



to the editor

Water follies

Dear editor,

I am writing this letter in response to an activity engaged in by some adult members of the University. I am referring, of course, to the water throwing spree last Thursday night.

Now on campus is a big movement to bring to students all the "adult rights" students say they are entitled to. My response to this is that along with rights go responsibilities, one of which is respect for another and his or her property.

Throwing water inside someone's car as it is passing by doesn't show much respect for another and his property. This is not to mention the danger involved. A driver easily could lose control of his car and strike a parked car or a pedestrian.

Imagine how you would react if, while driving down a street, you suddenly were hit by a trash can full of water. "College pranks" can only be stretched so far.

I, too, believe most college students should be treated like other responsible citizens, but it is behavior like this that gives many people the excuse they are looking for to deny college students the chance to prove ourselves to be responsible citizens.

Jim Whitney

Dear editor,

I am in support of the stories concerning women's intercollegiate athletics (*Daily Nebraskan*, April 19).

Not only are athletes and parents concerned, but also students as myself who support them but do not actively participate.

This year the women's swimming team had to raise money to go to their national championship in Pennsylvania. The women swam 300 to 400 lengths of the pool at 1 cent a length for this money. Why don't the members of the men's swimming team have to do this to finance their trips?

Where is the line drawn that says men get credit for their athletic ability and the women's groups are looked on as a social club? They work every bit as hard.

I think it is time that equal opportunity hit the University of Nebraska right in the budget.

Laurie A. Novak

Dear editor,

I have attended UNL for two years and have been unable to participate on the intercollegiate teams because of my working to help support my education. Because of this, I am commenting on the article in the "Press Box review" concerning equal opportunity and scholarships for women in sports. I am in favor of equitable funding, coaching and scholarships for women.

In my opinion, it makes no sense for the varsity teams to go to the Coast, spend the entire weekend with all expenses paid and leave the women with just an afternoon trip and not even money for a snack. As in my case, I could not afford to pay for my meals on away trips.

I have friends who play on the volleyball, softball and baseball teams, and they comment on the triple wear of their uniforms. All three share the same knit uniforms. They also buy their own knee pads and tape, which, as I stated before, I also could not afford.

I do not think that fencing has national championships, but I do feel that track and field would be valuable. This is one of the teams which I would be interested in backing with my 100% effort and enthusiasm.

I think that it is time for more people to say what they feel and not keep it in the closet.

Paula Prichard

Sporting chance

Dear editor,

I agree with the recent stories concerning the University's reluctance in following Title IX of the education amendments article. It is ridiculous to consider the University treats the sexes equally when it comes to sports.

No financial aid is given to women and not all sports are available-not even track. We aren't given sufficient funding for meets or the opportunity of participating in Big 8 conference meets. This was the case with our swimming team.

A more obvious example of inadequate funding occurred when members of the swimming team had to swim in a marathon to get money to send qualifying swimmers to nationals.

I would like to see the swim team participate in meets of more competition. I also would like to see UNL get a women's track team, which is a major sport.

Nancy Summers

Last lasso

Dear editor,

We wish to take issue with the pro-rodeo letters

(*Daily Nebraskan*, April 25). The treatment that the goats, calves, cattle and bucking horses receive is an inhumane and unnecessary vexation of the hapless animals used (or abused) in this so-called sport. Football is far better—the players have a choice of whether they want to be involved in the sport. In a rodeo, the animals have no choice. After seeing how they are treated at a rodeo, I doubt if they would choose to be in one.

Children who see rodeos can develop an insensitive outlook on animals. We should be concerned about having them learn to treat animals with kindness. Animals have nerves and can feel pain just like man—why must we continue to misuse and abuse them?

Mary Rogge
Virginia Bagley

Silence is golden

Dear editor,

I would like to thank Howard Prouty of the Lincoln Silent Film Society. Having seen only a few of the films he brought to campus this semester, I can't say much about the response they got, but it seems to me that he carried on faithfully, with small encouragement and smaller financial support. Not one to complain, Howard would no doubt claim the satisfaction of offering and sharing some great moments.

I'm very glad to hear that Howard will bring back the Lincoln Silent Film Society in the Fall.

James Fultz

One night stand

Dear editor,

Nearly all guest speakers invited by this University remain here for only a day or two. A one night stand of this type may satisfy the wish to see a famous man in person, but is very rarely enlightening, although it may be entertaining. Thus, the snoring of Henry Steele Commanger for a 3-week engagement was an unprecedented stroke of genius for which both the University and the History Dept. are to be commended.

The Commanger lecture series due to its breadth and scope is a refreshing change. Unfortunately, it will probably be the last time the opportunity to hear a renowned scholar for an extended period here in Lincoln will be offered. Commanger has proved to be too great a contrast to those profs who apparently have only read the text they are teaching, and are graduates of the Mt. Rushmore School of Lecturing.

David L. Ryan

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