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CO-REC FOOTBALL

Division A
Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Alpha Omicron Pi 37, Burr Three West 6
Harper Seven-Smith Nine by forfelt over Alpha Phi-Sigma
Phi Epsilon

Smith Five-Harper Three 24, RKPB 0 Smith Ten 6, Sandoz Six 0 Rec Scoreboard

Sandoz Nine by forfeit over Raymond Three
Schramm Three by forfeit over Abel Two
Gators by forfeit over Delta Delta Delta
Kappa Alpha Theta 22, Fedde 0
The Big Eight 26, Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Pi Beta Phi 0
Schramm Six-Smith Three 34, Sigma Phi Epsilon-Alpha Phi
20

SOFTBALL

Fraternity League A
Alpha Tau Omega 6, Theta Xi 4
Alpha Gamma Rho 4, Sigma Nu 2
Lambda Chi Alpha 7, Sigma Alpha Epsilon 3

Harper Eight-Smith Ten 20, Gamma Phi Beta 6

Table funds better spent elsewhere

I'm a diehard UNL athletics fan. Football, basketball, softball, volleyball, gymnastics — you name it, I'm a fan. Our athletes make many sacrifices to compete and bring us the enjoyment of sport. They deserve our support.

I'm also a diehard UNL fan. This university has served the state for more than a hundred years. Unfortunately, in this era of tight budgets, revenue

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shortfalls and appropriations cutbacks, "The U" faces a crisis.

That is why I was disturbed when I learned of the NU Board of Regents' approval of preliminary plans for a new study hall athlete training table. This proposal, which carries about a \$1 million price tag, calls for the new facility to be built beneath the West Stadium. Financing would be provided by non-tax sources, the bulk of which is Nebraska's share of Kickoff Classic revenues.

My question is: How can the athletic department justify this kind of expenditure when the university as a whole is in financial trouble?

The Library system is \$70,000 short — and they're cutting back on hours. Dozens of courses had to be dropped at UNO and many teachers will lose their jobs as a result. Classes are overcrowded — the list could go onand on, but the idea is clear: The university system is struggling to make ends meet while the athletic department is planning to spend \$1 million on a project thats value is questionable at best.

The training table is a great place to eat. It has the best food on campus. The beef club and other boosters contribute a lot to ensure that our athletes have

the kind of diet they need. That's all well and good. But do we really need a new facility? True, the seating capacity at Selleck Food Service dining hall (current training table location) is smaller than some would like, and yes, some people do have to wait in line for a time, but let's consider the circumstances we face.

Likewise, the study hall seems to be more than adequate. True, it really isn't big enough, but students haven't done too badly with the present setup. We all know Nebraska's great record concerning academics for athletics. Another few years with the present setup is not an unreasonable request.

You might say the athletic department earned the money - it won't take any tax dollars away from the university, so why not use it for athletic purposes? Tricky argument. But look at it this way: What is the primary purpose of this campus? The education of 20,000-plus students or the production of athletic teams? Are we slipping into the mentality of a former president of Oklahoma University, who once vowed to "have a university the football team could be proud of"? Let's hope not. It only seems logical that when one branch (athletics) has money to spare, and the other branch (academics) is pinching pennies, some sharing of the wealth should take place. I'm sure the deans of every college on this campus could find a way to put some extra money to work.

Times indeed are tough for Nebraska these days. Any way to keep the programs from slipping further in the academic world needs to be examined. What I've proposed here would help somewhat to maintain our academic standing. I'm all for our athletes having only the best, but the study hall training table project seems a little extravagant in the current situation. Let's not forget our primary purpose here — education. Go Huskers, Go Big Red, but most of all, Go University of Nebraska.

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