

# Opinion

## Letters

Brief letters are preferred, and longer letters may be edited. Writer's address and phone number are needed for verification.

### Issue is bad recreation facilities, not clean lockerroom

The recent letters on the cleanliness of the UNL Coliseum deal with a minor issue on campus. The real problem is the lack of sufficient recreation facilities.

Last Saturday I went to the Coliseum to play basketball. I was turned away because the Girl Scouts had it reserved. Why do Girl Scouts come before university students?

Then I considered going to the Men's

Physical Education Building, but I remembered the rank smell of sweating bodies and the lack of ventilation.

So I decided to get my exercise swimming. I went to the pool at the Coliseum only to find out that it is open only three hours a day, five days a week, not on weekends.

Frustrated, I proceeded to the mushroom gardens' indoor running track. There's nothing like a breath of stale

air in an inadequately small running track which is full of puddles because water continually falls from the ceiling.

It is obvious that UNL needs to improve its ailing recreational facilities. Not only are the hours of availability too few, but the space is inadequate and frequently rented out.

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### McMahon's silly headbands, habits don't threaten American values

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I suppose it's possible Theismann is right. Maybe McMahon will set children down the path to wickedness, sin and wearing silly headbands.

In one of his more frivolous moments, McMahon dropped his trousers during practice in New Orleans and mooned a passing airplane.

So, if air travelers begin reporting that they are looking down and seeing thousands of adolescent rumps shining up at them, we'll know that McMahon has made an impact on the youth of America.

I think it's too early to tell. As of this week, there hasn't been one report of mooning made to the FAA.

However, I've thought about what Theismann said, and whether I'd want my kids to be like McMahon. After careful consideration, I don't think I'd mind too much.

I estimate that with his salary, commercial endorsements, speeches and all the rest, McMahon is going to make several million dollars before he turns 30.

Well, if my kids did that, I would sit down with them and have a heart-to-heart talk about how families should stick together — espe-

cially fathers and sons. Then I'd drop my resignation on the editor's desk and happily spend the rest of my years as a beer-drinking burden to them.

McMahon showed admirable restraint in barely acknowledging Theismann's criticism.

If he had been in a nastier mood, he might have raised some questions about Theismann's qualities as a role model to youth.

For example, McMahon, despite his habit of putting tobacco under his lower lip, is still happily married to his wife and is said to be a doting father.

In contrast, Theismann recently bid farewell to his loyal wife of 15 years, and took up with a curvaceous TV actress.

Don't misunderstand. I am not making any moral judgments about Theismann. Men, even those who play professional football, can be weak creatures. And a good-looking babe is a good-looking babe.

But his wife, who said she learned she was being dumped only when her accountant mentioned it to her, made a few moral judgments of her own.

In a magazine article, she wrote: "Success ruined our marriage. Or perhaps Joe's inability to handle success. He lost his values."

Also: "Our marriage went up and down with his career . . . We shared the downside more than the success."

And: "I know what I want . . . someone who loves me as much as they love themselves."

So, I think that if I were going to preach to my sons about role models, I might say something like:

"Lads, if you want to wear silly headbands, that's OK with me. If you want to chew tobacco, I won't complain. And if you want to moon an airplane, I can live with that, too."

"But after you've been married to a woman for 15 years, and you're in the bucks and a famous star, don't walk out on her and the kids for some cute trick in the movies."

And one final thought that Theismann might consider:

Yes, if it weren't for football, McMahon might be "some yo-yo out there drinking beer."

But if it weren't for football, Theismann might be some yo-yo out there romancing a truck-stop waitress named Pearl.

If Pearl would have him.

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## Feb. 10 editorial lacked research

The editorial titled "Budget-cutting, Ideas lack student input," (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 10), was full of fallacy and skepticism. I, too, am a student at UNL and my attitude pertaining to the Academic Planning Commission and their recommendation to Chancellor Martin Massengale to form an ad-hoc committee is different than "Now it is too little, too late."

The basis of reporting an editorial or a front-page story requires research.

to be composed of representatives from student affairs, representatives from business affairs and four members of the student body, two graduate and two undergraduate, to be appointed by the ASUN president. To further gain student voice and student concerns, the Academic Planning Commission is offering ASUN senators and the ASUN Academic Planning Committee the opportunity to meet with commission members and the ad-hoc committee recommendations pertaining to the interests of their constituents, the student body.

Each UNL student was to be made aware of this format and the budget proposal in the DN. This did not happen.

The Daily Nebraskan failed to print all the information it received from University Information. Seventeen reduction proposals affecting the student body were left out of the DN article. One such area was a \$75,000 reduction in Student Affairs.

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**Editor's note: Because of a lack of editorial space, the DN was unable to print the entire list of budget cuts Monday. The remaining cuts were included in Tuesday's DN.**

### Guest opinion

I am a student representative on UNL's Academic Planning Commission and not once was I contacted by the DN editorial board about budget reductions, the ad-hoc committee or the voice of the students on APC.

The mission of the Academic Planning Commission is to deal with matters pertaining to the academic arena. Three specific areas were proposed by the vice chancellors for program elimination and/or reorganization. They are Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Business Affairs.

It was the consensus of the Academic Planning Commission at our meeting two weeks ago that an ad-hoc committee be formed to investigate the budget reduction proposals from the entire spectrum. This committee was

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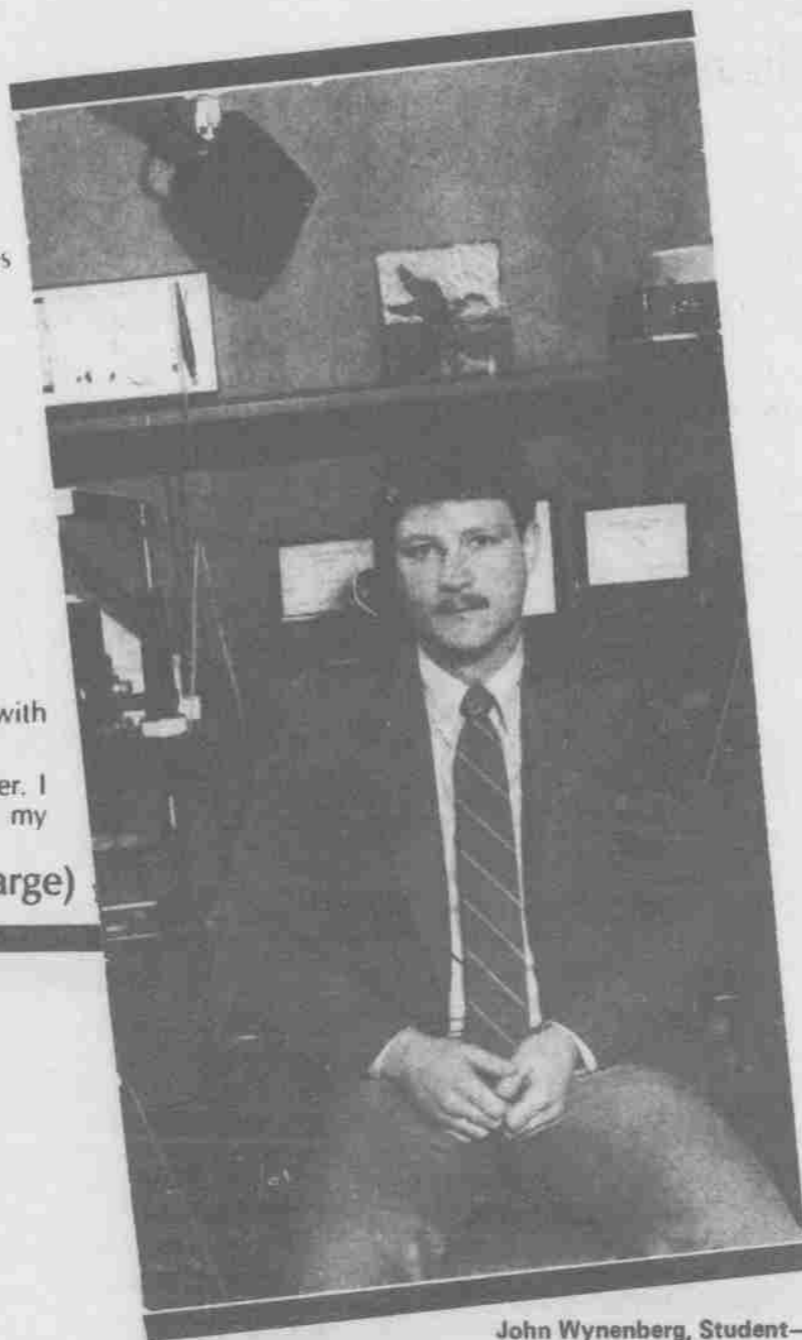
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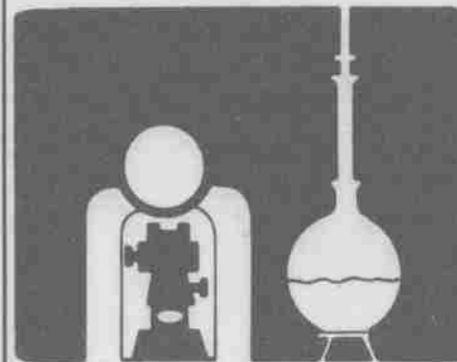
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