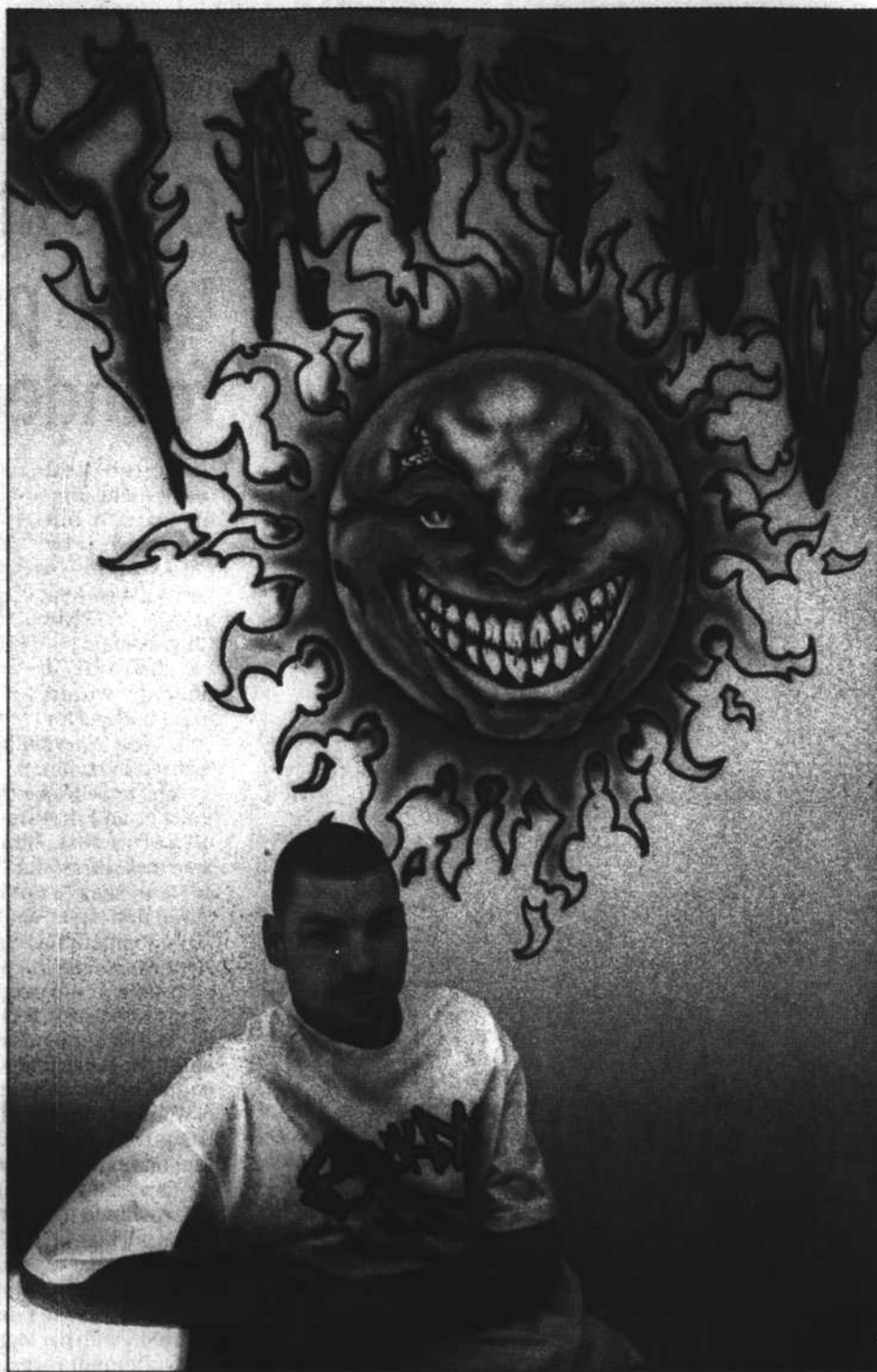


Andy Grubb, 24, sits beside a design he painted on the wall at Guns 2 Roses, the tattoo business where he works as an artist. Grubb, who began giving tattoos eight years ago, said he agreed with legislation that protects minors from getting tattoos without parental consent.



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Bill would ban kids' tatoos

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Piercing, 120 N.14th St., said her business already dodges the problem.

"We don't do minors at all," she said. Kids generally don't have enough responsibility to care for and clean their new piercings, she said. And, she said, it becomes a "big hassle" to sort through permission slips and waivers.

Gary Mayo, owner of Guns 2 Roses at 33rd and Holdrege streets, said he wrangles with release forms to avoid bigger problems in the future.

Mayo said all of his clients have to sign a variety of release forms before he draws, so he doesn't get in trouble when they wake up the next day covered in ink.

The forms verify that the clients are sober and healthy enough to get a tattoo, amongst many other things, he said.

"It's pretty in-depth," he said. Because a minor's signature isn't legally binding, Mayo said, he won't tattoo youngsters unless their parents tag along and sign the appropriate forms.

Artists with low standards and dirty needles prey on youths by charging a few extra bucks for the art if the minor doesn't have parental permission, he said.

"It's common knowledge that this takes place," he said.

J.D. Baker, owner of Body Electric tattoo, said people have to realize they can't erase tattoo once an artist plasters them on.

And, he said, most minors aren't capable of making this important consideration, but some young people are mature enough to grasp the consequences.

For this reason, Baker said, "nine times out of 10" he won't tattoo minors.

A few youths, though, who already have several tattoo and step into his shop with a good attitude might be able to get a drawing from him even if they

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don't have a parent along, Baker said. Baker said these youths deserve to be able to get body art, but he understands why the Legislature might want to curtail youngsters from making bad decisions.

"(Lawmakers') intentions are good," he said. But in reality the law wouldn't stop minors from getting tattoo, he said. Rather, Baker said, it would nudge minors toward underground operations that don't follow any laws and draw with dirty needles and cheap machines.

"No law will stop them," he said. "They'll either get it from a professional or a buddy with a homemade machine."

Dion Hood, owner of Dion Hood's Tattooing, 816 P St., said he already requires minors to bring a parent along.

Even though the law might add some extra paper to his desk, he said, he still supports the law, because it would help shut down unsanitary tattooers.

Hood said some artists don't protect customers by properly cleaning their tools; these business are the same ones that decorate kids without their parents' permission.

"I wholeheartedly agree with any legislation because it shuts down a lot of these (shoddy operations)," he said.

NU athlete skips court, faces arrest

BY JILL CONNER

After Steffon Bradford, 23, failed to appear in court Tuesday morning, a judge issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

Bradford, a power forward for the NU men's basketball team, was scheduled to appear to contest a charge of violating a stop sign and operating a vehicle without a driver's license.

A Lancaster County Court judge issued a warrant and a bond because Bradford did not appear.

Bradford was issued the citations Dec. 9. Jerry Trickle, assistant sports information director, said Bradford would only speak to the media through a prepared statement.

"I have learned of a problem stemming from my court date concerning a traffic violation. The date was supposed to have been changed but obviously there has been some miscommunication perhaps on my part. I plan to rectify this situation as soon as we return to Lincoln," Bradford said in the statement.

Trickle said he spoke to Bradford, who is aware of the warrant.

Funding for schools at top of priorities

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ing based on a formula that does not assure that those in need of the funding will benefit," Williams said.

The proposed amount of funding needed for the bill totals \$15 million.

But schools with a high enrollment of extreme poverty-level students weren't the only schools wanting a change in Nebraska's state aid formula for schools.

Though the formula was revamped during the 1998-99 school year, senators and schools want more changes in the calculation of state aid to schools.

Bills, such as LB690 and LB746, introduced by Sen. Ron Raikes of Lincoln, change the amount of state aid each school district receives per student.

Raikes' bills propose calculating the state's average cost per student by using all schools in the state instead of dividing the schools up by the number of students enrolled.

Currently, the aid per student is determined by the number of students in each of the three school cost groups - standard, sparse and very sparse - terms that refer to a school's population.

Raikes said because the school state aid formula changed in 1998-99, the gap in funding between the standard-enrollment schools and low-enrollment schools has widened.

Since the change, the funding gap between standard cost group schools and sparsely populated schools has increased, Raikes said.

The difference in funding a sparsely populated school compared to a very sparsely populated school also jumped, he said.

"Why are we funding one group (of students) so much differently than the other (groups of students)?" Raikes said.

Brad Cabrera, a representative of the Nebraska Rural Commission School Association, said the problem may not lie with rural schools spending more money but with urban schools not spending enough.

"Is disparity growing because standard cost groups aren't growing enough?" Cabrera asked.

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Law & Order

Suspect makes getaway with money, phone

A robbery at Bud's Beverages, 1053 Saunders Ave., Monday night left police without any suspects.

At 11:20 p.m., a man walked into the store and threatened the clerk with a silver handgun, said Lincoln Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell.

Finnell said the man told the clerk to open the cash drawer and then to remove all the money. The man also told the clerk to rip the cordless phone out of the wall, Finnell said.

The man left with an unknown amount of money and the Bell South cordless phone, Finnell said.

She said the cashier described the suspect as a male in his late 20s, around 5 feet 7 inches tall and about 105 pounds. Finnell said the man was wearing a dark, hooded sweatshirt, black gloves and a black nylon mask.

University Book store thief caught in the act

After seeing a student selling textbooks back numerous times, a bookstore employee alerted police.

The employee told officers he was suspicious because a student sold books back that did not appear used, said Mylo Bushing, University of Nebraska-Lincoln assistant police chief.

Bushing said the manager checked and found that the books in question had never been sold.

Bushing said the student told officers that he took the books off the shelf and then went and sold them back.

The student said he did it because he needed money, Bushing said.

The student apologized to the manager and has until the Feb. 26 to pay back the bookstore, Bushing said.

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