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Ouch!

Ticket prices gouge students' wallets

Once again this season, students will have to pay a higher price if they want to see the Nebraska football team.

But this trend of increasing ticket prices is no stranger to Athletic Director Bill Byrne's three-year tenure at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

In 1992, the final year of Bob Devaney's reign as athletic director, season tickets for students cost \$48.

Byrne raised the price in 1993 — his first year — to \$56 for seven games. Despite playing one less home game in 1994, the prices again went up — this time a \$19 increase to \$73 for the six-game home schedule.

So it should come as no surprise that Byrne again raised ticket prices for the 1995 season, as the seven home games will cost students \$87.50 — \$14.50 more than last season.

Maybe Byrne is excited that he is at a school where the students are willing to pay almost any price to watch their beloved Huskers play, instead of having to pay people to go watch a game, which he probably had to do at Oregon.

Byrne should recognize there is no Colorado or even UCLA playing in Lincoln this year. With the possible exception of Oklahoma, Nebraska likely won't play any rated teams at home in 1995.

If Byrne tries to justify the increase by Nebraska winning the national championship, he should remember just how much the athletic department already has made from the No. 1 ranking.

Just because Byrne is finally at a school with a good athletic program, it doesn't give him the right to take it out on the pocket-books of students.

Real trooper

Pulling over officers was right move

Kudos to Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Reg Ayers for enforcing the law against two fellow officers from the Omaha Police Department.

The Omaha officers, Joe Schenkelberg and Ron Fyfe, are charged with careless driving and impeding traffic. The charges stem from a March 19 incident in which the two allegedly drove side-by-side on Interstate 80 for about 75 miles while traffic piled up behind them.

Ayers — a veteran State Patrol Trooper from York — said he had to drive in the highway ditch to get around the police officers to pull them over.

In a "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours world" some out-state officers would be intimidated by policemen from the Big O.

But not Ayers and the York County Attorney's office.

Because of their willingness to follow the letter of the law, and the media attention resulting from the incident, Omaha Police Chief Jim Skinner ordered an internal investigation into his officers' actions.

Drivers who were heading west on Interstate 80 that day have since reported that the policemen sped up and slowed down, occasionally turned on their red lights and talked on their radios as they drove down the interstate.

This incident is — and should be — embarrassing for Omaha police. Let's hope the officers check their arrogance at the door when they appear at a hearing in York County Court on April 19.

Let's also hope they take the bus to York from Omaha.

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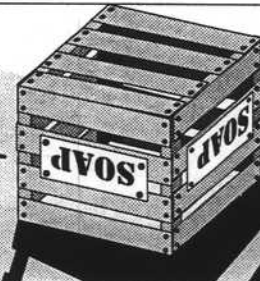
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Reaganomics

Wednesday evening the House of Representatives passed the "crown jewel" of the Contract With America, \$189 billion in massive broad-based tax cuts.

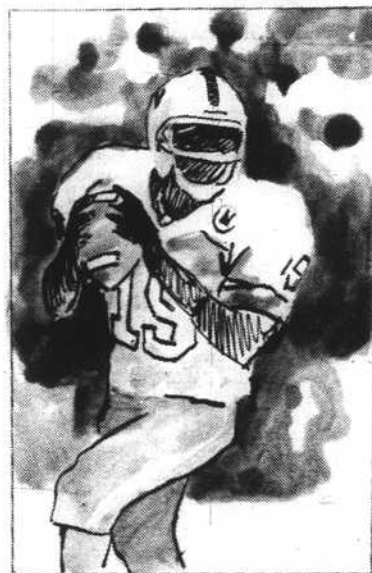
Reality check. Is anyone thinking on Capitol Hill? Didn't we as Americans go down this tax cut (and spend) road before? Hmm ... Reagan's trickle-down economic policies come to mind.

The (fools') golden promise of broad tax cuts, thereby allowing the trickling down of economic wealth from the very rich to the very poor, did not work in the 1980s and is bound to fail now.

One of the focal points of the Contract With America is a \$500 tax credit to all families whose household income is \$200,000 or less. This credit would be financed through massive social program cuts, i.e. welfare, school lunches, student loans and Medicare. Undoubtedly, the lower-income working American family receives great benefit from these programs at a very low cost to the six percent of Americans who are fortunate enough to earn more than \$100,000 annually.

History is unforgiving to the fool who does not learn from its mistakes. Let not President Clinton commit the errors of Reaganomics. By casting a strong veto on the tax cuts of the Congress, President Clinton will not repeat the economic failures of the '80s.

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are some of the few people that can give us fans a bright light in an otherwise dismal state.

I don't know how, Tommie, but please try to rekindle that fire that led your team to the championship last year. Please.

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Homosexuality

I could not help but respond to Lara Duda's homosexual respect column (April 5).

I also have a little voice and even though I am of the love-the-sinner-hate-the-sin crowd (yes, that is possible), I must speak out against the current and ongoing effort to legitimize homosexuality as just another lifestyle CHOICE that is just as loving and wonderful as heterosexual relationships.

What is the definition of the politically correct word of "homophobia"? Oh, now I remember, anyone who sees homosexuality for what it is, a self-destructive, chosen lifestyle.

NU football

Say it ain't so, that what I read in Derek Samson's sports column (April 6) isn't true. Say it isn't so, that Tommie Frazier wasn't quoted as saying, "I would like to go out with another one this year, but if we just go out and have a successful season, I'll be happy with that."

No, Tommie, no. I'm sincere when I say that you, your fellow Heisman Trophy candidate Lawrence Phillips and the rest of the national-championship Cornhuskers

I do not agree with Pastor Fred Phelps' methods, as a Christian, but I do agree that all homosexuals will stand before God and account for their sin.

Is it true that Duda can't understand the disgust of homosexuality? A couple of men engaging in sodomy is pretty disgusting.

I have compassion for all human beings, but it is hard to have sympathy for someone who willingly and knowingly engages in dangerous sex, as all of the AIDS pamphlets at UNL say it is, and then want a cure so they can go on practicing homosexual acts without the consequences.

I have and always will teach my children that every one of us is created equal in God's eyes. Some just decide to disobey and will have to answer for it. (I know we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.)

I believe all persons deserve respect as human beings, but the lifestyle of homosexuals deserves none.

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Willa Cather

As the university celebrates the 100-year anniversary of Willa Cather's graduation from UNL, I must say I am disappointed. Some of the money set aside for the three-day event should have been put toward reframing her picture in the lobby of Cather Hall. The photograph is mounted on such an old mat (probably from 1895) that it is covered with large, yellow water stains.

Instead of patting themselves on the back for tuning in to "My Antonia" and attending tree-plantings, organizers could at least buy a decent frame for the woman's photograph.

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