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## Slim pickings

*Fat-cat boosters paw Fiesta Bowl tickets*

Flying tortillas in Memorial Stadium. Maybe now you've seen it all.



Bret Gottschall/DN

No doubt that students were mostly responsible for the south-of-the-border projectiles during the Oklahoma game.

But their message was clear: Nebraska is headed to the Fiesta Bowl to try to win a second consecutive consensus national championship. That's a feat that hasn't been accomplished since the Sooners did it in their 1955 and 1956 seasons.

Unfortunately, few of the students who ushered in the Fiesta Bowl era at NU will get to see the actual game.

Each school participating in the bowl is allotted 12,500 tickets. But only 500 of Nebraska's tickets will be available to students, and they will be distributed in a lottery.

Faculty and staff will have a chance at 500 tickets, based

on the same priority seating that determined their season tickets.

The overwhelming majority of Nebraska's block — 11,500 tickets — will go, not surprisingly, to NU football boosters.

Once again, the athletic department has put the interests of the students on a back burner. Would allotting 1,000 tickets — a mere 8 percent of the total — to students have been too much to ask?

And who can better afford outrageous scalpers' prices, students or fat-cat donors?

But that's not all.

Just as with the Colorado game, students must take a gamble with a lottery. That, in itself, is not a problem. But by the time students know if they have won, it will be far too late to make travel arrangements.

And, also as with the Colorado game, students must pick up their tickets in Tempe just before the game. This process involves waiting in a long line, showing two forms of identification and signing one's name.

NU ticket officials say the reason for that policy is to ensure that students do not buy tickets just to sell them.

Then why no similar policy for boosters? Does donating money somehow make one's intentions more honorable? Quit the games and distribute students' tickets through the mail, just like the other ones.

Athletic department officials need to remember that students form the core of this university, as well as the teams that make their jobs possible.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Tokin' resistance

The letters written by Jennifer Jacoby and Aaron Cooper in the Nov. 28 DN ignore the distinction between what is and what should be.

Certainly, marijuana is illegal to possess, including on university property. But should it be?

Mr. Cooper argues that "if it were perfectly safe to smoke marijuana...then it would not be illegal." This is not necessarily true. Legal does not equal safe.

Smoking cigarettes is unsafe, but it's legal even on campus. Meanwhile, certain perfectly safe sexual positions are forbidden by law, even between man and wife in private, in many states.

Furthermore, Mr. Cooper cites Matt Chmielewski's assertion that smoking pot poses no danger to anyone else. Mr. Cooper responds by saying, "Does that make it any less illegal?"

Of course not. But it should!

Imagine if Mr. Cooper had lived in the 1850's and applied the same logic to the abolition of slavery! It would sound something like, "Well, if slavery were immoral, it would be illegal already. Slavery's legal, so I doubt society will ever free the slaves."

Just because a law exists doesn't make it right. And to assert that a law is good simply because it has been passed is ridiculous.

That's where freedom-loving people need to exercise their rights and get laws like our current marijuana laws changed or abolished.

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Broadcasting via email

#### Friendly

I'm wondering if Ted Taylor has ever been outside of the state of Nebraska. Quite possibly he has never spent any time outside of the Great Plains.

His column "Mr. Nice Guy" (Nov. 29) shows definite lack of worldliness.

Nothing is more evident after be-

ing on the "outside" than the fact that people in Nebraska and the Great Plains are far more polite and helpful than the folks in, say, Chicago or California.

In fact just the other day at the public library I found a note on my car from a woman who had backed into it in the parking lot. When I called her to explain that my grill had been cracked she offered to pay for it without any question.

This is a law but I venture a guess that it's not one that is commonly followed in less polite areas.

I found this column to be very unsubstantive and if I were a native Nebraskan I would find it quite off-putting.

Nebraskans are rather polite and I appreciate their kindness. Mr. Taylor must have been experiencing out-of-towners.

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#### Chill nill

I am writing this letter because I feel that the college of Business Administration has been unfairly represented in the Daily Nebraskan.

Not every female feels that CBA has a chilly climate.

I am a third year Ph.D. Student in the finance department, and I have nothing but positive experiences to relay about my graduate career at UNL. I am extremely dismayed by the bad press CBA has received in the past two years.

I am specifically referring to the article front page article "Female faculty protest all-male CBA wall" (Nov. 29).

There were numerous inaccuracies in the article which should be noted. First, the report issued by the UNL chapter of the American Association of University Professors regarding the "chilly climate" of CBA was actually issued in the spring of 1994, not 1995 as the article implied.

Second, the article incorrectly

states that female faculty members in CBA do not receive equal pay.

On the contrary, some female faculty members receive higher rates of pay. This is a fact of public record and can easily be verified.

Finally, it is a journalist's responsibility to thoroughly investigate the issues before sending an article to press. There are 11 female faculty members in CBA. It is very disconcerting that only two female faculty members were consulted.

Furthermore, no CBA faculty member or administrator had any authority over the selection of the 25 Nebraska business leaders who are represented on the Hall of Fame wall.

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#### Tommie knocker

For four years I idolized Tommie Frazier for being the superior athlete that he is. And for those four years he was a clone of Dr. Tom. He NEVER singled himself out when the team succeeded or when they rarely failed.

This is why I was completely shocked when I saw his Heisman interview on the news. I had never heard Tommie use the word "I" before!

But in the interview he must have used it 50 times. There was one quote that really bothered me: "I kept this team together through the whole Lawrence Phillips thing."

PLEASE!! Even though you ARE God, Tommie, you had a lot of help. You are a big part of the team, but you're not the WHOLE team.

When I read Troy Davis's quote as being the best college player in the country, I couldn't get over how conceited he was.

Don't be a Troy Davis, Tommie. If you let that head swell down a little bit, you'll be taking that trophy home on December 9th.

P.S. Win one more for Nebraska.

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