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## Keep facilities open

I am writing with concern regarding the recommended budget cuts to the Recreation Department. As an incoming student for the 1982-83 school year, I feel I have a right to express my opinion as the changes will take affect when I'm in school,

I fail to see, with 20,000-plus students paying more than \$70 apiece in student fees alone, how there can be insufficient funds to keep the present facilities open next year. Who is getting all this money?

What do you thing 20,000-plus students are going to do with one basketball floor and one pool open for three to four hours nightly? I doubt if the students will if into these two facilities. It seems funny that a university such as Nebraska's that puts such a high emphasis on its sports and excelling in those sports totally ignores the needs of more than 90 percent of the nonathletic-team students,

As stated in a Feb. 8 Daily Nebraskan article, UNL already has the lowest number of hours available for student use of the facilities among Big Eight schools, It looks like Nebraska is going to lead the nation in another sports (or in this case no-sport) area a non-athletic student body.

It's bad enough that students can't use the Devaney Sports Center (who paid for it anyway?) But to deny them the use of the other broken down facilities is really a joke. If we as students allow this to happen, I guess the joke is on us.

Kris Kahl Junior Future transfer student to UNL

## Against CFA proposal

I was shocked to read in the Feb. 8 Daily Nebraskan that the Committee for Fees Allocation recommends that the Recreation Department allocations be reduced for the next school year. CFA is saying that they would rather shut down these facilities than pay someone to supervise activities that occur in them. This is pure laziness. It may be chaper to close them down, but think of the damage inflicted on students at UNL. No longer would a nonvarsity student athlete be able to run a couple of miles in the Mushroom Gardens, lift weights in the Coliseum, or swim in Mabel Lee Hall. In fact, the only way for the non-varsity student to get any type of indoor exercise would be to use the Bob Devaney Sports Center. But wait! That facility is, of course, off limits to non-varsity students. In other words, the bottom line is that most students would lose all use of recreation facilities except for the gym in the Coliseum and and the pool in Mabel Lee Hall, and then have access only a few hours each day. Not only that, but East Campus stu-

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dents would lose all indoor athletic facilities.

This is a pathetic situation. For the first time, it has been decided to close buildings rather than charge students more money to keep them open. An odd twist in UNL's philosophy, I'd say. I suppose the next step is to start closing other buildings on campus. Pretty soon all that would be left would be the football stadium and the sports center.

I urge all students to sign the petition around campus protesting this issue. Let's knock some sense into CFA before it's too late.

> **Geoff Freed** Junior English

## State assaults beliefs

Please allow me to rebut the editorial which disapproved of the Christian school bills (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 4).

Accreditation and certification requires that a higher entity approve a lower. An institution does not approve or accredit an organization which is deemed an authority. A congregation with a day school as an integral part of its ministry looks for approval from within the hierarchy of church authority. Likewise, a civil community with a day school as an integral part of its program looks for approval or accreditation from within the hierarchy of state authority, i.e. the State Department of Education. The Constitutional writers deemed it wise not to place either institution above or below the other one. Therefore, neither organization could regulate, control, interfere or license the other. This was the original intent of the separation of church and state.

Many pastors and leaders in the church refuse to bow before the state regulations because of scriptural admonition, which is wisely protected by the Constitution as described above. Their religious beliefs are assasulted when the state attempts to place itself in authority over their ministries.



If bill supporters were truly concerned about education they would put their money where their mouths are. And they do.

In addition to supporting the public schools through taxation, they pay around \$100 tuition per child per month for their children to attend a Christian school. (I do not support tuition tax credits, however.) I appreciate your concern for quality and standards, but what parent would make such sacrifices if the school did not have higher moral and academic standards for both students and teachers? Are we parents so dependent that we ask the state to look over our shoulders after our children? Heaven forbid!

Al Heber Graduate student Engineering

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