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## Denied charges

*ASUN members' innocence in question*

Last week, it was one letter.

Laird Haberlan, manager of Barrymore's lounge, sent a letter to the editor claiming that several ASUN members, either past or present, had been in his establishment on March 29 and made quite a mess of it.

The charges ranged from one person spitting tobacco on the floor, to others ripping pictures from a wall, to yet others dismembering a wrapped gift left in the bar.

Not surprisingly, no one commenting for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska says they saw any tomfoolery going on that night.

The Daily Nebraskan gave ASUN the benefit of the doubt. Maybe someone else was making trouble that night.

But this week, it was another letter.

One of the patrons in Barrymore's that night also wrote to the editor saying he and a friend saw ASUN members running rampant in the establishment and being disruptive.

Still, ASUN doesn't seem to think anything happened.

If it wasn't ASUN members causing problems in the bar, perhaps at least one of the 20 to 50 (according to differing accounts) people associated with that group would have seen the culprits.

Something's rotten in Denmark.

When independent witnesses, who have nothing to gain one way or another, come forward, it lends much credibility to those claims.

If ASUN can't get to the bottom of a dispute like this, University of Nebraska-Lincoln students can't easily have faith the student government will work for them.

How many letters next week, and how many more denials?

## Rock on

*Pearl Jam's fight for little guy gallant*

The Seattle-based rock group Pearl Jam deserves a pat on the back for continuing to stand up to ticket-sales giant Ticketmaster.

After a dispute with Ticketmaster last year, Pearl Jam canceled a plan to tour without the agency when its members realized how difficult that would be.

The dispute — which centers around fees added to tickets — has been brewing for two years. It has gone from a minor squabble to congressional testimony.

The band changed its tune this year and decided to take its show to the public anyway. Even though the concert tour will stop in less than 15 cities, it is a good first step to fighting agencies like Ticketmaster who have a virtual monopoly on the ticket-selling industry.

Thanks to the unselfishness of Pearl Jam, the sounds of "Jeremy" and "Better Man" will be heard throughout the summer. Unfortunately, the tunes will be heard in somewhat unusual concert venues like public parks and fields.

Ticketmaster's monopoly goes beyond tickets. Because of this, Pearl Jam cannot perform in major concert halls, which often have exclusive agreements with Ticketmaster.

In the end, Pearl Jam's fans unfortunately lose out. But it is refreshing to see a major music group stand up for the little guy who is tired of hiked ticket prices.

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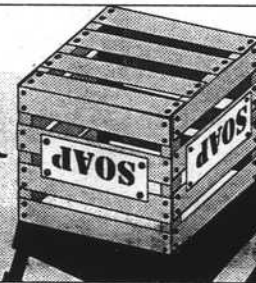
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### NU gymnastics

The Nebraska men's and women's gymnastics teams have both qualified for the 1995 national championships, something that has not occurred since 1990. The men's team is the defending national champion.

Yet despite these tremendous accomplishments, they have received minimal recognition. I find it disturbing that certain sports, which are not in their peak season (i.e. football) are featured daily, while those in the climax of their seasons are barely acknowledged.

Don't misunderstand; I am an avid fan of all sports, but I also believe that credit is due where it is deserved. I do not recall ever reading about the practice sessions of the gymnasts during the weeks preceding the Orange Bowl.

The Nebraska gymnastics teams have dedicated their lives to becoming national champions. Many of them are striving to become world and Olympic champions. These students represent the University of Nebraska and, with their accomplishments, bring it honor and prestige.

I believe that it's about time the university's prime source of news coverage acknowledges their efforts and gives them the credit and praise they deserve.

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### Homosexuality

I am writing in regard to the gay-bashing of the Kansas group. They have nothing better to do than to come to Nebraska and lash out their homophobic outcries in our domain.

I take to heart the words expressed by Suzanne Cimino in her outpouring of her sentiments, "Lied protest" (April 4). Never have I seen or heard the spiritual wisdom inherent in her deliverance. She is truly Christ-like because her words



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exemplify her faith.

If these so-called anti-gay "Christians" had their way about things, they would throw all the homosexuals to the lions. I suppose it was their day to crucify all the gays on the cross, in the most torturous manner. They persecute gay Christians on the same grounds of the lifestyle.

In spite of the oppression of these modern-day Pharisees, it is our faith alone that consoles us daily: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed." (2 Cor 4:8-9 RSV)

I further implore these "wolves in sheep's clothing" about something.

As a homosexual on my cross, I would speak the words uttered by the thief on the cross, "... Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." (Luke 23:40-41 RSV)

Alex Wolf  
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### Rodeo cruelty

I am writing in regard to the front-page story the Daily Nebraskan ran on April 10 about the Nebraska College Rodeo.

I was very sorry to read that a number of the participants in the rodeo had been injured. However, the Daily Nebraskan did not report on all of the injuries, some of which may have now resulted in death.

I am writing about the animals. They did not ask to partake of this "sport." By the way, why is it called a "sport?" I thought a sport was when one trained athlete engaged in an activity with another trained athlete.

Every year, thousands of horses, cows and calves are injured and many are killed at rodeos in this country. Some are killed in the arena; others have to be destroyed within hours or days because of massive injuries suffered.

Did the reporter even ask what happened to the animals last weekend? And if not, why not?

I would also like to know why the contestants are called "brave" and "heroes." One even spoke of the rodeo as being a "rush." How does comparing drug use with a rodeo express the idea of a "sport?"

Did the Daily Nebraskan ever take a close look at the horses in the bronc-riding? You will see a cinch tightened around the back part of the horse belly. Know why? The cinch presses on the horse's penis. This is to make the horse buck harder, to give a better show for the crowds. I wonder if a rider would give a better show for the crowds if a cinch were tightened around his penis?

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