



letters to the editor

The United States Student Association spends "95 to 99 percent" of its time lobbying on educational issues. (I'm quoting from the article on ASUN buried on page six). Furthermore, their abortion lobbyist is not paid by USSA funds. This is why I think Thursday's editorial was a little off base.

The editorial closes with "No one likes to have others assume they can talk for him without asking first—especially when he's paying for it."

I was also dismayed at Shelley Smith choosing to fill half the front page with the abortion controversy, while not mentioning even a small part of the rest of Viggiano's talk.

Most of the information he related was far more germane to our lives here at UNL than whether or not there were procedural irregularities at the USSA conference.

After listening to Ms. Smith's questioning of Viggiano I knew what kind of article would appear the next day in the *Daily Nebraskan*. Too bad no one else except the 40 of us who attended will benefit from Viggiano's visit here.

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Athletic housecleaning

After reading about Jan Crouch quitting the women's basketball team, I feel compelled to make a public comment about the situation in the Women's Athletic Department. I know Jan Crouch only very slightly, but the little interaction I have had with her has led me to have a great deal of respect for her dedication to basketball.

She is not a quitter. Last year I worked with the team for two months as a student trainer. The season was at best, a farce, but she never gave up; her attitude, despite the situation (Coach Walker quit mid-season, the team was losing game after game, and morale was especially low).

Before Coach Walker quit it was obvious to anyone near the situation, that the team members did not respect her coaching philosophies. I am certain Jan did not respect some of the coach's tactics but she never showed it. She did not openly criticize the coach in front of team members. She emphasized the positive.

Only one time did I see her lash out and that was only for a moment; in tears she swallowed some hard words that were hard to take from someone who is not respected. Some would have, and did quit. Quitting is a

hard thing to do when scholarship money is involved. When team leaders like Jan Crouch and Darcy Williamson quit, it really makes me wonder what is going on.

I've talked to many athletes from several different sports and I have not found many who are happy with the way women's athletics is run. In fact, most that I have talked to are very unhappy with the way things are run.

What I am suggesting is that something is wrong in the administration of women's athletics.

Jan Crouch joins a long list of good Nebraska women athletes that have quit or chosen not to compete on a team here at the University; the list includes; Darcy Williamson, Karen Frazee, Anita Baha, Deb Lee, Shari Brink, Tammy Poe, Shari Stone, and Linda Jansen to name a few. These are talented athletes whose skills and leadership are missed, I'm sure.

Perhaps the administration should take a hard look at its goals and objectives. They might find that some housecleaning and a re-evaluation of priorities is in order.

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Up the wage

I am outraged to think that I am a student of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, who is supposedly supported by the Financial Aids Office—Work Study division. At the beginning of the fall term, I began working for \$2.65 per hour. At that time, I was told by my superiors that in January I would receive a wage hike of \$2.90 an hour, which is currently the national minimum wage.

Today I am aware that I am making sub-minimum wage in the fiscal year of 1979. How does the UNL expect students in need of financial support to survive decently with below minimum wage; pay for rent; food; clothing; transportation, books, paper, pencils, etc.? Surely, they are aware of the expenditures or are they?

What perturbs me the most is that the Regents are more than willing to support the football stadium, yet are not willing to pay those of us who are more concerned with an education, the minimum wage. Do they realize that the cost of living and inflation has raised? Evidently not!

I will not be surprised at all if, during this semester many grades fall below par; students work performance is low; students appear angry and distressed, and most of all, have nervous breakdowns. Where is the humanity of UNL? Evidently in the football helmets!

Hey students, let's support each other. We can appeal the waiver. If you want better pay and your sanity, write your regent immediately!

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FTC...

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A television set is designed for one purpose: to sell products. But it doesn't follow that parents who give this salesman a permanent place and voice in the living room must automatically be defenseless against whatever trick-some come-ons the salesman may concoct. A license to sell to adults isn't a license to manipulate children.

In seeking to protect children from advertisers, the FTC's central argument remains unassailable: Because the receiver of the advertiser's message is too young to understand the message, the sender ought to desist. Unfair advertising is the issue, and that is part of the FTC's job.

Violating rights

But to advertisers who have become accustomed to beaming their messages to children without federal static, a proposal to desist is being portrayed as a violation of their economic rights. This is the "regulation-is-bad-for-business" argument now in high vogue.

Indeed it may well be true that some advertising agencies and their clients would feel a pinch. But are things so desperate for manufacturers that they can't wait a few years to get at the minds and dollars of the young? Must the values of the marketplace assault children when they are hardly out of the crib?

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