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Locker room 'intolerable'

The Coliseum women's locker room is a disaster area.

Everywhere you look, paint is peeling off the walls and ceiling into chipped pieces and landing everywhere. The windows are cracked and ready to shatter. Every time I take a shower, I wonder if a little paint chip is going to land in my eye.

UNL should spend a few bucks to remedy this intolerable situation. I don't understand why NU is going to spend millions on the Lied Center for Performing Arts, yet cannot spare a few pennies to clean up the Coliseum locker room. Many students and faculty use the Coliseum.

I'm no sports fanatic. I'm just interested in having a healthy body as

well as a healthy mind.

The university needs to serve our needs. In the future, more students will be using the locker rooms than the Lied Center. I want UNL to prove to me that it values the needs of ordinary people who like to exercise as much as it values the physical needs of its competitive athletes. I would like to see a Bob Devaney Sports Center, but on a smaller scale, for intramural sports and exercise.

You can bet that such a building would attract more students to UNL than a Lied Center.

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Center's opponents fail to grasp issue

Ignorance abounds whenever anyone talks about the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

If NU spent \$25 million on a new recreational building, Gary Longsine (who helped plan a recent protest against the Lied Center) and other misinformed people would not be in such an uproar. Nebraska taxpayers and private citizens are building something that will be an incredible benefit to UNL and the entire state.

I have heard many arguments from students about the Lied Center.

I have read almost everything about the Lied Center since the money was donated in the spring of 1984. People often fail to understand the ramifications that projects like the Lied Center will have on the students and Lincoln.

Let's not stereotype all Nebraskans as farmers too dull to care about art or dance. I know several people statewide who care about the arts. And yes, Omahans will come to Lincoln just like Lincolnites go to Omaha for events at the Orpheum or the Civic Auditorium.

Talented faculty and business people will be attracted to Lincoln and will be more likely to settle here if the arts are prominent. Many professors indicate that this is important in their decision to stay or come to Lincoln.

Students will be able to use the Lied Center. Griffin said that before any building is built at UNL, there must be a specific "program statement" written that says exactly what the building is going to be used for. Students are top priority.

Why build Lied when Sheldon's hours are cut and the exhibits in Morrill Hall are decaying? Budget cuts are temporary and usually are made in areas that will cause public outcry. In Omaha a few years ago, there was a lid bill on the Omaha Public Schools. Things were cut that would make parents scream — junior high sports and the driver education program. Yes, UNL is having financial problems right now but if we wait to build the Lied Center the money will not be available in five or 10 years.

Griffin also told me the UNL Physical Plant did a detailed study of how much the Lied was going to cost to operate. The \$5 million endowment for maintenance will cover that.

People need to look around and be more open-minded about the far-reaching effects of the Lied Center.

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Caretaking conflicts common to parents

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Infancy is the time of overwhelming need and helplessness. But if new parents are segregated from the rest of us, then employers may go on dealing with caretaking as an extraordinary "problem" in the life of an otherwise "normal" worker. They may go on thinking of most workers as carefree. And it just isn't so.

My lunchmates with their wistful musing about belated maternity leave give testimony to that. Mothers and fathers alike can list their longings for an extra piece of time to spend on their children whether those children are 15 days or 15 years old.

So can adults involved in caring

for their own mothers and fathers. At the Travelers Corporation in Hartford, one-quarter of their workers spend an average of 10.2 hours a week caring for elderly relatives. Caretaking is not an exception, not a temporary blip. As long as birth and death and illness are part of life, it is a norm.

In fairness, many of the plans and programs and studies of family policy go beyond the most intense focus on infant-care leave. Pat Schroeder's bill in Congress would extend parental leave to include those who must take care of a seriously ill child. The high-powered Family Policy Panel with its mix of academics, business leaders and planners called this month for part-time work and flexible hours as well as parental leave. But there is a risk

that we will deal with the conflicts between work and family in segments rather than a whole, a whole life.

At the moment only 40 percent of the working mothers in this country get even six weeks of post-partum leave with any income or job guarantee. Still fewer parents have the option to take a longer unpaid leave and return to their jobs.

Do the parents of newborns come first in terms of public policy? Absolutely. But I must pass on the message from my lunch companions. Maternity leave, like infancy itself, is just the beginning.

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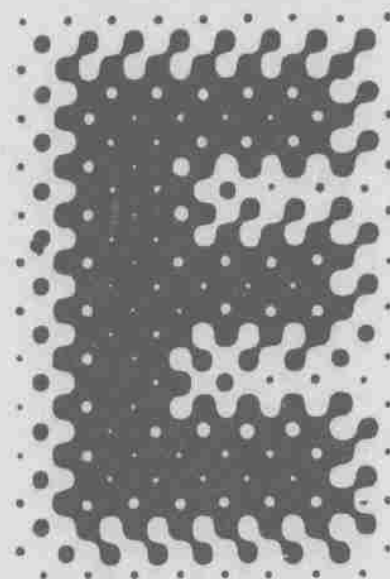
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