

letters to the editor

I'm writing this letter for all undergraduates who are fed up with the study conditions that are presently offered at the Law Library. I see no reason why all students of the UNL system should not be allowed to use these study facilities to the fullest extent. It seems totally ridiculous that the library staff has to call the police in order to have a student removed from the upper level of this library. It is especially absurd because the upper level was only 20 percent full at the time.

I agree wholeheartedly that the law students should have the right to privacy and quiet study in the Law Library. However, the question still remains: Is the building their library alone? Is not this building a part of the UNL system and if so isn't it partially paid for and funded by all student fees?

It seems like such a total waste that an excellent facility such as the Law Library should not be used to the fullest.

Many nights the library is only partially filled on the upper level, yet the undergraduate area is packed full with students. If a law student needs my seat, I would be more than happy to give it to him. If, on the other hand, the upper level is not full, then please let me use the area so that I can get my work done also.

Maybe the undergraduates on this campus have no right to use this library. If this is the case then I stand to be corrected. If this is not the case then let's see if the rules concerning this matter can be reevaluated in the hope that all students can have an equal right to the use of this building.

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Energy choices

This editorial is intended to be neither pro nor con, only to illuminate some aspects of power production. The power difference between coal, nuclear, natural gas, and solar power plants is the method of boiling the turbine water. Thermal pollution, a product of cooling the turbine after water, occurs in all power plants regardless of the heat source. Coal power requires strip mining and then produces toxic by-products after burning the coal, which degrades the ecology.

Natural gas is clean and efficient; however, supplies cannot keep up with demands. Nuclear plant wastes were

to be regenerated and reused, but economics dictated otherwise and those highly toxic wastes are buried.

Solar-powered turbine plants require one square mile with 20,000 mirrors to produce 100 megawatts. To produce the same amount of energy as a nuclear plant. (1000 megawatts) 10 square miles of area, about the size of Lincoln, would be filled with mirrors. Interrupted service and maintenance costs make solar power economical only on small scales.

Nuclear plants are an economic necessity that cost \$100,000 per day when a Nebraska plant shuts down and will cost Nebraskans about \$1 million per day to buy power if the plants were closed. Conservation, even to the point of altering our lifestyle, and alternative fuel sources will not replace nuclear plants, only lower their numbers.

If experts cannot be trusted, as Senator Fowler said in Monday's *Daily Nebraskan*, who can be trusted? Politicians? No wonder many people have bad concepts of higher education.

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Marathoner . . .

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For the moment, Rodgers is thinking about the heat that might hit Boston on Patriot's day. In 1976, the thermometer reached almost 100 degrees, the hottest Boston in 67 years. Although Rodgers frets about his inability to run well when it's past 70 degrees, he may have little more than a mild case of the worries.

Last August, Rodgers ran against a world-class field on a scorching day in a 7.1-mile road race in Falmouth, Mass. He blazed the first two miles in 8:49 and the third in 4:31. By five miles, only Alverto Salazar, the 1978 NCAA cross-country champion, was with him. Rodgers turned it on and finished with a course record 32:21.

The sun burned with such fever that Salazar, 59 seconds behind at the finish, had to be hauled off to the hospital with heatstroke. They gave him IVs and he recovered.

Since then, Rodgers is the only runner in American who says he can't run in the heat. And nobody believes him.

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Applications for Night News Editor and Photo Chief also are due April 16.

Applications for Sports, Entertainment and Layout Editors are due Friday, April 20 at 5 p.m.

Applications for East Campus Bureau Chief, Art Directors, Fathom Editor and Fathom Managing Editor also are due April 20.

SALT negotiator to speak

With the United States and the Soviet Union on the verge of reaching a strategic arms limitation agreement, UNL will host one of the negotiators this week.

Leo Sartori, a physical science officer in the SALT negotiation, will speak on "S.A.L.T. and American Security," at UNL on Tuesday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Centennial Room of the Nebraska Union.

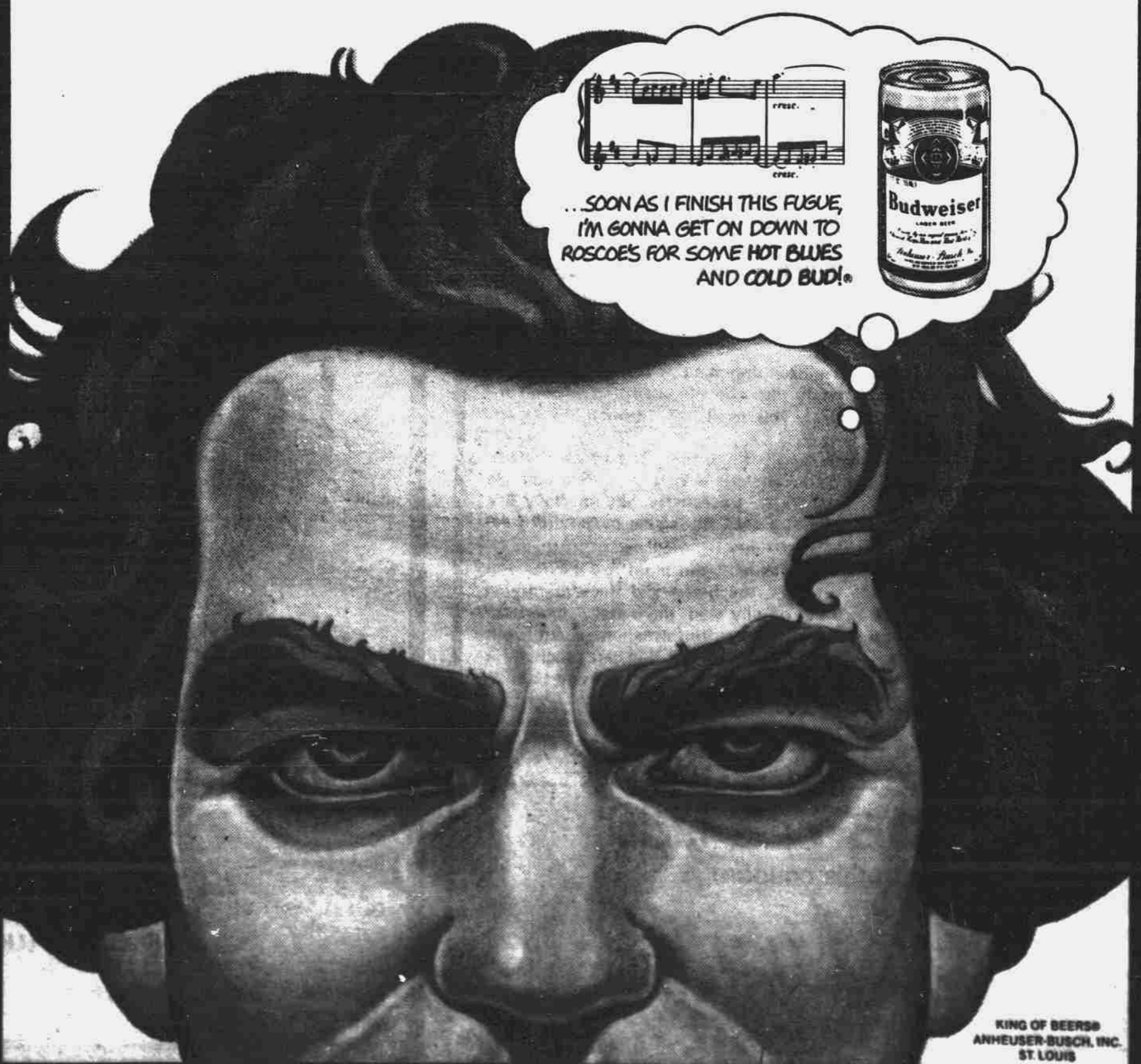
The lecture, which will last one hour and have a question and answer session afterward, will be preceded by a press conference at 4:00 p.m. in Room 203, Nebraska Union.



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