

Letters

UNL 'on its way down'

UNL no longer is a respected or respectable institution (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 2). It is becoming more evident where the priorities of the NU Board of Regents and UNL administrators lie and these obviously have been discerned with no consideration for the students and faculty.

Granted that there is a necessity to tighten up the budget, but by looking at the proposed eliminations and cuts, primarily in services, we can see that these people are looking out for someone besides the students and faculty.

For example, in the story concerning the proposed elimination of the Sheldon Film Theatre (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 1), it was stated that the Sheldon receives \$20,000 from UNL's budget while it brings in \$80,000 of its own revenue. A savings of \$20,000 is a meager amount in the overall budget of \$121.9 million and is not apt to make or break the university.

The only part of this university remaining solvent is the sports department. They seem to have plenty of money to keep their precious football team and offer all the athletes the best of training facilities. Enormous revenue from Big Red games goes for this and although the department is said to be part of UNL, none of their funds are used for academics.

In my opinion, UNL has gone past respectability, past mediocrity, on its way down to be a money-snatching farce. I am saddened and ashamed to be a part of a university whose administration and state government hold it in such low esteem and is willing to try to serve its faculty and students who are the university.

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Soviet acts 'only evil'

The editorial on the Grenada invasion (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 28) typifies communist thinking. Only the warped logic of communist thinking could make the statement "It appears that the Soviet and American invasions are quite similar."

Quite similar? How similar is good to evil or light to darkness? The Soviets's intents and actions in Afghanistan have been only evil. They confiscated an entire country for their own purposes and have occupied it for several years now. They have slaughtered thousands of innocent people with bombs, bullets, nerve gas and other chemical and biological agents.

They also have destroyed crops, forcing thousands to either starve or flee to refugee camps in Pakistan. They have murdered many more thousands in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia since we left there. Their intent is to put the whole world under the oppression of communism and they are rapidly nearing that goal.

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Scoring point of game

According to the Lincoln Journal and Star of Oct. 30, Don Bocchi, assistant football coach at Kansas State, accused the Huskers of having no class because they tried to run up the score against the Wildcats during the first half. He said this was why he was irritated at the side line and why his players were fired up with a dramatic revenge during the second half.

I applauded the Wildcats' courage and ability to fight back. But what's wrong with running up the score in a game? A game is a competition in which both teams are expected to prove their best. Can one accuse somebody of doing one's best during a competition? A game is not a war. In a war, one might beg for mercy from his enemies, but he can't come to a game and beg for mercy from his opponents.

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Trickle down ineffective

Regarding Glenn Paulsen's letter (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 3): Has he forgotten that the private sector of this economy is the perpetuating force behind America's poor? It was this same private sector which Paulsen believes will rescue the impoverished that exploited men, women and children to such a degree that labor unions needed to form in order to buffer their opportunistic greed.

No, the trickle-down theory does not work in a society which emphasizes materialistic goods. Providing jobs for the poor is an over-simplistic answer and too often conservative rhetoric.

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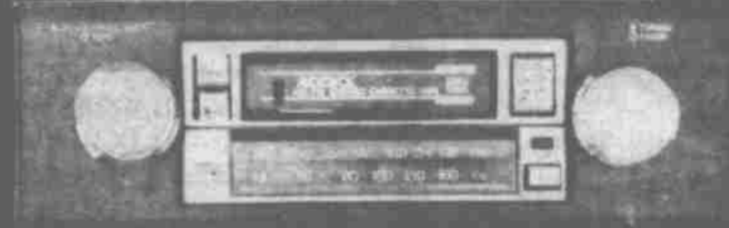
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