

# opinion READER

## Reader defends sport of bowling, slams Retton for riches earned

Mike Royko's column about bowling (DN, Jan. 23), conveys an attitude that bowling is just for fat slobbs with no physical capabilities.

Yes, I too used to work in a bowling alley -- not as a pinboy, because they went out with the Edsel, but as a porter. Instead of picking up pins, I picked up the bowling alley and the messes everyone left behind. The bowling alleys today are still filled with an ominous cloud of smoke like Royko said, but that's about all he got right.

All types of people bowl; fat, skinny, old, young and even handicapped people are avid bowlers. Many people do come into the bowling alley just for recreation. Young couples come in on dates, some come in to gulp down a few beers and some come in because they have nothing else to do, but there is also the serious side to bowling. Serious bowlers do find bowling an excellent means of exercise. I guess that's why the medical society rates it as one of the top 10 forms of exercise.

When I am home from college I try to bowl at least five games a day, that's 35 games a week. Considering I throw about 16 balls per game at 16 pounds each. That comes to over

10,000 pounds of weight lifted, swung and thrown each week. I may not look like a football player, but I am physically fit. Many times after practicing I find myself doused with sweat and exhausted.

There are many other people besides me who find bowling an excellent form of exercise.

As for Mary Lou Retton losing her contract with the bowling industry because she is "maturing," or basically fat: Most people would want a person who is the current rage in the nation to promote them, like a star baseball player, or a NFL quarterback, not some has-been like a certain gymnast we all know. She was good in her day, but "that was then, this is now."

The United States is one of the only countries left that doesn't pay its athletes, supposedly, yet Retton returned home from the Olympics to find a brand new Corvette waiting for her. Did her or her family have to pay for this? I don't think so.

She should have known she couldn't of stayed America's Shirley Temple forever.

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## Columnist blasted by student

Lisa Donovan's family should hope she doesn't get off academic probation so they can get her back home and in high school or wherever she was supposed to learn to look both ways before crossing the street.

Your next-of-kin could kiss goodbye any damages they would surely seek when Donovan's poor street-crossing habits, so nicely documented in the column (DN, Jan. 26), became known. Or is her inane suggestion that students join hands in a defensive walking/driving campaign evidence that you've taken note of the risk of walking in front of moving automobiles? Let's hope so.

I realize Donovan's column was intended to be more cute than provocative and that this letter is a lot of flack to take for such sound ideas as walking and driving carefully. But her big proposition is buried and

serves what sounds to me like a lot of complaining about drivers when the fact of the matter is that cars and pedestrians do mingle in a dangerous way at several locations on campus. But it's usually the ill-conceived stylishness of jaywalkers that makes it so.

So rather than turn everybody behind a wheel into Ted Bundy and give them a seat in what can only be referred to as the "Ol' Sparky" of editorial journalism (i.e. Donovan's column) she should review her own walking role-models.

I hope she doesn't need safety patrols on campus to keep her life, but if that's what it takes to avoid meeting your next-of-kin, I would grudgingly accept the raise of student fees.

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## Readers defend Good News' efforts

### Longsine's column called ridiculous

Unbelievable is your knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation, application and definition, Gary Longsine (Daily Nebraskan, Jan. 27).

I wish there were more individuals today with such a vivid analysis. Perfection in anything, let alone the explanation of the Word of God, is so hard to come by these days. What a relief it is to hear that you have it all defined for us.

I think that is a fair comparison to your ridiculous editorial column. The only thing that the DN has presented that has been more ludicrous this year was your other article on "The Last Temptation of Christ."

Instead of slamming the door on Christianity, why don't you take a real look at what Christ asks from each one of us. He asks only that you believe in him as your savior from sin. That's all, nothing else.

If you accept him, the rest of your life will fall together. Not necessarily in a day or a week or even a year, but in God's time and according to his will.

By the way, yes, God does use enormous capital letters, in bold-face, and underlined.

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ate himself/herself from former homosexual acquaintances. It is merely a logical step to take. Similarly, a recovering alcoholic would be strongly urged to stay away from bars and other situations where he/she would be tempted or encouraged to regress back to drinking.

I'm writing this, not to be "judging others and casting the first stone," because I am not without sin. I'm writing because the Bible tells us to hold each other accountable to the truth of God.

You cut down the advice offered in Good News but fail to present an alternative. Is it because you don't feel a person has the right to make such a change in his/her life, or was it simply because you could find nothing better to suggest?

If you are unsure of where the Bible stands concerning homosexuality, there are numerous passages dealing with it. In the Old Testament there is Genesis 19:1-29 and Leviticus 18:22 (the latter is extremely straightforward). In the New Testament is Romans 1:25-27 and 1 Corinthians 6:9 (the former being straightforward also).

I read your question (and your column) and it made me wonder about the DN. "Do they read this garbage before they print it?"

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### Columnist fails to give options

This letter is directed to Gary Longsine (DN, Jan. 27).

I fail to see your point when you criticize the UNL Good News article "The Company You Keep." It seems to me that if a homosexual wishes to make a change in his/her lifestyle, the first step he/she would take would be to disassoci-

### Author replies to Gary Longsine

A confession to the editor: I confess. I wrote the article in the UNL Good News entitled "The Best Kept Secret" which described numeric patterns all based on the number seven.

I confess that I was somewhat nasty in my conclusion and if I had to write it again I doubt if I would write it the same way.

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