

Abortion issue stirs mixed feelings

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women's rights since abortion was legalized.

But Bush, who is strongly anti-abortion, probably won't have as much influence as many people think, McChesney said.

"Bush has the potential to do horrible things to women's rights, but I don't think he will," she said.

Shannon Culek, a sophomore philosophy and political science major, said she thought legal abortions were in jeopardy.

"(Roe vs. Wade) was a good (decision), in the sense that it gave women the freedom of choice," she said. "Abortion should be a right, and it should go by science, not religion."

Hansen, a senior history major, said he thought abortions, whether legal or not, are inevitable.

Hansen, who is the government liaison committee chairman for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, noted that he was stating his own personal opinions, not the opinions of ASUN.

"The only real debate is whether those abortions are conducted under safe and legal conditions or whether they take place in basement clinics with little regard for the health and dignity of women," Hansen said.

Hansen said he thought if Roe vs. Wade was repealed during Bush's presidency, Bush would be so unpopular it would guarantee his defeat if he ran for in 2004.

"If the Republican Party wants to unleash the political forces that would accompany a repeal of the Roe vs. Wade decision, it's their political funeral," Hansen said.

Funds incentive to pass bill

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She said the bills attack social drinkers who don't pose a threat on the highways while ignoring the danger of binge drinkers who get behind the wheel after consuming too many drinks.

"Nobody objects to prosecuting the high (blood alcohol content) offenders," she said.

And she said lawmakers shouldn't jump on the .08 bandwagon just yet because many states promise to challenge the federal government's mandate in court.

Instead, she urged lawmakers to study the proposal.

"Use 2001 to 2004 to keep examining the issue," she said.

Kurt Muhle, chief of police in Tekamah, said "real" social drinkers don't pound down

enough booze to reach the .08 level.

In addition, he said, the bill would help prosecutors get convictions for people with .1 levels instead of .12.

The devices law enforcement officials use have a margin of error of about .02, so defendants get the benefit of the doubt when a close call arises.

"You never see .10 convictions now," he said.

Tom Spieker, an auxiliary volunteer for the United States Coast Guard, said LB167 would make roads, rivers and streams equally safe.

He said 80 percent of the time when he responds to calls after 10 p.m. alcohol is involved.

Jim Moylan, a spokesman for the Nebraska Liquor and Beer Association, said the proposed bill would actually hinder law

enforcement officials in their quest against drunk drivers.

Cops know how to identify people who are driving with blood alcohol levels above .10, Moylan said.

If the law changes, they would have to resort to roadblocks to find law breakers because cops don't know how to spot drinkers with less alcohol in their systems, he said.

Moreover, he said, researchers haven't reached consensus on exactly how many drinks a person needs to have to be impaired.

Because of these problems, Moylan said, lawmakers should resist unfair pressure from the federal government.

"We resent the federal government withholding money that Nebraska is rightfully entitled to," he said.

Is there life after the White House?

Clinton joins the other 41 former presidents who leave wondering "What's next?"

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WASHINGTON — William Howard Taft once proposed that each new former president be chloroformed to "fix his place in history and enable the public to pass on to new measures and new men."

Taft's dark humor surfaced when he was still smarting from Theodore Roosevelt's attempt to steer policies from retirement, even to the point of trying to replace Taft in the White House.

Earlier, Grover Cleveland had a different reaction when a newspaper editor suggested facetiously that all former presidents be branded as public nuisances and hauled before a firing squad.

"An ex-president has already suffered enough," Cleveland said in protest.

This week, Bill Clinton, who perhaps enjoyed the tumult and dazzle of the White House more than any president since Theodore Roosevelt, faces the ultimate question: What exactly does a former president do now?

Clinton's predecessors have had quite different prescriptions for the next stage in their lives. One, Jimmy Carter, gave a

whole new meaning to the job of ex-president.

Cleveland dealt with his status as an ex-president by running for president again and winning. Taft, who had been unhappy in the White House, was named chief justice and never looked back. "I don't remember that I ever was president," he said.

At 54, Clinton's options are open: completing his presidential library in Little Rock, Ark., writing his memoirs, lecturing, staying active in political life, including the career of his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. and, in his words, "making money."

George Washington shaped the landscape for those to follow by his simple decision to become a former president in the first place. Had he wanted, he probably could have served for life.

John Adams, the second former president, went home to Quincy, Mass., embittered by his 1800 defeat by Thomas Jefferson. Once settled in on his farm, Adams became a town surveyor of roads, selectman and assessor.

The paths former presidents have taken in their years out of office have been as varied as their circumstances and personalities.

Some flashbacks:
■ John Quincy Adams, the

first presidential son to become president until George W. Bush, won election to the House, where he helped create the Smithsonian Institution and beat the gag rule imposed to stop him from introducing petitions to abolish slavery.

■ Jefferson completed work on his home, Monticello; founded and designed the University of Virginia and re-established his broken friendship with Adams in one of the most celebrated correspondences in American history.

■ James Buchanan wrote the first presidential memoir — a defense of his hapless tenure — thereby establishing a precedent for a still-flourishing and increasingly profitable literary enterprise.

■ Andrew Johnson, the first president until Clinton to be impeached, was elected to the Senate, the body that had acquitted him by a single vote.

■ Theodore Roosevelt, after pursuing big game on African safaris, challenged Taft, his chosen successor, and lost a three-way race to Woodrow Wilson.

■ Wilson, his health shattered, settled into a house in Washington and enjoyed silent movies, rides in the country and evenings at burlesque houses.

■ Richard Nixon mounted a mission to save his post-Watergate reputation.

NU finds success in tennis opener

BY VINCE KUPPIG

Adnan Hadzialic and Fungai Tongoona came away with the "B" Flight Doubles consolation title to lead the Nebraska men's tennis team on Sunday at the Rice University Indoor Invitational.

Faring well individually for the Cornhuskers in their season opener were Hadzialic and Jorge Abos Sanchez, who each reached the quarterfinals of the "A" Flight singles.

The invitational, held Jan. 19-21, featured 16 teams, three of which are currently ranked in the top 20, including No. 5 Texas A&M and No. 6 TCU.

Considering the competition, NU Coach Kerry McDermott said he was pleased that two of his Huskers advanced to the quarterfinals before losing. Sanchez picked up the first set before falling to top-seeded Shaun Madden of Texas A&M, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, and Hadzialic lost in two sets, 6-4, 6-7, to third-seeded Toni Gordon of TCU.

"It was a good tournament for us," McDermott said. "Especially Jorge and Adnan played really well and got to the quarterfinals of the 'A' singles. They beat some really good players to get there."

McDermott said the performance of Sanchez and Hadzialic should get them a deserved top-100 national singles ranking. To support that, McDermott noted Sanchez's defeat of 92nd-ranked Mark Williams in the second round and Hadzialic's two-set win over Texas A&M's Cody Hubbell, who was ranked as high as 59th in the fall.

McDermott said their performances should help the

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Kerry McDermott
NU tennis coach

whole team in terms of moving it in the right direction.

In doubles action, Hadzialic and Tongoona, playing together for the first time, lost their first round match, but came back to pick up their final three matches en route to their consolation title.

"They're going to be a good team," McDermott said. "They just need to keep playing more together and communicate a little more. They just need to play as a team a little better."

McDermott said the start was very promising for NU, which was plagued by injuries last year.

"We feel real good that we're back to where we should be," he said. "We have to keep pushing along, practicing hard and then get into the dual matches and start winning some duals."

After a season full of duals, McDermott said he hopes NU will stand in the top 40 and have a chance to reach the NCAA tournament.

The Huskers will start their dual season at home against Wichita State on Feb. 3 at Woods Park at 5 p.m.

Web sites give fans insight into recruiting

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recruits.

"I'm uncomfortable with how this relates to the kids," Sipple said. "The sites have good and bad effects. They cut down on a number of calls the kids receive and go a long way to help newspaper people because we don't have to bug the recruits all the time. But it puts 18-year-olds in an interesting situation."

Said Sherman: "The sites create more of a nuisance for the recruits. Five to 10 years ago, only newspapers were contacting the players."

Just ask Brodie Croyle of Rainbow City, Ala., who is the No. 1 quarterback recruit according to rivals100.com.

Croyle, who has committed to Alabama, said he tried to stay away from the distractions created by all the attention he received from scouts.

"For a month or two, I received 20 or 30 calls a day," he said. "At first it was fun, but after awhile it got old. I found myself not wanting to go home as much as before."

The rivals100.com No. 1 running back prospect Kevin Jones, a Chester, Pa., native, said the site gave him extra attention that was helpful, but at times agitating.

"Sometimes I'm tired, and it can be menacing at times to take the calls," Jones said.

Coaches and members of the media contacted him so much that he lost count of how many calls he received on several days, Jones said.

Crabtree said the job of rivals100.com was to report recruiting news and refrain from becoming a part of the recruiting process.

"We don't influence the kids on their decisions," he said.

UNL running back ticketed by police after accident

Dahran Diedrich, 22, a running back for the University of Nebraska Husker football team was cited Jan. 16 for leaving the scene of a Jan. 12 accident, said Mylo Bushing, UNL assistant chief of police.

Diedrich's vehicle was parked at the West Gate of Memorial Stadium on Stadium Drive on the evening of the Jan. 12th.

A parking attendant driving through the lot noticed that Diedrich's name was on a list of vehicle owners who have unpaid parking tickets, Bushing said.

Because of Diedrich's unpaid citations, the parking attendant called a tow truck to have Diedrich's vehicle towed, Bushing said.

While the officer was waiting for the tow truck to arrive,

Diedrich arrived at his vehicle where the parking attendant informed Diedrich of his citations, Bushing said.

Diedrich then tried to move his vehicle before it could be towed, Bushing said.

As Diedrich was moving his vehicle, he hit the parking control person in the left knee with the back bumper of his vehicle, Bushing said.

Diedrich then drove away, Bushing said.

Although he said he had a sore knee, the parking attendant refused any medical treatment.

UNL police then found out who owned the vehicle and went to Diedrich's residence where police issued him a ticket for leaving the scene of an accident, Bushing said.

UNL Police take student, one other to detox

The checking of an emer-

gency blue phone Friday by a University of Nebraska police officer led to one University of Nebraska-Lincoln student and one other person being put into protective custody, Bushing said.

Bushing said around 1:21 a.m., a UNL police officer observed the two people on the sidewalk outside Bessey Hall walking north.

The officer noted that the two, Josh Nieman, 21, a junior at UNL and Josh White, from South Sioux City, smelled like alcohol and had slurred speech.

Both men were taken to Cornhusker Place Detox, where Nieman's blood alcohol level tested .273 while White's blood alcohol level tested .214.

UNL freshman ticketed for having drug paraphernalia

The sight of a head hanging out of the driver's side window of

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a parked car alerted UNL police officers to arresting a student for two drug citations.

Police saw Andrew Hammack, 19, a UNL freshman, passed out in his car, which was parked in the parking lot at 19th and Vine Streets around 3 a.m. Saturday, Bushing said.

Officers awakened Hammock and smelled a heavy odor of alcohol and marijuana, Bushing said.

Officers searched the car and found two five-inch marijuana pipes and one two-foot water-bong both with residue in them.

Officers also discovered other drug paraphernalia, Bushing said.

Hammack was taken to protective custody at Cornhusker Place Detox where his blood-alcohol level tested as .094.

Hammack was cited for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
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