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DN wrong on acoustics, seating

This letter is in response to two recent stories published by your entertainment writers, Charles Lieurance's story on Sept. 2 and Marianne Cassell's on Sept. 4. Both articles focused on the recent UB40 concert. One article had a gross assumption, the other was just untrue.

I'll comment on Lieurance's article first. He made the assumption in his

preview of the UB40 concert that Pershing's acoustic qualities would make the show resemble the Boat and Camper show. When Lieurance made this assumption before the performance, he not only made an invalid assumption, he called into question the competence of UB40's technical crew and the quality of their sound equipment, both of which were excellent. Many acts have come and gone from Pershing that travel across the United States and play facilities of all kinds. The comment we at Pershing hear repeatedly is that our building's acoustics are, in fact, very good. A 1982 study by Coffeen, Anderson & Associates, Inc. (acoustics consultants) from Mission, Kan., determined that the acoustics were quite suitable for a multi-purpose facility the nature of Pershing Auditorium.

The second article (DN, Sept. 4) by Marianne Cassell, discussed the rock'n'roll history of Pershing and its limited

seating capacity.

The sentence in that article which leaves me dumbfounded is, "Pershing never has accommodated rock'n'roll bands in the past because of their limited 6,000 to 7,000-person capacity." Amazing. Pershing has a rich tradition of rock'n'roll which dates to the late '60s and early '70s.

The house capacity of Pershing is not 6,000 to 7,000, and never has been. General Admission capacity is 8,500 and reserved seating capacity is 7,700, depending on certain technical requirements.

The Daily Nebraskan, in my humble opinion, should investigate more thoroughly before they give historical accounts and should wait for an event to take place before dumping on it.

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