed the opinions shared.

Luckily, Mr. Workman, there is a medium through which you have the opportunity to inform the students about NUto do and NU Directions and also get feedback from them. Tony Bock, Seth I. Witkowitz and I host "Hot Lunch," a call-in talk show on 90.3 KRNU radio that airs from 11 p.m. Monday to 1 a.m. Tuesday. We would like to invite you or someone from your office to appear on the show on Jan. 31. Our audience is a diverse representation of the student body including members of the Greek community, people who live in the residence halls and students who live off campus.

I think it would be an excellent opportunity for you to find out what students really want from NU Directions. I sincerely hope that you accept the invitation, Mr. Workman. Our e-mail address is krnuhotlunch@hotmail.com, and we look forward to hearing from you.

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Leftists

I've noticed that the pictures of the columnists this semester in the on-line version of the Daily Nebraskan all are illuminated from the left.

From what they tend to write, that seems appropriate.

Tim Larson
UNL class of '85

Did she or didn't she?

Jeremy Patrick's (Jan. 26) column, "Columbine myth an example of lazy news reading," conveniently blames the Cassie Bernall story on the media, and not the incomplete research of the journalists. Hello, Jeremy?

Your column is a rehash of the story put forth by the online magazine, "Salon.com" subtitled "Everything You Know About the Littleton Killings Is Wrong" (Sept. 23). On the Cassie Bernall Web site, Wendy Murray Zoba examines the conflicting Columbine stories and contradicts Dave Cullen's attempts at debunking several "notorious events" associated with the Columbine massacre.

Jeremy, did you happen to read the Web site, in which Cassie's mother, Misty, said she had heard about the same conflicting stories during her writing of the book about her daughter? Misty Bernall stated, "at that point we stopped work and re-interviewed

several witnesses. We strove to tell our daughter's story as honestly as we possibly could." Zoba, an associate editor at Christianity Today, interviewed students who were in the library that day and named her sources. The named witnesses stand by their story regarding Cassie's conversation with the killer.

Sorry Jeremy, it DID happen! Cassie DID say "yes."

Why did we not read about any of Zoba's interviews in your column?

Didn't want to challenge the testimony of named witnesses? Don't blame the media, when your own research is seriously incomplete, in order to support your view on life. Your article supports your own conclusion, "the only thing we can do is be skeptical of what we read." Tsk! Tsk! Tsk!

For those interested in reading Zoba's article, you can find it at http://www.cassiebernall.org/did_she_or_didnt_she.htm

Jeremy, we need to keep praying and start acting.

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