

# OPINION PAGES

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## Our VIEW

### Stealing seats

*UNL should take ticket theft seriously*

So, it wasn't so surprising that some guy might have been letting his friends in at Husker home games; the demand for tickets is a lot higher than the supply, and what kind of friend are you if you can't help out a friend?

The C-note didn't hurt either, one supposes, and who, in the end, was hurt by it? What's the big deal?

Well the fact is, anyone stealing services (the crime with which Roger "Doc" Baskerville was charged) from the university is not stealing from some vague "University of Nebraska-Lincoln" in the sky but from us.

That's right, it's our team, our seats, our stadium and our game. It belongs to us and anyone stealing services from us, well, tarring and feathering doesn't seem too harsh.

Where is that rail they used to run people out of town on?

And if a person caught flagrantly stealing from us were in a position of some authority, a role model you might say, like a school superintendent for instance (as Baskerville is) well, that person should be prepared to pay with his or her very job.

Their families should be humiliated, they should have to leave Kansas (or wherever they live) under a cloud - just as if that person had been lifting Sansabelt trousers from a Kmart.

Unfortunately for us, football lends an air of sanctity to everything it touches, even crime.

And also, unfortunately for us, there are probably a lot of other people doing the same thing, letting in any number of "friends" for cash.

Thieves are like cockroaches: Where you see one, there are 100,000 running around in the baseboards. You gotta bug-bomb the whole house.

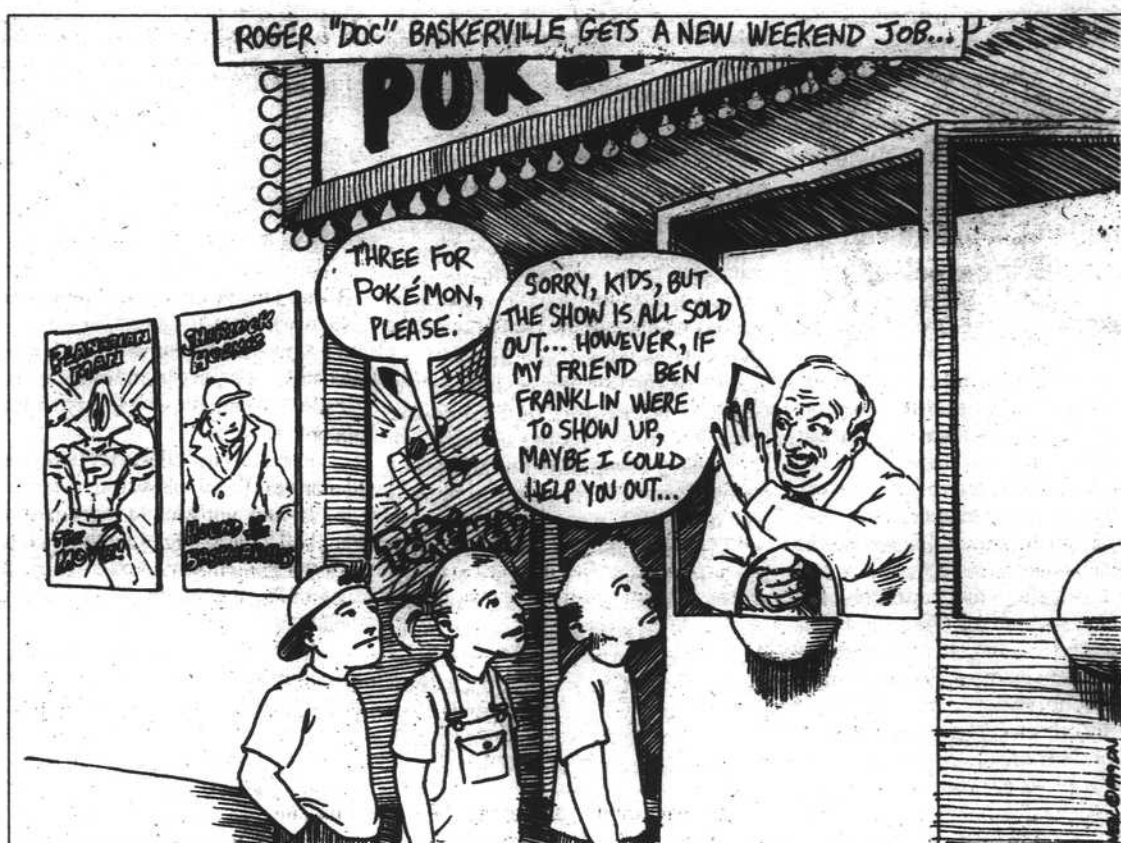
Rather than suppose that such theft is a small and insignificant problem, the university should take this arrest as a warning.

Between now and the next home game, a whole season lies fallow for reform. Perhaps turnstiles are in order, cattle guards, video surveillance cameras in the ticket booths - whatever it takes to end this illegal and shameful trade in ill-gotten "services" (which translates into "seats" pretty quickly.)

If the temptation to steal has corrupted even school superintendents, will Sunday school teachers be exempt? Veterans? Nuns?

The university has a responsibility to make theft of our seats at our games as unappealing as it can. We lock up buildings after hours to prevent theft, don't we? We need similar restrictions at the gate to prevent theft of what, after all, belongs to us.

## Obermeyer's VIEW



## DN LETTERS

### Bible Scholar

In response to Sam McKewon's article (DN, Monday) I would like to ask a few questions and make a few statements of my own.

First, Sam, have you ever read the Bible? I think you should rethink your idea about how we're all going to be saved.

If you believe in heaven, you almost have to believe in hell too. Where are all the people like Hitler and Ghengis Khan going to go?

Do you believe they should be allowed into heaven too?

Heaven doesn't have to be earned, you are right by saying that. The Bible states that "Men are saved by the Grace of God alone..."

When Jesus comes to take his bride (the Church) home (to heaven), he will destroy the earth.

That means trees, pets and rocks will all be destroyed. Heaven is exclusively for humans.

As sad as it is, you won't see that tree in heaven. I know it sucks, but you won't see Fluffy, your fish, either.

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### Profits for Profs

Yes, the best professors probably "inspire students to learn," as you wrote in your recent editorial (DN, Monday).

Whether nationally known professors or researchers who can bring in money for their projects are the best teachers is definitely debatable, however. Yet these are the assumptions you passed on to your readership.

I agree that teaching is the heart of a university, but I do not subscribe to the notion of teaching as a high visibility star show.

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teachers teach out of who they are, from the framework of their own sense of self and according to what is most meaningful to them and what they understand to be crucial to the development of their students.

Most teachers have not gained prominence or special awards for doing their work, although some have.

It will be interesting to see how that \$15 million is distributed. Just as no lecturers or teaching assistants benefited from the recent salary hikes, I doubt whether students will see the benefits of this latest "priority."

In my department, will new tenure track hires suddenly replace the teaching assistants and lecturers like myself who have been doing 70 percent of the teaching? I doubt it.

Prioritizing teaching could mean better support and pay for those already doing it.

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### Athletic Support

I would just like to thank Tonia Tauke of the UNL volleyball team for her lecture on Title IX during the exhibit "Out of the Shadows and Into the Light" currently going on at the

Nebraska Union.

I must admit, I am the stereotypical football male who had some prior misconceptions about Title IX.

I pretty much thought the ruling was created to bring women's athletics up to par at the expense of some of the male athletic programs.

However, Tauke explained the early hardships of those who played for the volleyball team during its conception and how there needed to be more equality for the female athletes on campus. This dealt with equality in the area of tutors, equipment and scholarship assistance.

She explained how Athletic Director Bill Byrne has fought to ensure not only that there be equality between the men's and women's programs but that it would not come at the expense of any current programs. It was a lecture that truly did change some of the ways that I thought about the issue.

I recommend that anyone who has some extra time today or Wednesday stop by the Union Ballroom and check out the exhibit.

Hopefully it will have the same effect on others that it did on me.

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