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## Flutes 'delightful'

To me, there is something intrinsically beautiful and sacred about the sound from a flute anyway; but when 20-plus flutists are playing simultaneously, as they were last Thursday evening at Kimball Recital Hall, the sound was "inspirational."

The entire program was delightful, professionally executed, and went off without a hitch. To those who were not lucky enough to attend, the instruments were as diversified as the selections; from piccolos to bass flutes.

Thank you, UNL Flute Choir, for an evening my wife and I won't soon forget.

Brian D. Striman  
 assistant professor, Law Library

## Consider alternatives

This letter is in regard to the Ross Mackenzie column printed Dec. 2, which stated that the objections to the proposed MX missile system have no base.

First of all, it's easy to use statistics and say that today's defense spending is almost half of the percentage it was during the Kennedy administration of 1962. But if you look at it from a dollar standpoint you will see that there is no comparison whatsoever. Second, the people objecting to the missile system are not non-experts but are senators on the Arms Control Committee, Republican and Democrat alike. Many of them have stated before that the dense-pack system would be a waste of money that would be better off going toward the development of the trident submarines, B1-B's or the stealth aircraft. I believe that if the administration really wants to help our military situation it should seriously consider these alternatives.

Kevin Gallagher  
 business administration

## Statements clarified

On Dec. 4, I received a call from a Daily Nebraskan reporter, who asked me several questions about my candidacy for mayor of Lincoln. I thought he understood quite well what I had said until I read his article in the Daily Nebraskan on Dec. 6. I must protest several inaccuracies.

First, the election in May will be preceded by a primary election in April. The two top vote-getters will be on the May ballot. I think it is important to realize that if voters do not vote for their candidate in April, they may not get a chance to vote for him at all.

## Letters

Second, I never said that I "... would encourage industrial growth by trying to make more lenient tax laws." I said something like, "I have heard that Lincoln's tax laws are not as favorable to new industry as they are in other places, and I would look at this situation." I may support new tax laws, but I need much more information before I would try to change them.

Third, I did not say that I would allow new industry in places other than the downtown area. The reporter asked me what I would have done differently from Mayor Helen Boosalis, and I said that I would not have been so protective of the downtown area. I think events of the past few years show that Lincoln continually will be fighting developers who want to build outside the downtown area. However, I do support the Comprehensive Plan. I think long-range planning is essential to healthy growth of a city.

Finally, I did not say "individual freedoms could be increased... (by legalizing) marijuana for personal in-home use." The reporter asked me if I was a conservative or liberal. Since neither of these labels fit my political philosophy, I was attempting to give examples of issues that would show my beliefs. This was only meant as an example of my basically libertarian ideas, not things I desire for Lincoln. I have no intention of legalizing gambling, prostitution or drugs at this time. I think that an elected official must be responsible to the citizens of the city and enforce the laws that they want. My personal opinions of what should and should not be legal are far less important than the will of the people.

Arnold Grinvalds  
 Lincoln

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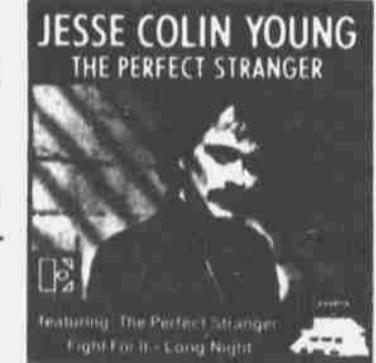
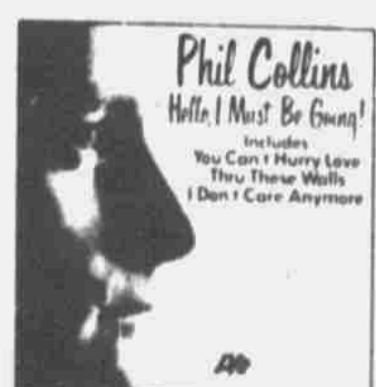
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 Colleges have a lot of resources to improve teaching and macro-educational planning that are not being used. These resources can be used so long as there is honesty, seriousness and commitment - in sum, enthusiasm.

It is difficult for foreign students, Nigerians in particular, to get into the graduate program in business administration because of what I call "mixed feelings" on the part of both students and instructors. I suspect that besides the "mixed feelings," the lack of mathematics aptitude is the single most important deterrent to success in graduate programs. Both students and instructors need to better articulate the problem and the solutions about the "math problem."

It is unfair for a foreign student to discredit an accredited institution of higher education because these institutions basically want them. But students are unsatisfied with an institution, they should seek solution through communication with university officials.

UNL is not behind in its responsibilities to the progress of foreign students. There are exceptions to everything. But I am not dealing with the exceptions; I am dealing with the norm.

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